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Washington, D.C. 20590

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Mr. John Maddox
Product Compliance Officer
Volkswagen of America, Inc.
3800 Hamlin Road
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

NVS-212lbs
PE03-052

Dear Mr. Maddox:

This letter is to inform you that the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has opened a Preliminary Evaluation (PE03-052) to investigate allegations of overheating and/or burning of the driver seat installed as original equipment in model year (MY) 2002-2003 Volkswagen Jetta vehicles. As a part of the investigation, this letter requests certain information from Volkswagen.

This office has received seven (7) complaints from consumers that allege overheating of the driver seat heater assembly. The consumers reported localized burning of the seat cushion and in some cases, clothing and/or skin of the driver. Copies of the seven consumer complaints are enclosed for your information.

Unless otherwise stated in the text of this letter, the following definitions apply to these information requests:

Subject vehicles: All MY 2002-2003 Volkswagen Jetta vehicles manufactured for sale or lease in the United States.

Subject Components: Original equipment driver seat heater assembly installed in the subject vehicles.

VW: Volkswagen of America, Incorporated, all of its past and present officers and employees, whether assigned to its principal offices or any of its field or other locations, including all of its divisions, subsidiaries (whether or not incorporated) and affiliated enterprises and all of their headquarters, regional, zone and other offices and their employees, and all agents, contractors,



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consultants, attorneys and law firms and other persons engaged directly or indirectly (e.g., employee of a consultant) by or under the control of VW (including all business units and persons previously referred to), who are or, in or after 1996, were involved in any way with any of the following related to the alleged defect in the subject vehicles:

- a. Design, engineering, analysis, modification or production (e.g. quality control);
- b. Testing, assessment or evaluation;
- c. Consideration, or recognition of potential or actual defects, reporting, record-keeping and information management, (e.g., complaints, field reports, warranty information, part sales), analysis, claims, or lawsuits; or
- d. Communication to, from or intended for zone representatives, fleets, dealers, or other field locations, including but not limited to people who have the capacity to obtain information from dealers.

Alleged defect: The failure, malfunction, or otherwise unsatisfactory performance of the driver seat heater assembly which may result in overheating, potential for burning of the seat material or cushion and/or driver clothing or skin, or produce a potential for the occurrence of a fire.

Document: "Document(s)" is used in the broadest sense of the word and shall mean all original written, printed, typed, recorded, or graphic matter whatsoever, however produced or reproduced, of every kind, nature, and description, and all non-identical copies of both sides thereof, including, but not limited to, papers, letters, memoranda, correspondence, communications, electronic mail (e-mail) messages (existing in hard copy and/or in electronic storage), faxes, mailgrams, telegrams, cables, telex messages, notes, annotations, working papers, drafts, minutes, records, audio and video recordings, data, databases, other information bases, summaries, charts, tables, graphics, other visual displays, photographs, statements, interviews, opinions, reports, newspaper articles, studies, analyses, evaluations, interpretations, contracts, agreements, jottings, agendas, bulletins, notices, announcements, instructions, blueprints, drawings, as-builts, changes, manuals, publications, work schedules, journals, statistical data, desk, portable and computer calendars, appointment books, diaries, travel reports, lists, tabulations, computer printouts, data processing program libraries, data processing inputs and outputs, microfilms, microfiches, statements for services, resolutions, financial statements, governmental records, business records, personnel records, work orders, pleadings, discovery in any form, affidavits, motions, responses to discovery, all transcripts, administrative filings and all mechanical, magnetic, photographic and electronic records or recordings of any kind, including any storage media associated with computers, including, but not limited to, information on hard drives, floppy disks, backup tapes, and zip drives, electronic communications, including but not limited to, the Internet and shall include any drafts or revisions pertaining to any of the foregoing, all other things similar to any of the foregoing, however denominated by VW, any other data compilations from which information can be obtained, translated if necessary, into a usable form and any other documents. For purposes of this request, any document, which contains any note, comment, addition, deletion, insertion, annotation, or otherwise comprises a non-identical copy of another document shall be treated as a separate document subject to production. In all cases where original and any non-identical copies are not available, "document(s)" also means any identical copies of the original and all non-identical copies thereof. Any document, record, graph, chart, film or photograph originally

produced in color must be provided in color. Furnish all documents whether verified by the manufacturer or not. If a document is not in the English language, provide both the original document and an English translation of the document.

Other Terms: To the extent that they are used in these information requests, the terms "claim," "consumer complaint," "dealer field report," "field report," "fleet," "good will," "make," "model," "model year," "notice," "property damage," "property damage claim," "rollover," "type," "warranty," "warranty adjustment," and "warranty claim," whether used in singular or in plural form, have the same meaning as found in 49 CFR 579.4.

In order for my staff to evaluate the alleged defect, certain information is required. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30166, please provide numbered responses to the following information requests. Insofar as VW may have previously provided a document to ODI, VW may produce it again or identify the document, the document submission to ODI in which it was included and the precise location in that submission where the document is located. When documents are produced, the documents shall be produced in an identified, organized manner that corresponds with the organization of this information request letter (including all individual requests and subparts). When documents are produced and the documents would not, standing alone, be self-explanatory, the production of documents shall be supplemented and accompanied by explanation.

Please repeat the applicable request verbatim above each response. After VW's response to each request, identify the source of the information and indicate the last date the information was gathered.

1. State, by model year, the number of subject vehicles manufactured by VW for sale or lease in the United States. Also state, as a subset of the total production volume the respective number of the subject vehicles produced and equipped with a driver seat heater capability.
2. State the number of each of the following, received by VW, or of which VW is otherwise aware, which relate to or may relate to, the alleged defect in the subject vehicles:
 - a. Consumer complaints, including those from fleet operators;
 - b. Field reports, including dealer field reports;
 - c. Reports involving a crash, burn injury, or fatality, based on claims against the manufacturer involving a burn injury or death, notices received by the manufacturer alleging or proving that an injury or death was related to or resulted from the alleged defect in a subject vehicle;
 - d. Property damage claims, including claims of burns of the driver clothing or skin, driver seat fire, or occupant compartment fire originating from the driver seat;
 - e. Third-party arbitration proceedings where VW is or was a party to the arbitration; and
 - f. Lawsuits, both pending and closed, in which VW is or was a defendant or codefendant.

For subparts "a" through "c," state the total number of each item (e.g., consumer complaints, field reports, etc.) separately. Multiple incidents involving the same vehicle are to be counted separately. Multiple reports of the same incident are also to be counted separately.

(i.e., a consumer complaint and a field report involving the same incident in which a crash occurred are to be counted as a crash report, a field report and a consumer complaint).

In addition, for items "c" through "f," provide a summary description of the alleged problem and causal and contributing factors and VW's assessment of the problem, with a summary of the significant underlying facts and evidence. For item "f," identify the parties to the action, as well as the caption, court, docket number, and date on which the complaint or other document initiating the action was filed.

3. For each item (complaint, report, claim, notice, or matter) within the scope of your response to Request No. 2, state the following information:
 - a. VW's file number or other identifier used;
 - b. The category of the item, as identified in Request No. 2 (i.e., consumer complaint, field report, etc.);
 - c. Vehicle owner or fleet name (and fleet contact person), address, and telephone number;
 - d. Vehicle's VIN;
 - e. Vehicle's make, model and model year;
 - f. Vehicle's mileage at time of incident;
 - g. Incident date;
 - h. Report or claim date;
 - i. Whether a crash is alleged;
 - j. Whether property damage is alleged;
 - k. Number and severity of alleged burn injuries, if any; and
 - l. Number of alleged fatalities, if any.

Provide this information in Microsoft Access 2000, or a compatible format, entitled "REQUEST NUMBER TWO DATA."

4. Produce copies of all documents related to each item within the scope of Request No. 2. Organize the documents separately by category (i.e., consumer complaints, field reports, etc.) and describe the method VW used for organizing the documents.
5. State, by model and model year, a total count for all of the following categories of claims, collectively, that have been paid by VW to date that relate to, or may relate to, the alleged defect in the subject vehicles: warranty claims; extended warranty claims; claims for good will services that were provided; field, zone, or similar adjustments and reimbursements; and warranty claims or repairs made in accordance with a procedure specified in a technical service bulletin or customer satisfaction campaign.

Separately, for each such claim, state the following information:

- a. VW's claim number;
- b. Vehicle owner or fleet name (and fleet contact person) and telephone number;
- c. VIN;
- d. Repair date;

- e. Vehicle mileage at time of repair;
 - f. Repairing dealer's or facility's name, telephone number, city and state or ZIP code;
 - g. Labor operation number;
 - h. Problem code;
 - i. Replacement part number(s) and description(s);
 - j. Concern stated by customer; and
 - k. Comment, if any, by dealer/technician relating to claim and/or repair.
6. Describe in detail the search criteria used by VW to identify the claims identified in response to Request No. 5, including the labor operations, problem codes, part numbers and any other pertinent parameters used. Provide a list of all labor operations, labor operation descriptions, problem codes, and problem code descriptions applicable to the alleged defect in the subject vehicles. State, by make and model year, the terms of the new vehicle warranty coverage offered by VW on the subject vehicles (i.e., the number of months and mileage for which coverage is provided and the vehicle systems that are covered). Describe any extended warranty coverage option(s) related to the alleged defect that VW offered for the subject vehicles and state by option, model, and model year, the number of vehicles that are covered under each such extended warranty.
7. Produce copies of all service, warranty, and other documents that relate to, or may relate to, the alleged defect in the subject vehicles, that VW has issued to any dealers, regional or zone offices, field offices, fleet purchasers, or other entities. This includes, but is not limited to, bulletins, advisories, informational documents, training documents, or other documents or communications, with the exception of standard shop manuals. Also include the latest draft copy of any communication that VW is planning to issue within the next 120 days.
8. Describe all assessments, analyses, tests, test results, studies, surveys, simulations, investigations, inquiries and/or evaluations (collectively, "actions") that relate to, or may relate to, the alleged defect in the subject vehicles that have been conducted, are being conducted, are planned, or are being planned by, or for, VW. For each such action, provide the following information:
- a. Action title or identifier;
 - b. The actual or planned start date;
 - c. The actual or expected end date;
 - d. Brief summary of the subject and objective of the action;
 - e. Engineering group(s)/supplier(s) responsible for designing and for conducting the action; and
 - f. A brief summary of the findings and/or conclusions resulting from the action.

For each action identified, provide copies of all documents related to the action, regardless of whether the documents are in interim, draft, or final form. Organize the documents chronologically by action.

9. Describe all modifications or changes made by, or on behalf of, VW in the design, material composition, manufacture, quality control, supply, or installation of the subject components,

from the start of production to date, which relate, or may relate, to the alleged defect in the subject vehicles. For each such modification or change, provide the following information:

- a. The date or approximate date on which the modification or change was incorporated into vehicle production;
- b. A detailed description of the modification or change;
- c. The reason(s) for the modification or change;
- d. The part numbers (service and engineering) of the original component;
- e. The part number (service and engineering) of the modified component;
- f. Whether the original unmodified component was withdrawn from production and/or sale, and if so, when;
- g. When the modified component was made available as a service component; and
- h. Whether the modified component can be interchanged with earlier production components.

Also, provide the above information for any modification or change that VW is aware of which may be incorporated into vehicle production within the next 120 days.

10. Provide a complete engineering description and appropriate engineering specifications (including engineering drawings) of the subject components installed in the subject vehicles. For each component part number, provide the supplier's name, address, and appropriate point of contact (name, title, and telephone number). Also identify by make, model and model year, any other vehicles of which VW is aware that contain the identical component, whether installed in production or in service, and state the applicable dates of production or service usage.
11. Provide VW's assessment of the alleged defect in the subject vehicle, including:
 - a. The causal or contributory factor(s);
 - b. The failure mechanism(s);
 - c. The failure mode(s);
 - d. The risk to motor vehicle safety that it poses;
 - e. What warnings, if any, the operator and the other persons both inside and outside the vehicle would have that the alleged defect was occurring or subject component was malfunctioning; and
 - f. The reports included with this inquiry.

This letter is being sent to VW pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30166, which authorizes NHTSA to conduct any investigation that may be necessary to enforce Chapter 301 of Title 49 and to request reports and the production of things. It constitutes a new request for information. VW's failure to respond promptly and fully to this letter could subject VW to civil penalties pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30165 or lead to an action for injunctive relief pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30163. (Other remedies and sanctions are available as well.) Please note that maximum civil penalties under 49 U.S.C. § 30165 have increased as a result of the recent enactment of the Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability, and Documentation (TREAD) Act, Public Law No. 106-414 (signed November 1, 2000). Section 5(a) of the TREAD Act, codified at 49 U.S.C. §

30165(b), provides for civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per day, with a maximum of \$15 million for a related series of violations, for failing or refusing to perform an act required under 49 U.S.C. § 30166. This includes failing to respond to ODI information requests.

If VW cannot respond to any specific request or subpart(s) thereof, please state the reason why it is unable to do so. If on the basis of attorney-client, attorney work product, or other privilege, VW does not submit one or more requested documents or items of information in response to this information request, VW must provide a privilege log identifying each document or item withheld, and stating the date, subject or title, the name and position of the person(s) from, and the person(s) to whom it was sent, and the name and position of any other recipient (to include all carbon copies or blind carbon copies), the nature of that information or material, and the basis for the claim of privilege and why that privilege applies.

VW's response to this letter, in duplicate, together with a copy of any confidentiality request, must be submitted to this office by January 23, 2004. Please refer to PE03-052 in VW's response to this letter. If VW finds that it is unable to provide all of the information requested within the time allotted, VW must request an extension from me, at (202) 366-5218 no later than five business days before the response due date. If VW is unable to provide all of the information requested by the original deadline, it must submit a partial response by the original deadline with whatever information VW then has available, even if an extension has been granted.

If VW claims that any of the information or documents provided in response to this information request constitute confidential commercial material within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), or are protected from disclosure pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1905, VW must submit supporting information together with the materials that are the subject of the confidentiality request, in accordance with 49 CFR Part 512, to the Office of Chief Counsel (NCC-113), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5219, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. VW is required to submit two copies of the documents containing allegedly confidential information (except only one copy of blueprints) and one copy of the documents from which information claimed to be confidential has been deleted.

If you have any technical questions concerning this matter, please call Mr. Lee Strickland of my staff, at (202) 366-5201.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature area of the letter.

Vehicle Integrity Division
Office of Defects Investigation

Enclosure 1: 7 Vehicle Owner's Questionnaires



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08-OCT-2003

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10042595

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

TORRANCE

State CA

Zip Code 90505

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? YES NO
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number located at bottom of windshield on driver's side

WAWSE6LX3W080082

Make

VOLKSWAGEN

Model

JETTA

Model Year

2003

Date Purchased

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:

No: Cylinders

Fuel Type:

Original Owner

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

 Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

 Cruise Control

Vehicle Component Code

221700 SEATS:FRONT ASSEMBLY:SEAT HEATER/COOLER

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

05-OCT-2003

Failure Mileage

9000

Failure Speed

15

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)

 Original Equipment
 Prior Repair

Failure Location:

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make:

Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type:

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part:

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), condition, and injury(ies).)

Crash

 Yes No

Fire

 Yes No

Number of Persons Injured

1

Number of Deaths

0

Reported to Police

N

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

DRIVER'S SIDE HEATED SEAT BECAME EXTREMELY HOT, BURNING THE LEATHER, AND BURNING THROUGH THE CONSUMER'S PANTS, SLIGHTLY BURNING CONSUMER'S LEG. DEALER AND THE MANUFACTURER HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.*AK

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoices.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your responses may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a Manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.



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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name			Daytime Telephone Number		E-mail Address
Address			Evening Telephone Number		
City RENO	State NV	Zip Code 89521			

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? YES NO
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner _____ Date _____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side 3VWSE69H02M117150		Make VOLKSWAGEN	Model JETTA	Model Year 2002
Date Purchased	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number		Engine No: Cylinders	Fuel Type:
Original Owner <input type="checkbox"/>	Dealer's City	State	Zip Code	
Transmission Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Antilock Brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control	Powertrain	Vehicle Component Code 2217D0 SEATS:FRONT ASSEMBLY:SEAT HEATER/COOLER	
Multiple Failure:				

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 29-SEP-2003	Failure Mileage 28000	Failure Speed 45	
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ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make	Tire Model (Name or Number)	Tire Size (Example P215/63R15)
DOT No. (Example: DOTM1SABC036)	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Prior Repair	Failure Location:
Tire Component Code	Tire Failure Type	

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make:	Date Manufactured:	Model No./Name:
Seat Type:	Installation System:	
Child Seat Component Code:	Failed Part:	

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured 1	Number of Deaths 0	Reported to Police Y
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Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).
Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e. parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

CONSUMER SMELLED SMOKE WHILE TRAVELING WITH DRIVER'S SEAT HEATER TURNED ON. CONSUMER OPENED DRIVER'S SIDE WINDOW, AND DRIVER'S SEAT CAUGHT ON FIRE, BURNING CONSUMER. *AX

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Involes. **ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY**
The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-502 This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a Manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.



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29-SEP-2003

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

APPLE VALLEY

State MN

Zip Code 55124

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

NHTSA

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? YES NO

In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 9/29/03

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side

3VWSE69M72M149883

Make

VOLKSWAGEN

Model

JETTA

Model Year

2002

Date Purchased

26-AUG-02

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

BURNSVILLE VW

Engine:

No. Cylinders 4

Fuel Type:

Gas

Original Owner

Dealer's City

BURNSVILLE

State

MN

Zip Code

Transmission Type

AUTOMATIC

 Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

FRONT WHEEL DRIVE

 Cruise Control

Vehicle Component Code

221700 SEATS:FRONT ASSEMBLY:SEAT HEATER/COOLER

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

27-SEP-2003

Failure Mileage

12000

Failure Speed

60

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM4LBASC036)

 Original Equipment
 Prior Repair

Failure Location:

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make:

Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type:

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part:

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash

 Yes No

Fire

 Yes No

Number of Persons Injured

1

Number of Deaths

0

Reported to Police

N

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

MY HEATED SEATS CAUGHT FIRE AND BURNT MY ASS.*AK

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoices.

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10-MAR-2003

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

State ME

Zip Code 04679

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

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Signature of Owner

Date / /

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3VWFK69M52M146606

Make

VOLKSWAGEN

Model

JETTA

Model Year

2002

Date Purchased

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:

No. Cylinders

Fuel Type:

Original Owner

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

 Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

 Cruise Control

Vehicle Component Code

221700 SEATS:FRONT ASSEMBLY:SEAT HEATER/COOLER

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

07-MAR-2003

Failure Mileage

27000

Failure Speed

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example: P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: D07MA1SABC036)

 Original Equipment
Prior Repair

Failure Location:

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type

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Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type:

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part:

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Fire

 Yes No

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

N

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THE HEATER SEAT CAUGHT ON FIRE.*JB

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire
 To Report Vehicle Safety Defects
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 (1-888-327-4236)
 INTERNET www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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Date Received: 23-OCT-2003
 Repository:
 Reference No.: 1004632

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)
 Name: [REDACTED]
 Address: [REDACTED]
 City: FREDERICK State: MD Zip Code: 21702

Daytime Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
 Evening Telephone Number:
 E-mail Address:

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? YES NO
 In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
 Signature of Owner: _____ Date: 10/23/03

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: 3WAG69M22M171466
 Make: VOLKSWAGEN Model: JETTA Model Year: 2002
 Date Purchased: _____ Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: _____ Engine: _____ Fuel Type: _____
 Original Owner: Dealer's City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Transmission Type: Automatic Brakes: Powertrain: _____ Vehicle Component Code: 221700 SEATS:FRONT ASSEMBLY:SEAT HEATER/COOLER
 Cruise Control Multiple Failure: _____

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s): _____ Failure Mileage: 29000 Failure Speed: _____

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make: _____ Tire Model (Name or Number): _____ Tire Size (Example P215/65R15): _____
 DOT No. (Example: DOTM15ABC036): _____ Original Equipment Prior Repair Failure Location: _____
 Tire Component Code: _____ Tire Failure Type: _____

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make: _____ Date Manufactured: _____ Model No./Name: _____
 Seat Type: _____ Installation System: _____
 Child Seat Component Code: _____ Failed Part: _____

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(es).)

Crash: Yes No Fire: Yes No Number of Persons Injured: _____ Number of Deaths: _____ Reported to Police: N

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(es).
 Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

WITHIN 30 SECONDS OF STARTING VEHICLE AND TURNING ON THE SEAT WARMER, CONSUMER SMELT SMOKE AND FELT A BURNING SENSATION ON THEIR LEG. THE DRIVER SIDE SEAT HEAT COIL HAD SOMEHOW BRUNT THROUGH THE SEATS UPHOLSTERY. CONSUMER TURNED SEAT WARMER OFF BEFORE BURN INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

TROY

State MI

Zip Code 48065

Daytime Telephone Number

Evening Telephone Number

E-mail Address

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Signature of Owner

Date 1/1

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
3CW5E89N12M165992Make
VOLKSWAGENModel
JETTAModel Year
2002

Date Purchased

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:
No. Cylinders

Fuel Type:

Original Owner

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

 Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

 Cruise Control

Vehicle Component Code

221700 SEATS:FRONT ASSEMBLY:SEAT HEATER/COOLER

Multiple Failure:

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

Failure Mileage

Failure Speed

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example DOTM15A8C036)

 Original Equipment
 Prior Repair

Failure Location:

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make:

Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type:

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part:

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), condition(s) and injury(ies).)

Crash

 Yes No

Fire

 Yes No

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

N

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).


Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

THE DRIVER'S SIDE SEAT HEATER OVERHEATED AND BURNT A HOLE THROUGH DRIVER'S PANS, BUT DIDN'T BURN THE DRIVER. THE CAUSE OF THE FAILURE IS UNDETERMINED.

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		Data Received	Repository <input type="checkbox"/>	30-OCT-2003	Reference No. 10046053
OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)				Daytime Telephone Number	E-mail Address
Name				Evening Telephone Number	
Address					
City	State	Zip Code			
CLEVELAND	OH	44144			
Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.					
Signature of Owner				Date	/ /
VEHICLE INFORMATION					
17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side		Make	Model	Model Year	
		VOLKSWAGEN	JETTA	2002	
Date Purchased	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number		Engine: No. Cylinders	Fuel Type:	
Original Owner <input type="checkbox"/>	Dealer's City		State	Zip Code	
Transmission Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Antilock Brakes	Powertrain	Vehicle Component Code		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control		221700 SEATS:FRONT ASSEMBLY:SEAT HEATER/COOLER		
			Multiple Failure: 1		
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION					
Incident Date(s)	Failure Mileage	Failure Speed			
25-OCT-2003	20,000				
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE					
Tire Make:		Tire Model (Name or Number)		Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)	
DOT No. (Example: DOTM15ABC035)		<input type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Prior Repair	Failure Location:		
Tire Component Code			Tire Failure Type		
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE					
Make:		Date Manufactured:	Model No./Name:		
Seat Type:		Installation System:			
Child Seat Component Code:		Failed Part:			
APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION (Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)					
Crash	Fire	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Deaths	Reported to Police	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			N	
Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies). Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).					
WHILE DRIVING CONSUMER SMELLED A BURNING ODOR COMING FROM INSIDE THE VEHICLE. CONSUMER PULLED OVER TO INVESTIGATE THE SMELL, AND NOTICED THAT DRIVER'S SEAT WAS BURNING. CONSUMER TOOK VEHICLE TO THE DEALERSHIP. *AK					
1 minute or two. Started fire					
started burned hole thro. raincoat. Quarter size.					
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