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**Subject:** FW: concerning ODI number 10410335 and statistical analysis research into 2001 1.8L engine VW new beetle if there is a potential for other vehicles same make and model recall  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:**  
**Subject:** concerning ODI number 10410335 and statistical analysis research into 2001 1.8L engine VW new beetle if there is a potential for other vehicles same make and model recall

Office of Defects Investigation, DOT & NHTSA,

I filed ODI number 10410335 on July 3, 2011. I am very concerned about my car. Initially I was worried about repairs and costs but I am hoping now to see if perhaps your organization (s) may be able to look into whether owners of 2001 vw beetles 1.8L engines might be potentially able to universally receive assistance via a recall.

I did further research after sending the complaint to your office. From what I have read,

1. in May 2011 VW recalled certain 2001 to 04 Audis for rollover valves in the fuel tank/fuel leak cracks
2. in March 2011 , 2010 routans had ignition key displacement which caused the engine to shut off and potentially cause a crash
3. in March 2011, vw recalled 2011 jettas for electrical wiring and fuse layouts which could cause stalling among other problems.
4. in January 2011, vw recalled 2010 new vw convertible for failing to meet crash protection
5. in December 2010, vw recalled 2006-10 jettas , new beetles, convertables , etc. for fuel supply line problems, chafing, etc.

(the list goes on and on)

In my car for over a year it has been shaking very hard when I put the key in the ignition, for the past few months there was hard starting where I had to rev it very hard to get it to start, with a 2 year battery that has a 75 month life span)

after receiving a fuel injection flush and carbon deposit removal plus a new fuel filter and spark plugs, the engine starts , no shaking but it stalls in the middle of the road and sometimes there is a lot of pressure build up when I start it .

I don't know if it will start or if it starts, stop in the middle of the road or on the highway.

please look into whether there is a similar defect in 1.8L engines for 2001 vw beetle owners. I worry that my car will start a fire or blow up when i put the key in the ignition or stop on the highway or in traffic and someone will crash into me. Please help to research this matter further.

From day one , the check engine light has been going on, its not showing

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now, but i did not know about lemon laws or that we, the people, had a voice against large corporations or their dealership agents. [REDACTED]

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p.s. my car only has 68 000 miles on it, and it has cost me money for repairs that should not have happened my 70 000 mile warranty for emissions will expire and from the brushing aside vw does , a warranty is meaningless because its takes the government to step in for them to help customers once the initial warranty and payment for the car is complete. My nearest VW dealership (Fathers & Sons in West Springfield, MA) charges a \$95.00 diagnostic fee so without knowing if there is a recall, I cannot afford to go and see their diagnosis. I have not received a recall notice in the mail. I just also bought a new oxygen sensor , because they were defective as well as the mass air flow sensor for a 68,000 mile car.

My EPC light has come on as well with a few hard starts.  
(The address I used on my complaint was for corporate at 2200 ferdinand prosche drive in Herndon, Va 20171 not the address of 3800 Hamlin Road in Michigan 48326 for Volkswagen).