



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

## ODI RESUME

Investigation: DP 05-004  
Prompted By: Ron Strickland, Petitioner  
Date Opened: 08/11/2005  
Principal Investigator: Ali Motamedamin  
Subject: Ignition Coil Failures

Manufacturer: Volkswagen of America, Inc.  
Products: 2000-2003 VW Jetta, Golf, Passat  
Population: 1,103,679

Problem Description: Ignition coil failures that lead to alleged stalling.

### FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	96	0	96
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

\*Description Of Other:

Action: A Defect Petition (DP) has been opened.

Engineer: Ali Motamedamin A.M.

Date: 08/11/2005

Div. Chief: Thomas Z. Cooper

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Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

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Summary: The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has received a petition from Mr. Ron Strickland stating that he has experienced multiple ignition coil failures on his 2002 Volkswagen Jetta, which have resulted in alleged engine stall. The petitioner states that as a result of the alleged engine stall, the vehicle experienced loss of power steering and hard braking. Under these conditions, he had to pull over to the side of the road and wait several minutes to restart the vehicle. After restarting, the engine operated in a reduced power mode due to the alleged failure of one or more ignition coil packs.

The petitioner has been in contact with his local Volkswagen dealership and they have informed him that the ignition coil packs have been redesigned numerous times to try to correct the problem. ODI will examine this issue to determine if there is a safety defect trend involving these vehicles.

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