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Subject: EA18-005 2018 MY Volkswagen Tiguan – Seat Belt Webbing Separation

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Dear Mr. Ridella:

Please find enclosed Volkswagen's 2nd partial response to EA18-005, dated May 28, 2020, requesting information concerning allegations of seat belt webbing separation in certain model year (MY) 2018 Tiguan vehicles.

Additionally, the inquiry expanded the scope to include the following peer vehicles: 2015 MY to present Volkswagen and Audi vehicles equipped with a CLT or flexible seat belt buckle stalk or both.

As was agreed, Volkswagen will provide to the agency submissions weekly beginning July 10, 2020, until completion, on or before July 21, 2020.

For your convenience, each request is restated verbatim and then followed by our response.

It is further noted that a document from Exponent, determined to be confidential and responsive to Requests # 5, 6, and 7, has been submitted to NHTSA's Office of General Counsel, under request for confidentiality.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this response.
Sincerely,


Christopher T. Sandvig
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Enclosures