



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 07-024
Date Opened: 05/10/2007
Principal Investigator: Lee Strickland
Subject: Passenger/Engine Compartment Fires

Manufacturer: Volkswagen Of America, Inc
Products: 2000-2003 Volkswagen Passat
Population: 346,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Ignition coil failures may lead to passenger/engine compartment fires

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	19		
Crashes/Fires:	19		
Injury Incidents:	0		
# Injuries:	0		
Fatality Incidents:	0		
# Fatalities:	0		
Other*:	0		

*Description Of Other:

Action: Open a Preliminary Evaluation

Engineer: Leamon H. Strickland

Date: 05/10/2007

Div. Chief: Thomas Z. Cooper

Date: 05/10/2007

Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

Date: 05/10/2007

Summary: ODI has received reports of 19 incidents in which fires have occurred in the subject vehicles. The fires have reportedly occurred in the engine compartment, the interior instrument panel/console area, and the vehicle undercarriage in the vicinity of the catalytic converter. The incidents are alleged to result from failure or malfunction of the ignition coils in vehicles equipped with four- and six-cylinder gasoline powered engines.

A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened to assess the matter.