



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: RQ 06-004

Date Opened: 02/28/2006

Date Closed: 08/07/2006

Principal Investigator: Mark Swanson

Subject: Brake light switch failure

Manufacturer: Volkswagen of America, Inc

Products: MY 1998-2002 New Beetle; MY 1999-2002 Jetta

Population: 646,246

Problem Description: Brake light switch failure causing brake lights to become inoperative or to continuously illuminate.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

| | ODI | Manufacturer | Total |
|---------------------|-----|--------------|-------|
| Complaints: | 17 | 344 | 361 |
| 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 | 1,705 | 1,705 |

*Description of Other: Warranty

Action: This investigation is closed. Volkswagen is conducting a safety recall (NHTSA recall number 06V-183).

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Summary: By letters dated May 24, 2006 and August 4, 2006, Volkswagen (VW) notified the agency that it is conducting a safety recall (NHTSA recall no 06V-183) involving model year (MY) 1998-2002 Volkswagen New Beetle and 1999-2002 Volkswagen Jetta vehicles equipped with cruise control. Volkswagen's recall covers 646,246 vehicles. Previously, VW recalled these vehicles to replace a defective brake light switch (recalls 03V-265 and 04V-096) that was unique to vehicles with cruise control. Volkswagen reports that the brake light switch may malfunction if it was installed incorrectly during recalls 03V-265 and 04V-096. Volkswagen will install a new design brake light switch. Based on Volkswagen's safety recall action, this investigation is closed.

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