



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Bloomington, IL [REDACTED]

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Ref. # 10232853

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your correspondence dated May 1, 2008, concerning Dunlop SP Sport tires that came equipped on your model year (MY) 2007 Volkswagen Jetta vehicle. The Illinois Office of the Attorney General forwarded you correspondence to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). It was received by NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation on June 25, 2008.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, we look carefully at the body of consumer complaints and other available data to determine whether a defect may exist.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with regard to original equipment tire performance on MY 2007 Jetta vehicles. Our review does not indicate the existence of a safety defect trend. Although we are not opening a safety defect investigation at this time, we continually review all available data to determine whether an investigation may be warranted. A brochure explaining ODI's investigation process is enclosed for your information. The information you provided has been entered into our database and will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank S. Borris II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "F" and "S".

Frank S. Borris II, Acting Chief
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