



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: RQ 06-004
Date Opened: 02/28/2006
Principal Investigator: Mark Swanson
Subject: Brake light switch failure

Manufacturer: Volkswagen of America, Inc
Products: MY 1998-2001 Beetle; MY 1999-2002 Jetta
Population: 646,281

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

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	9		
Crashes/Fires:	0		
Injury Incidents:	0		
# Injuries:	0		
Fatality Incidents:	0		
# Fatalities:	0		
Other*:	0		

*Description Of Other:

Action: The recall query is opened.

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Summary: ODI conducted investigation EA03-002 on MY 1998-2001 Beetles and investigation RQ03-010 on MY 1999-2002 Jettas to analyze complaints of brake light failures. Those investigations were closed based on the following actions by VW: Safety Recall 03V-265 (in July 2003) to replace the defective brake light switches on certain MY 1998-2001 Beetles, and Safety Recall 04V-096 (in February 2004) to replace the defective brake light switches on certain MY 1999-2002 Jettas.

ODI has received 9 complaints alleging brake light failure on vehicles after the recall work was performed.

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