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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 18-001
Date Opened: 01/10/2018
Investigator: Sharon Yukevich
Approver: Stephen Ridella
Subject: Seat Belt Webbing Failure
Reviewer: Greg Magno

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.
Products: 2018 Volkswagen Tiguan
Population: 129 (Estimated)
Problem Description: Seat belt webbing separated during crash tests.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	0	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Injuries:	0	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD
Other*:	2	TBD	TBD

*Description of Other: Seat belt webbing failure during two NCAP frontal crash tests.

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open Preliminary Evaluation (PE)

Summary:

NHTSA recently conducted two New Car Assessment Program (NCAP) tests on the 2018 MY Volkswagen (VW) Tiguan. Both tests were 35 mph, full frontal, rigid barrier crashes with a 50th percentile male dummy belted in the driver position and a 5th percentile female belted in the passenger position. The tests were conducted on December 8, 2017 at MGA Research Corp. in Wisconsin (MGA) and December 13, 2017 at the Transportation Research Center of Ohio (TRC).

During both crash tests, the driver seat belt webbing completely separated where the webbing looped through the seat belt latch tongue.

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) is opening this investigation to assess the seat belt separations and the potential for this condition to occur in real world use.