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of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF NONCOMPLIANCE
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. **04V-592** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **December 10, 2004**

Date Faxed/E-Mailed: **December 22, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Volkswagen of America, Inc.**

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SUBJECT: 50,483 VW 2004-2005 Touareg vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 208, "Occupant Crash Protection." All three rear seat positions and the front passenger position are equipped with seat belt retractors that have a locking feature which converts the retractor from an emergency locking retractor (ELR) mode to an automatic locking retractor (ALR) mode for the purposes of child restraint installation. The belt may deactivate the automatic locking retractor mode with certain child restraints.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

This recall was the subject of an investigation conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

Please provide us with the following information:

- draft owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers;
- an exact estimated date of when the owner notification schedule will take place;
- the beginning manufacturing dates for the vehicles involved; and
- the remedy involved.

If you have any questions, please call:

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