



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 06-022
Date Opened: 06/19/2006
Principal Investigator: Peter C. Ong
Subject: SRS Warning Light Illumination

Manufacturer: Volkswagen of America, Inc
Products: 2004-2005 VW Touareg
Population: 53,186 (estimated)

Problem Description: Inappropriate airbag warning light illumination related to side air bag wiring harness and module electrical integrity

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	4		
Crashes/Fires:	0		
Injury Incidents:	0		
# Injuries:	0		
Fatality Incidents:	0		
# Fatalities:	0		
Other*:	0		

*Description Of Other:

Action: Open this preliminary evaluation (PE)

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Summary: ODI received four consumer complaints alleging that the supplemental restraint system warning light illuminated. The warning light may indicate that the upper limit for proper circuit resistance was exceeded. On February 2, 2005, Volkswagen of America (VW) issued a technical service bulletin (#69-05-02) outlining the repair procedure to add four inches of wiring harness to the side airbag circuit located below the seat. An open or high resistance condition in the airbag circuit can result in non-deployment of the side airbag. In addition, ODI has identified manufacturer field reports on the subject condition that were provided by VW as part of its early warning reporting submission.

ODI has opened a preliminary evaluation to investigate this issue.

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