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**THE ALL-NEW 2006 AUDI A6 AVANT:
WHERE MODERN LUXURY MEETS UTILITY**

AUBURN HILLS, MI –Last Fall, Audi set new standards in innovation and design with its redesigned Audi A6. With the A6 Avant, another dimension of the A6 model line is added: utility. Not only does the Avant model increase the A6's cargo volume to 20 cu.ft. with the seats in place and 58.6 cu.ft. with the rear seats folded, it has its own distinct styling, and ingenious rail system in the cargo area.

The 2006 A6 Avant comes standard with the technologically advanced 3.2 FSI V6 engine that produces 255 horsepower and 243 ft.-lbs. of torque. All of this power is transferred through a six-speed Tiptronic[®] automatic transmission to all four wheels via Audi's legendary quattro[®] all-wheel drive.

The luggage compartment in the new A6 Avant is as advanced as the rest of the vehicle. It employs two securing rails that are recessed into the floor. They are fitted with four sliding, adjustable, and lockable load-retaining lugs that can be used to secure items of almost any size. Also using these rails is a removable telescoping arm and a retractable cargo strap. Both of these items help to separate and secure items in the cargo area. The

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load floor itself can be folded and locked in a variety of positions to divide the cargo area. Finally, there are several baggage hooks integrated into the trim, with a luggage net to one side.

For the first time on an Audi Avant, an optional automatic tailgate that opens and closes at the push of a button is available. The opening process can also be initiated remotely by pressing the button on the car key.

The already classic proportions of the A6 Avant's silhouette, with its high shoulder line, narrow window area, coupe-like roofline and flat, sloping tail end, have been infused with a new degree of style. The profile of the A6 is gently rising, curved shoulder line and the powerful, sweeping motion of the dynamic line above the side sills give the entire body of the car a forward-moving, tapered appearance. A glance at the front end, with the trapezoidal-shape single-frame radiator grille, reveals the A6 Avant to be a member of the newest generation of Audi models.

Standard equipment in the A6 Avant is as complete as that of the sedan with features such as Advanced MMI, automatic dual-zone climate control including indirect output, electromechanical parking brake, a leather interior with 12-way power heated front seats, and numerous other luxury features. Some of the options include adaptive air suspension, adaptive cruise control system, heated steering wheel, and manual rear and side window sunshades.

For those seeking to equip their car even more fully, there are three option packages: Premium Package, Technology Package and Cold Weather Package. The Premium Package includes Bi-Xenon, adaptive headlights, Bose® premium sound system,

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auto-dimming interior mirror with compass and auto-dimming and electrically folding exterior mirrors, memory for driver's seat and mirror adjustments, HomeLink® remote transmitter and the storage package. The Technology Package includes voice recognition, advanced key with keyless go, rear parktronic®, the DVD-based Audi Navigation System with one map DVD for the US and the choice of either Sirius® or XM® Satellite Radio. The Cold Weather Package includes heated rear seats and a ski sack.

As with all Audi models, safety is paramount. The A6 comes with a long list of standard safety equipment. Active safety components include the latest generation of ESP including brake assist and Electronic Brake-pressure Distribution (EBD).

In the event of a collision, the car's occupants are protected by the robust structure of the body with predefined deformation and a highly stable passenger cabin. In conjunction with the seat belts, front and side airbags as well as the Sideguard™ head curtain airbag system, the driver and passengers are provided with superior safety and protection. The two full-size front airbags are activated in two stages, depending on the severity of an accident. Active front head restraints help to protect the occupants in a collision from behind.

Thanks to the comprehensive active and passive safety systems, the A6 Avant, as well as the A6 sedan, have earned the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's (IIHS) highest rating: a "Double Best Pick" rating for its occupant protection in both frontal and side impact crash tests. When combined with the excellent performance of the Audi A4 in the same tests, these results make Audi the first manufacturer ever to receive two "Double Best Pick" ratings from the IIHS.

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All Audi vehicles sold in North America, including the 2006 Audi A6 Avant, come with the Audi Advantage, an industry-leading combination of warranties and protection. This top-rated package includes:

- Four-year/50,000-mile no-charge scheduled maintenance
- Four-year/50,000-mile limited new vehicle warranty
- 12-year limited warranty against corrosion perforation
- 24-hour Roadside Assistance for four years

More information on all Audi models can be found at www.media.audiusa.com.

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