



## Audi A8 '10 Night Vision Assist

## Introduction

Recent years have seen many innovations in the field of automotive driver assistance systems.

Driver assistance systems aid drivers by providing comfort and safety, but without relieving them of the responsibility for their own actions. They are one of the reasons for the decline in the number of fatalities resulting from road accidents, despite the ever-increasing number of road users. Many of these systems help to prevent accidents by alerting the driver to impending hazards.

**Night Vision Assist**, the latest driver assistance system by Audi, has been designed to specifically meet this challenge.

In the dark, Night Vision Assist enables the driver to detect persons ahead of the vehicle much sooner than without it.

The advantage of early detection is that the driver has more time to react to the hazardous situation ahead.

Animals can also be seen on the display even before they come within the range of the vehicle's headlights. The night vision system is, therefore, a real advancement. It not only provides better illumination of the road, but also allows the situation ahead of the vehicle to be interpreted more quickly and accurately in the dark. Its range greatly exceeds that of the main-beam headlights. The function has been implemented using a thermal imaging camera, which means that heat-emitting objects, such as human beings and animals, stand out clearly against their background.



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The above illustration clearly demonstrates the advantages of the Night Vision Assist system for drivers. The pedestrian crossing the road can only be vaguely discerned through the windscreen. A quick glance at the Night Vision Assist display, however, reveals the pedestrian in full size.

The brightly coloured pedestrian clearly stands out against the background and is bracketed in red to alert the driver to the danger of a collision. By detecting the pedestrian sooner, the driver has more time to react appropriately to the hazardous situation ahead.

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**Note**



**Reference**

# How Night Vision Assist works

## Reasons for introducing Night Vision Assist

Even a cursory glance at accident statistics reveals that persons driving at night are particularly at risk of accident. Although night-time traffic accounts for only 25% of overall daily traffic volume, about half of all fatal road accidents occur at night.

Hence, the risk of accident is twice as high as that during daylight hours. Every year, more than half a million people throughout Europe are injured in night-time road accidents, more than 20,000 fatally.

The reasons for this high incidence of night-time accidents are easy to see:

- ▶ Bad or impaired visibility on country roads
- ▶ Obstacles or tight corners being detected too late with the headlights on dipped beam
- ▶ Misjudgement of speeds and distances due to a lack of visual points of reference
- ▶ Dazzling of drivers by the headlights of oncoming traffic
- ▶ Driving at speeds inappropriate to the conditions

Pedestrians and cyclists are particularly at risk and frequently involved in night-time road accidents. With conventional lighting technology, it is difficult for drivers to detect and react appropriately to darkly clad joggers and badly illuminated cyclists, for example.

This is especially the case when they are outside the range of the headlight beam.



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## Functional description

The new Audi A8 '10 is the first vehicle by Audi to be equipped with Night Vision Assist, a driver assistance system that enables the driver to spot potential hazards more quickly at night. The system produces a thermal image of the area ahead of the vehicle on the multi-functional display. An infrared camera built into the Audi rings at the front end of the vehicle is used to capture these images.

Because of the heat they give off, human beings and animals show up much more brightly in the image than their surroundings and, therefore, are easy for the driver to spot on the display. If the system classifies an object as a human being, the object in question is additionally marked in colour. The thermal image shows not only living beings, but also the road ahead of the vehicle and the outline of buildings.



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The thermal image is further analysed by the night vision system control unit. From the images captured, the system predicts the next direction of movement of detected pedestrians. Actual vehicle speed and yaw rate are factored in to predict the next movements of the vehicle.

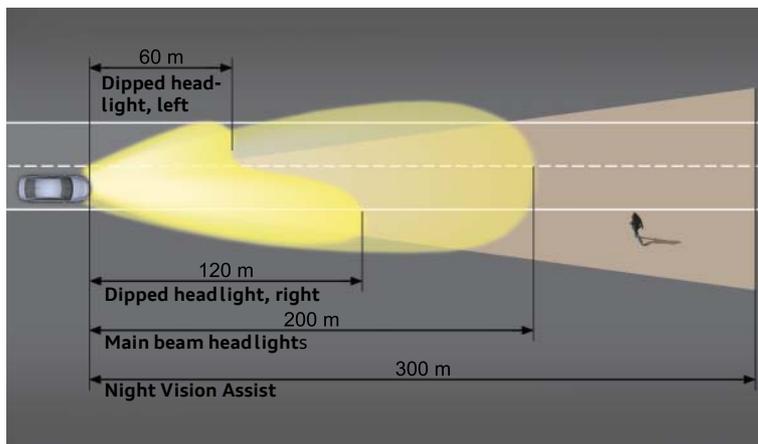
If a danger of collision is computed on the basis of these two predictions, an acoustic warning signal will be given so that the driver can react to the situation. However, Night Vision Assist does not itself intervene in road traffic situations.

## Range of Night Vision Assist

In good conditions of visibility, Audi Night Vision Assist has a maximum range of about 300 m. In bad weather, the range of the system is considerably shorter. By comparison, the asymmetrical dipped headlights have a range of about 60 m on the side facing oncoming traffic and 120 m on the side facing the road edge. The main beam headlights have a range of about 200 m,

considerably less than that of Night Vision Assist.

The long range of the Night Vision Assist gives the driver a valuable edge over dipped or main beam headlights when it comes to detecting persons or animals. This crucial extra time can make all the difference when it comes to avoiding an accident.



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## Information on driver responsibility

The following driver information is shown on the multi-functional display during the first 5 seconds of display of the thermal image: "Night Vision Assist is no substitute for alertness".

This information is displayed whenever Night Vision Assist is used

in order to remind the driver that it is a driver assistance system. Although Night Vision Assist is designed as a driver aid, the vehicle's driver is entirely responsible for his own actions.



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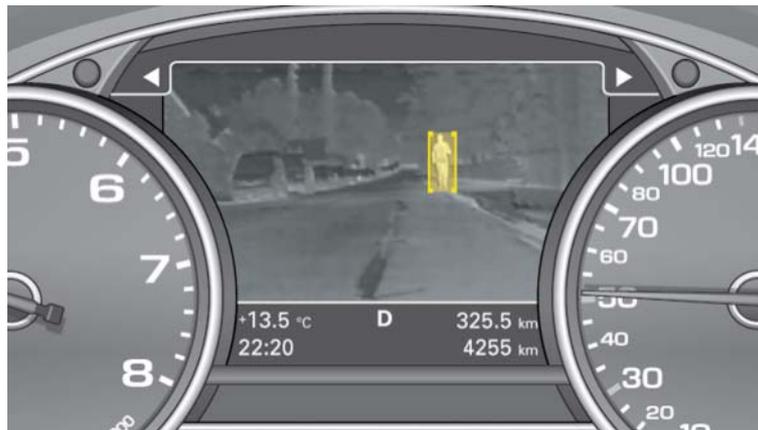
## Function: marking of detected pedestrians

One of the main tasks of the night vision system is to detect and then mark persons in the camera's thermal image.

The process of detecting persons can be described in the following simple terms: objects which stand out from their surroundings due to the heat they give off are checked according to a list of criteria in order to determine whether they are human beings or not. If certain criteria are met, the object is classified as a human being. Once an object has been classified as a person, it is marked in the thermal image so that the driver can identify it more easily.

A person is marked by a yellow rectangle enclosed in two brackets. If more than one object is classified as a person in the thermal image, all persons are marked individually.

Persons cannot be detected by Night Vision Assist if they are not in an upright position, e.g. persons sitting, in a prostrate position or in a bent posture. The same applies to persons partially concealed in the image, e.g. located behind a parked vehicle.



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Persons can be marked if they are within the range of Night Vision Assist and at a certain distance from the vehicle. The distance must not be greater than about 90 m or less than about 15 m.

If persons are further than about 90 m away from the vehicle, they will appear in the thermal image as objects too small to be clearly classified as persons. If persons are closer than 15 m away from the vehicle, they will be too large to be unequivocally classified by the system.

The system is faced the following challenges when it comes to the recognition of persons:

- ▶ Both vehicle and pedestrians are in motion
- ▶ The proportions of human beings can vary considerably from one person to another
- ▶ A two-dimensional image is the basis for classification. If a human being is positioned unfavourably in relation to the camera, classification will be more difficult.
- ▶ It is not enough to evaluate only a single image. A continuous stream of images has to be evaluated in real time.
- ▶ Head and limbs may be covered or concealed, making classification difficult or even impossible.

### Examples:

- ▶ Wearing of a hood or helmet
- ▶ Carrying of an umbrella
- ▶ Wearing of a thermally insulated jacket that allows little body heat to escape



### Note

To ensure that the camera image on the multi-functional display is of a consistently high quality, the control unit carries out a temperature calibration every 2 minutes. For this purpose, a shutter is moved in front of the image capture chip for 300 ms. The picture on the multi-functional display is briefly interrupted for 300 ms, creating what on close examination can be perceived by the driver as a quick stop-and-go sequence of images.

## Recognition of cyclists and animals

### a) Cyclists

Cyclists are normally detected and marked by Night Vision Assist. Due to the bent posture of cyclists and the cyclical bending of the legs, however, it may be the case that the marking is not displayed continuously.

### b) Motorcyclists

Night Vision Assist was not developed for the detection of motorcyclists, since these road users themselves are adequately illuminated.

Hence, motorcyclists are not marked in the thermal image.

### c) Animals

Animals still cannot be detected by the system at present and, therefore, are not marked in colour. The classification of animals is a challenge for the future. Of course, animals can already be discerned in thermal images because of the heat they give off, but are not additionally highlighted.

## Deactivation of "Marking of detected pedestrians" by the system

### ► The ambient temperature rises above 28 °C

The thermal image loses contrast with rising ambient temperature due to the continuously decreasing difference in temperature between human beings and their surroundings. This makes it increasingly difficult for the system to classify pedestrians. For this reason, "Marking of detected pedestrians" is deactivated at ambient temperatures above 28 °C. If the ambient temperature then drops to below 25 °C again, "Marking of detected pedestrians" is reactivated.

### ► The ambient brightness exceeds a predefined threshold level

If there is sufficient ambient light, pedestrians can easily be detected with the naked eye, so "Marking of detected pedestrians" is deactivated.

## Deactivation of "Marking of detected pedestrians" by the driver

The driver can deactivate "Marking of detected pedestrians" on the MMI terminal.

A deactivated "Marking of detected pedestrians" function is indicated by the adjacent icon, which appears on the thermal image at the top right.

Deactivating the "Marking of detected pedestrians" function always deactivates the driver warning function, too.



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### Note

It is possible that the "Marking of detected pedestrians" function will be unavailable on some markets due to country-specific restrictions.

## Function: driver hazard warning of Night Vision Assist

### Generation of a warning by Night Vision Assist

If Night Vision Assist ascertains that there is a danger of a collision with a detected person, a driver warning will be generated. The warning is given by the dash panel insert in the form of an acoustic signal, and the yellow pedestrian marking in the camera

image is highlighted in red. The warning is timed so that a driver still has enough time to react to the situation in order to avoid a collision.



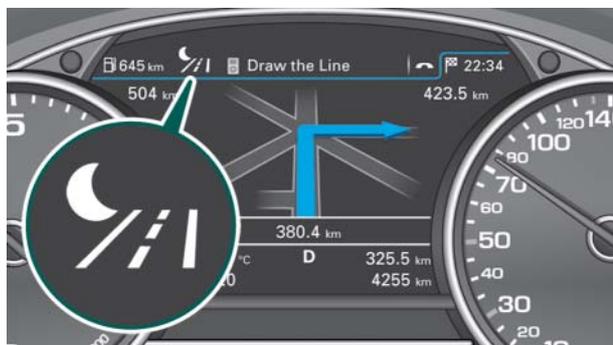
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If different content is being shown on the multi-functional display at the time the warning is generated, the colour of the Night Vision Assist icon on taskbar will change from white to red.

The acoustic warning is also given, unless it has been deactivated by the driver.

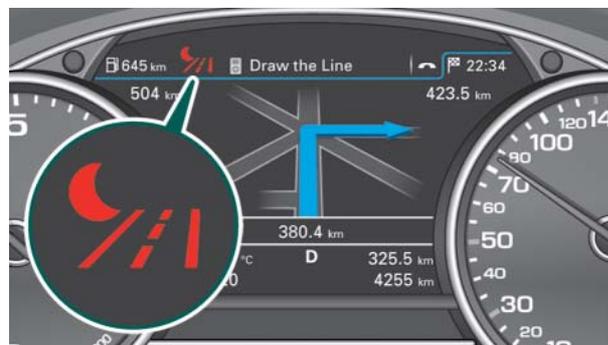
When a driver warning is given, the multi-functional display does not switch over to the Night Vision Assist picture.

### Night Vision Assist icon prior to warning:



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### Night Vision Assist icon during warning:



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The acoustic warning "Warning gong" can be deactivated via the MMI terminal. It is deactivated automatically if "Marking of detected pedestrians" has been deactivated at the MMI terminal. The adjacent icon indicates at the top right of the thermal image that the "Warning gong" function is deactivated.



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### Note

It is possible that the driver alert function will be unavailable on some markets due to country-specific restrictions.

# System operation and displays

## Switching on Night Vision Assist

There is a separate button in the rotary light switch module for switching on Night Vision Assist.

Night Vision Assist can be switched on at any time during daylight hours. In the dark, Night Vision Assist can only be switched on if the rotary light switch is at "AUTO" or at "Driving lights".

After turning on the ignition, Night Vision Assist must be switched on again so that it can be used. The last system status assigned to the ignition key is not stored before terminal 15 is switched off. When Night Vision Assist is switched on, the thermal image appears on the multi-functional display. Previously displayed information is reduced to an icon on the taskbar. This information can again be displayed by means of the controls on the multi-function steering wheel.



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## Switching off Night Vision Assist

The system can be switched off at any time by pressing the button again.

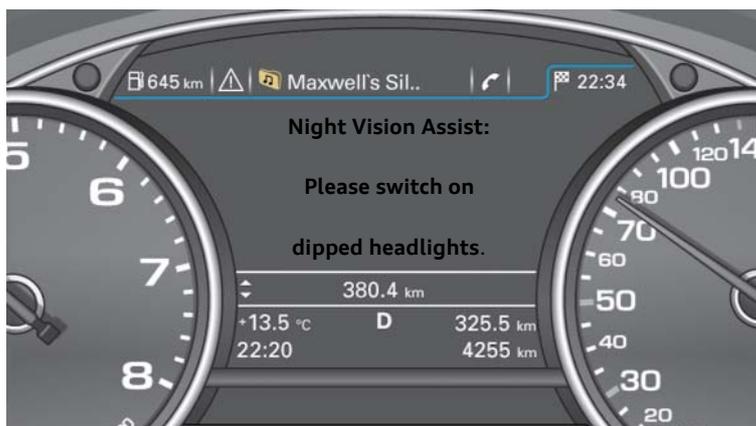
In the next two situations, Night Vision Assist switches itself off automatically and displays the following message:

1. if an attempt is made to switch on Night Vision Assist at dusk or in the dark without dipped headlights

or

2. if it starts to get dark while Night Vision Assist is active and the dipped headlights are not on

If the dipped headlights are not switched on within 5 seconds after the information shown below is displayed, Night Vision Assist will switch itself off automatically. For safety reasons, it is not possible to drive in the dark without dipped headlights while the Night Vision Assist display is active.

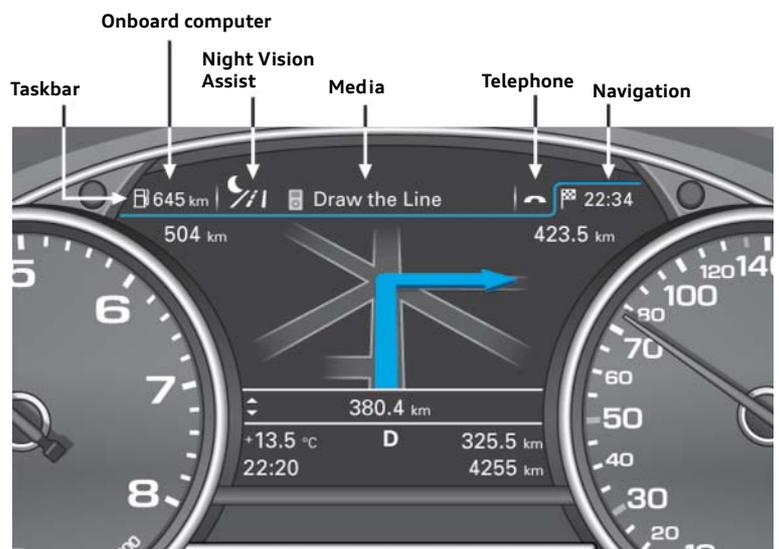


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## Night Vision Assist icon on taskbar

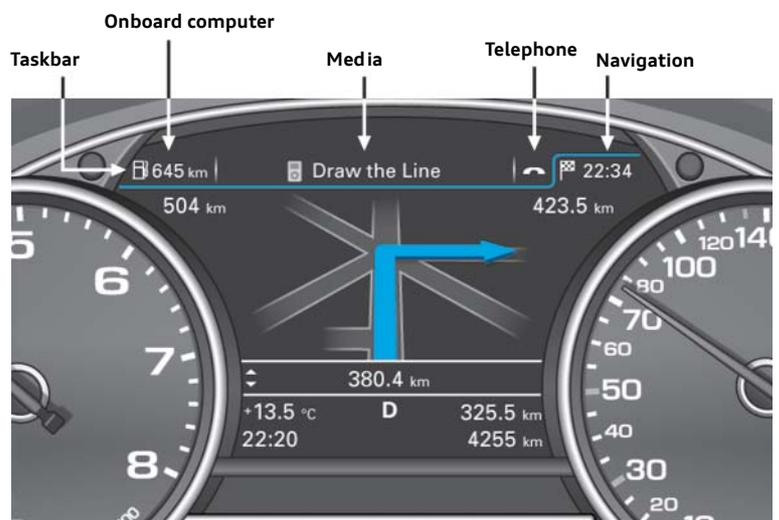
If Night Vision Assist is active, either the thermal image can be seen on the multi-functional display or the Night Vision Assist icon is shown on the taskbar at the top. The thermal image disappears from the display if the driver selects another tab to display navigation content, for example.

There is no function indicator lamp in the Night Vision Assist button because the current activation status of the Night Vision Assist system is clearly indicated to the driver at all times.



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A deactivated Night Vision Assist system can be recognised from the fact that no Night Vision Assist icon is shown on the taskbar of the multi-functional display.



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## Indication of deactivated functions

If "Marking of detected pedestrians" and the acoustic warning "Warning gong" are deactivated in the MMI menu, this will be indicated continuously at the top right of the Night Vision Assist picture.

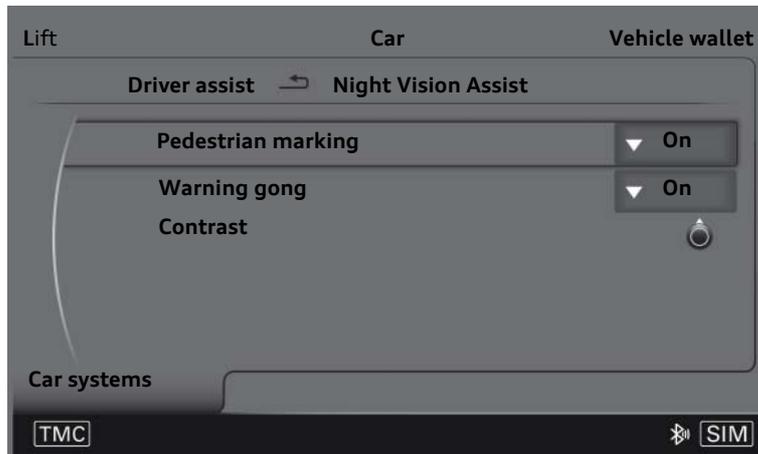


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## Adjustment options on the MMI terminal

Three different options for adjustment of Night Vision Assist are available to the customer on the MMI terminal. To access the settings menu, follow these steps:

- ▶ Press the CAR function key
- ▶ Press the "CAR systems" control key
- ▶ Select the menu option "Driver assist"
- ▶ Select "Night Vision Assist" system



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### ▶ Marking of detected pedestrians

If this option is activated, all detected pedestrians are marked yellow in the picture.

If a warning is given, the colour of the marking changes from yellow to red.

### ▶ Warning gong

If this option is activated, an acoustic signal is given and the pedestrian marked red if there is an imminent danger of a collision with a pedestrian.

This adjustment option is only available if the option "Marking of detected pedestrians" is activated.

### ▶ Contrast

The contrast level of the thermal image is also adjustable on a scale from -9 to +9.

This adjustment option is only available if the thermal image is currently being shown on the dash panel insert display. If different information is currently being displayed, the menu option "Contrast" will be greyed out.



#### Note

The settings described here are assigned to the ignition key in use when the ignition is turned off and stored in the Night Vision Assist control unit. They are restored the next time this ignition key is used.

# System components

## Night vision system control unit J853

The night vision system control unit J853 is the electronic central control unit of Night Vision Assist.

The control unit performs the following tasks:

- ▶ To process the raw images produced by the Night Vision Assist camera
- ▶ To detect and then mark persons in the thermal image
- ▶ To continuously evaluate camera images and compute the potential danger of a collision with a detected person
- ▶ To give a warning when a danger of collision is detected
- ▶ To transfer processed thermal images to the dash panel insert
- ▶ To receive and process variables and information required for the operation of Night Vision Assist as a CAN Extended user
- ▶ To supply the camera with battery power
- ▶ To continuously diagnose the system and log any detected faults in the fault memory
- ▶ To aid troubleshooting of the Night Vision Assist system by providing data blocks, adaptations and actuator diagnoses
- ▶ To provide the software required for calibrating the system at service centres and during production
- ▶ To perform dynamic calibration under defined conditions while driving
- ▶ To save the customer's Night Vision Assist settings for the ignition key in use



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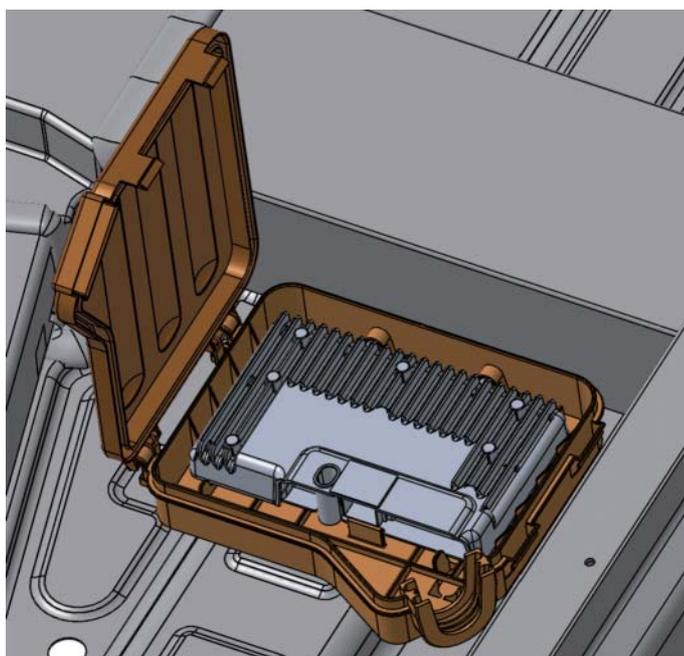
## Installation location of the Night Vision Assist control unit

The night vision system control unit J853 is located in front of the left front seat in the vehicle floorpan, where it is mounted in a plastic protective housing.

## Component protection system of Night Vision Assist control unit

The night vision system control unit J853 is integrated in the component protection system on the Audi A8. The control unit has to be adapted to the vehicle at the factory before it goes into service so that its functions can later be used.

The component protection system is also affected when a faulty control unit is replaced. If a faulty control unit is replaced with a new control unit, then it has to be adapted to the vehicle online at the service centre using the diagnostic tester. The adaption process deactivates the component protection system in the control unit.



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## Night vision system camera R212

The night vision system camera R212 has its own CPU. In addition to recording the raw image and transferring this image to the night vision system control unit, it has the task of storing calibration data. Calibration data is not stored in the night vision system control unit J853, rather in the camera. This saves having to recalibrate the system after replacing a faulty control unit.

The camera is an infrared thermal image camera which, like the Night Vision Assist control unit, is sourced from systems supplier Autoliv. The camera has its maximum sensitivity at long infrared wavelengths between 8  $\mu\text{m}$  and 12  $\mu\text{m}$ , which are invisible to the human eye.

The camera produces a black-and-white image. It has a horizontal resolution of 320 pixels and a vertical resolution of 240 pixels at 30 frames per second.

To protect the camera against stone chip damage, it has a protective shutter in front of the lens. The shutter is made of germanium. It was not possible to manufacture the shutter from glass because glass is not permeable to heat radiation. The protective shutter is highly robust.

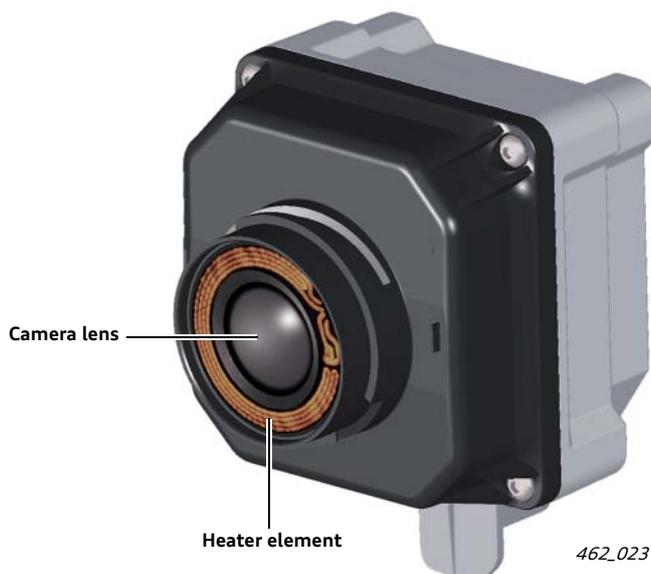
In the unlikely event that the protective shutter is damaged by stone chips, it can be replaced together with the protective cover. Both components are available through Audi Genuine Parts as a repair kit.

A separate spray jet is fitted for cleaning the camera's protective shutter. When the spray nozzles of the headlight washer system are operated, the spray jet is also operated and removes any existing dirt.



## Camera shutter heater

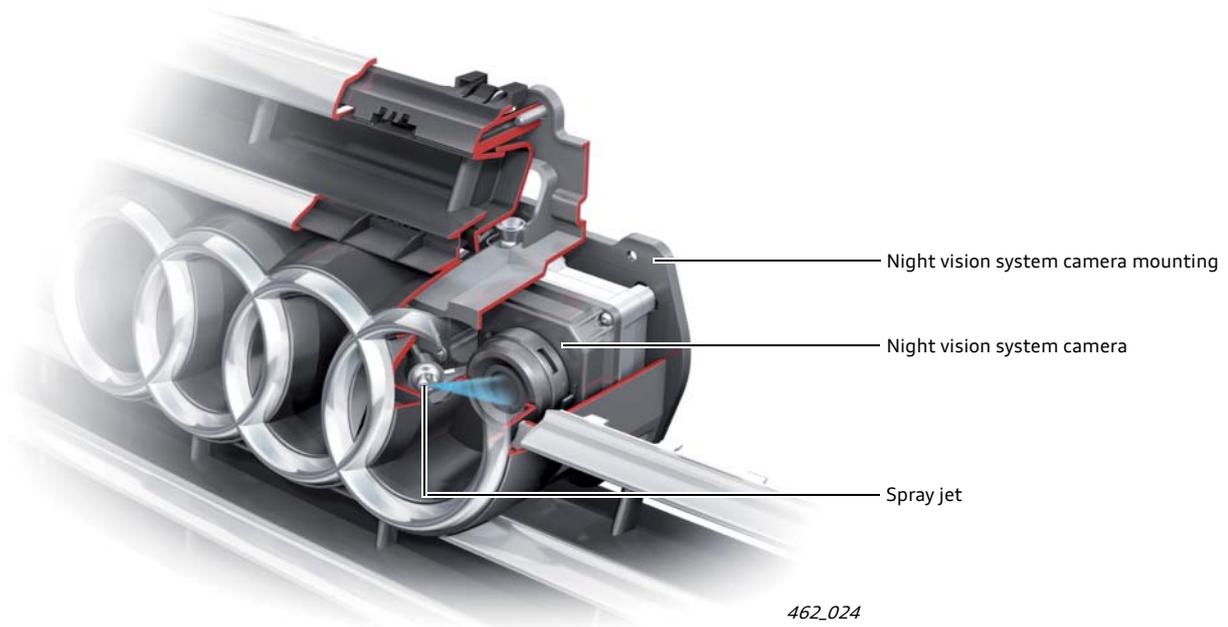
Since the night vision system camera is built into the Audi rings on the vehicle's radiator grille, there is a danger of it icing up in wintery conditions. The protective shutter will be heated if the camera is in danger of icing up at ambient temperatures below 6 °C. The temperature is recorded by an independent temperature sensor in the camera. Heating current is regulated according to the ambient temperature.



## Installation location of Night Vision Assist camera

The night vision system camera R212 is built into the Audi rings.

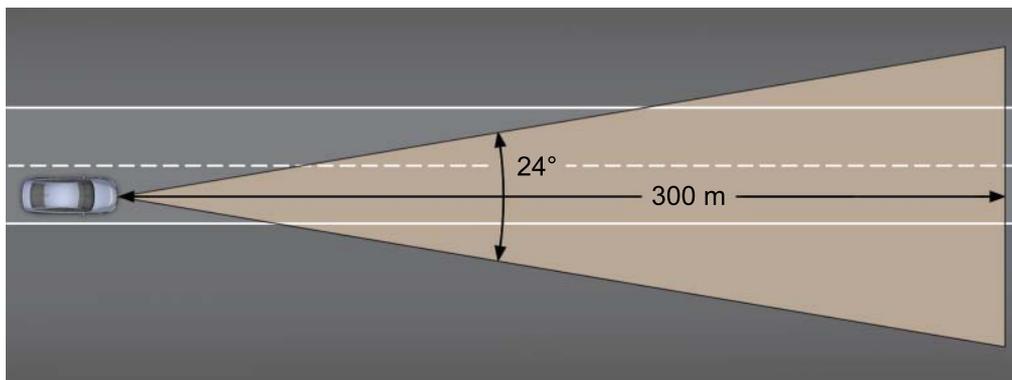
It is located in the right-hand ring, as seen from the front.



## Camera range

Night Vision Assist has a range of about 300 m.

The night vision system camera R212 has a horizontal opening angle of 24°.



## Mechanism for protection against misuse of thermal imaging camera

Thermal imaging cameras were originally developed for military applications. Today they are being increasingly used in civilian applications, too. Against this background, the use and trading of thermal imaging technology are still subject to restrictions. In the case of the Audi Night Vision Assist system, the thermal imaging camera has an electronic security mechanism which

prevents the camera from producing a thermal image without the accompanying control unit.

A thermal image will only be displayed if the camera and control unit are able to communicate with one another via the private bus lines and the control unit is installed in the vehicle for which it is enabled.

# System overview

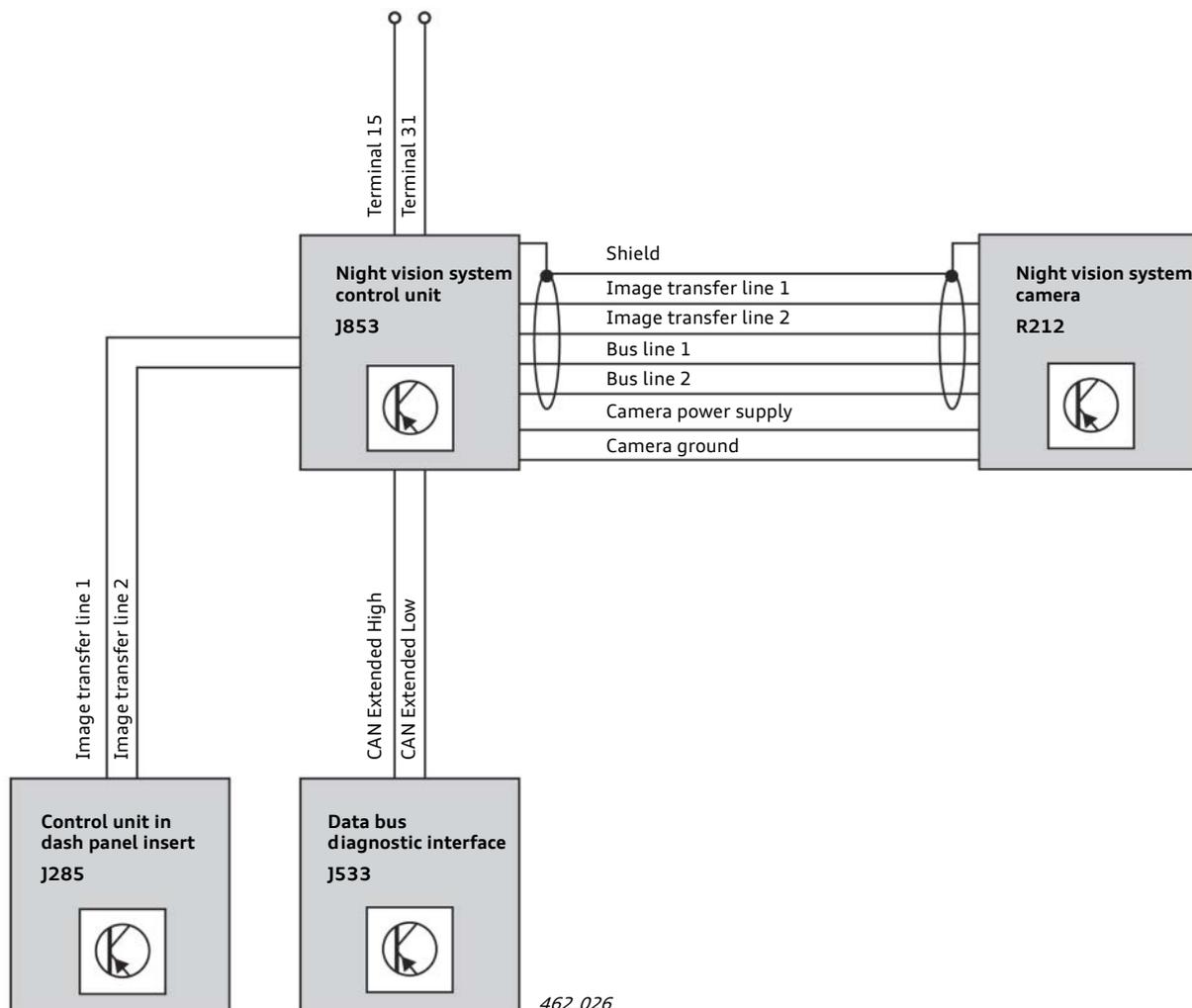
## Electrical implementation of the function

The night vision system control unit J853 is a "terminal 15" control unit and has a "terminal 15" line and a "terminal 31" line for independent power supply.

The control unit communicates with the night vision system camera R212 via two private bus lines. Among other things, diagnostic information, data and commands are transferred across this line.

The raw image produced by the camera is transmitted to the control unit via two image transfer lines. Both bus lines and the image transfer lines are commonly shielded.

Two supply lines go from the control unit to the camera. The control unit supplies the camera with battery power.



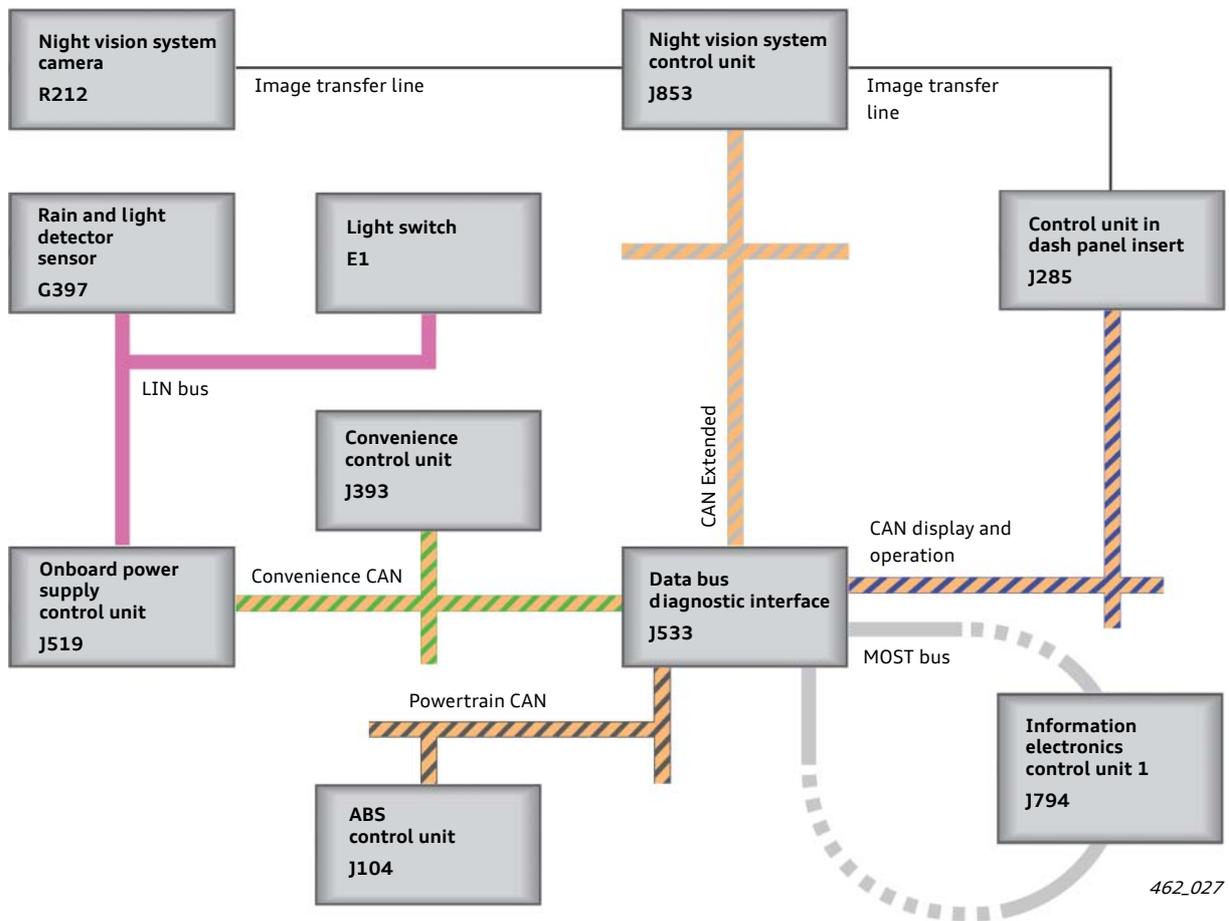
A sheathed and unshielded line with two twisted cores goes from the night vision system control unit J853 to the control unit with display in dash panel insert J285. An analogue video signal is transferred to the multi-functional display via this line.

To interchange data with other control units, two CAN Extended lines lead to the data bus diagnostic interface J533. The diagnostic interface interchanges messages between the CAN Extended bus and other bus systems. It therefore allows data to be swapped between different bus systems.

## Communication structure

To operate the overall night vision system in the vehicle, the night vision system control unit J853 requires a great many variables and a large volume of information.

Many of these variables and information are sourced from other control units, which communicate with each other via various LIN, CAN, FlexRay and MOST bus systems.



### Night vision system control unit J853

- ▶ receives various CAN messages containing variables and content required for its operation
- ▶ transfers the processed thermal image to the dash panel insert
- ▶ transfers information to the dash panel insert for display

### Data bus diagnostic interface J533

- ▶ forms the interface between various CAN bus systems and FlexRay
- ▶ is the master control unit for the component protection system

### Control unit with display in dash panel insert J285

- ▶ displays the image produced by the Night Vision Assist camera
- ▶ outputs an acoustic signal if a warning is given
- ▶ displays driver information relating to the night vision system
- ▶ displays error messages
- ▶ transfers the filtered ambient temperature to the night vision system control unit

### Information electronics control unit J794

- ▶ The customer can make various adjustments to Night Vision Assist via the MMI terminal

### Convenience system control unit J393

- ▶ sends the "terminal 15" bit electronically for validation purposes

### Onboard power supply control unit J519

- ▶ LIN master of rain and light detector sensor G397 and light switch E1

### Rain and light detector sensor G397

- ▶ signals the currently measured brightness level

### Light switch E1

- ▶ signals that the night vision system button has been pressed
- ▶ signals the current position of the rotary light switch

### ABS control unit J104

- ▶ signals the current vehicle speed
- ▶ signals the current yaw rate

# Diagnostic functions and system calibration

Address word **84** is assigned to Night Vision Assist in the diagnostic tester.



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## Data blocks

The following information can be read out via data blocks:

- ▶ Control unit power supply
- ▶ Current control unit temperature
- ▶ Saved maximum and minimum temperature values of the control unit with time stamp

### Preferences

("Marking of detected pedestrians": On/Off; "Warning gong": On/Off; image contrast)

- ▶ Preferences stored for key 1
- ▶ Preferences stored for key 2
- ▶ Preferences stored for key 3
- ▶ Preferences stored for key 4
- ▶ Current yaw rate
- ▶ Dynamic calibration:
  - ▶ Current status running / not running
  - ▶ Distance travelled with active dynamic calibration
  - ▶ Calculated dive angle
  - ▶ Calculated yaw angle
- ▶ Night vision system camera power supply
- ▶ Current power consumption of night vision system camera
- ▶ Current camera temperature

- ▶ Stored maximum and minimum temperature values of camera with time stamp
- ▶ Current status of the \*shutter: open/closed
- ▶ Camera heater On/Off
- ▶ Camera display information
- ▶ Dipped headlights On/Off
- ▶ Number of faulty camera pixels
- ▶ Night Vision Assist button currently pressed/not pressed
- ▶ Number of recorded frames per second
- ▶ Current brightness value of rain-light sensor
- ▶ Roll angle, yaw angle and dive angle of static calibration
- ▶ Yaw angle and dive angle of dynamic calibration
- ▶ Abort condition of last static calibration
- ▶ Time stamp of last static calibration and VIN
- ▶ Reasons for deactivation of pedestrian detection function (with brightness and ambient temperature values)
- ▶ Number of key currently in use
- ▶ Current vehicle speed
- ▶ System and display status information

\* Shutter ... For temperature calibration purposes, the shutter is moved in front of the image capture chip every 2 minutes.

## Adaptions

The following functions are available under Adaptions:

- ▶ Reset stored minimum and maximum camera temperature
- ▶ Reset stored minimum and maximum temperature of the night vision system control unit
- ▶ Switch Night Vision Assist On/Off

## Actuator diagnostics

The following components can be tested using the actuator diagnostics:

- ▶ Night vision system camera heater
- ▶ Mechanical camera shutter
- ▶ Temporary activation of component protection system

In addition, the actuator diagnostics can be used to start a software routine which determines how many camera pixels are faulty. This check takes about between 2 to 3 minutes.

A test picture can be viewed on the multi-functional display by means of another actuator diagnosis.

## System calibration

**After which work or events does the system have to be recalibrated?**

- ▶ Replacement of the Night Vision Assist camera
- ▶ Replacement of the camera mounting
- ▶ Replacement or removal of the front bumper
- ▶ If the fault memory of the Night Vision Assist control unit contains the entry "No or wrong basic setting"
- ▶ Adjustment work on the rear axle

**After which work or events does the system not have to be recalibrated?**

- ▶ Replacement of the night vision system control unit
- ▶ Flashing the night vision system control unit

**Which special tools are required for calibration?**

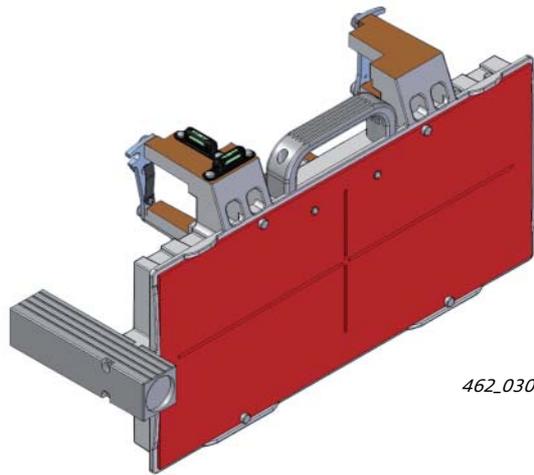
The following special tools are required for calibration of the Audi Night Vision Assist system:

- ▶ a diagnostic tester (e.g. VAS 5051 B)
- ▶ a wheel alignment computer (e.g. VAS 6141)
- ▶ a calibrating device, basic kit VAS 6340/1 or calibrating device VAS 6430
- ▶ a night vision system calibration plate VAS 6430/6
- ▶ a linear laser VAS 6350/3



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Calibrating device, basic kit VAS 6430/1  
(also used for calibration of Audi Lane Assist  
and of Adaptive Cruise Control ACC)



Night Vision Assist calibration plate VAS 6430/6

### Calibration process

To calibrate the night vision system camera, follow these steps:

1. Place the calibration plate VAS 6430/6 on the adjustment beam of calibrating device VAS 6430/1
2. Position the calibrating device VAS 6430/1 at a distance of 120 cm in front of the camera
3. Start the calibration routine for Night Vision Assist in the wheel alignment computer
4. Height adjustment of calibration plate VAS 6430/6: the height of the calibration plate can be set correctly by turning the crank on the back of the calibration panel
5. To compensate for surface unevenness, place spirit level 1 on the calibration plate and make sure it is level
6. Move the calibrating device into the correct transversal position by shifting it sideways (the wheel alignment computer indicates when a suitable position is reached)
7. Make sure spirit levels 1 and 2 are level using the two adjustment screws
8. Again check the height adjustment using the linear laser, and correct it if necessary
9. Activate the heating function of calibration plate VAS 6430/6
10. Select and start the programme "J853 - Calibration" on the diagnostic tester .

This is a two-step program:

The first step is to mechanically calibrate the roll angle of the Night Vision Assist camera. The camera must be aligned horizontally by turning the calibration screw using a hexagon socket. The required direction of rotation is predefined by the guided fault finding program. The program indicates when the nominal roll angle is reached.

The second step involves calculating the yaw and dive angles and storing them in the night vision system camera. This step is carried out automatically.

### Results of calibration

Calibrating the Night Vision Assist camera produces the following results:

- ▶ A mechanically correct camera roll angle setting
- ▶ A static camera yaw angle which is corrected electronically by the control unit
- ▶ A static camera dive angle which is also corrected electronically



#### Note

If it is necessary to calibrate Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) in addition to Night Vision Assist, the set distance to the calibrating device can also be used for calibrating ACC. However, it is important to observe the sequence of calibration: calibrate Night Vision Assist first, then ACC.

To calibrate Audi Lane Assist, however, the calibrating device has to be realigned.

## Dynamic calibration

Audi Night Vision Assist also has dynamic calibration capability. The dynamic calibration system starts to run whenever a horizon is detected. The conditions for detecting a horizon are best when driving on country roads or motorways.

The dynamic calibration system determines deviations in camera yaw and dive angles from the values obtained by the static calibration. These angular deviations are factored into the calculations for electronic correction of the camera image.

If the calculated angular deviations in the dynamic calibration exceed a limit value, "No or incorrect basic setting" will be logged in the fault memory entry of the night vision system control unit. This fault memory entry means that a new static calibration must be carried out. One possible reason for this is that the thermal imaging camera has been knocked out of alignment after minor parking collision.

The roll angle of the thermal imaging camera, which can be adjusted mechanically, is not an integral part of the dynamic calibration.

## Test yourself:

One or more answers may be correct.

### 1. How can Night Vision Assist be activated?

- a) Via the Car menu of the MMI
- b) The function is activated using the main-beam stalk
- c) Via a button in the rotary light switch module
- d) Night Vision Assist is active at all times, but the customer must decide whether the image is to be shown on the multi-functional display or not

### 2. Which sensors record the image produced by Night Vision Assist?

- a) A thermal imaging camera
- b) A radar sensor
- c) Multiple ultrasonic sensors
- d) A video camera

### 3. Which adjustment options does the customer have on the MMI terminal?

- a) System activation and deactivation
- b) Contrast level of displayed thermal image
- c) Acoustic warning of collision hazard On/Off
- d) Whether animals are to be marked in the image or not

### 4. What are possible reasons for deactivation of "Marking of detected pedestrians"?

- a) The ambient temperature is too high
- b) The ambient brightness has exceeded a threshold value
- c) The vehicle's road speed had exceeded 120 kph
- d) "Marking of detected pedestrians" has been deactivated on the MMI terminal

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