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**Subject:** FW: 2006 Volkswagen Beetle - possible serious gas tank flaw -- 10368084  
**Date:** Monday, December 20, 2010 3:02:48 PM

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**Sent:** Monday, December 20, 2010 2:54 PM

**Cc:** Reid, Randy (NHTSA)

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**From:** [REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Monday, December 20, 2010 1:27 AM

**To:** donotreplyodi (VOLPE)

**Subject:** Re: Acknowledgement from NHTSA/ODI of your safety complaint

Since I sent the first notice on Nov 28, I have had to have the gas tank re-welded. There is a flaw in my tank that causes it to crack easily. Since there is a national back-order for these gas tanks from Volkswagen, it would seem to me that just maybe that there is a definite design flaw in gas tanks for (at least) 2006 Volkswagen new Beetles. We not only have an obvious safety issue here(gasoline fire/explosion) bu also an emission problem as well. I would appreciate some feedback on this issue from NHTSA. Thank You, [REDACTED]

On Sun, Nov 28, 2010 at 9:56 PM, US DOT NHTSA <[donotreplyodi@dot.gov](mailto:donotreplyodi@dot.gov)> wrote:

Thank you for filing your safety-related complaint via our Web site or our Vehicle Safety Hotline. The ODI Number listed below will be a direct link to your complaint as soon as it is ready to view. Please allow at least two business days for approval and processing before trying to view your complaint online. You will then be able to view it and search any associated documents.

Your Confirmation number (ODI Number) is: [10368084](#)

Your complaint information will be entered into the NHTSA vehicle owner complaint database. NHTSA technical staff review this information to identify potential safety problems. While you may or may not be contacted by a NHTSA investigator to clarify the information submitted, all reports are reviewed and analyzed for potential defects trends. Also, the NHTSA complaint database provides valuable information to other consumers and to manufacturers.

If you have any questions regarding this complaint, please contact ODI:

- By phone: 1-888-327-4236 8:00AM to 10:00PM Monday-Friday  
TTY: 1-888-424-9153  
Have your ODI Number available.  
(Spanish-speaking operators available)
- By e-mail: <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/contact.cfm>  
Indicate your ODI Number in the contact form.

Thank you,

Office of Defects Investigation (ODI)  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)  
U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

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