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Petition for Defect Investigation into 2000-2003 Volkswagen Jetta, Golf and Passat Engine Stalling Related to Ignition Coil and Ignition Coil Wiring Harness Failures

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to you today requesting a defect investigation on ignition failures relating to ignition coils and ignition coil wiring harnesses for the 2000-2003 Volkswagen Jetta, 2000-2003 Volkswagen Passat and 2000 through 2003 Volkswagen Golf.

My 2002 Volkswagen Jetta has had several ignition coil and ignition wiring harness failures over the last several years. As a result, the vehicle will often stall or suddenly lose power, causing hard braking and loss of power steering. Often, it takes several minutes to restart, only to have the vehicle operating in a reduced power mode. I have been involved in several near collisions to date as the problem usually occurs in heavy traffic or freeway driving.

According to a Volkswagen dealership, the ignition coils were redesigned numerous times in an attempt to correct the problem. I, myself, have purchased several different revisions during my ownership. I have also been informed that a redesigned wiring harness has been released to correct the problems with the original harness cracking and grounding out on the engine block.

I have reviewed your website and have noticed an alarming trend in your complaints section regarding stalling and repeat ignition system failures. I have included at the end of this letter 288 unique ODI ID numbers illustrating this trend. Most complaints reference ignition coil failure, cracks in the ignition coil wiring harness or unknown causes.

Thank you for looking into this matter. I eagerly await your response.

Sincerely yours,

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