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Subject: Recall Campaign WX (04V-096)

1999 - 2002 Model Year Volkswagen Jetta Vehicles Equipped with Cruise Control

Check/Replace Brake Light Switch

Dear Ms. Wallace:

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in Part 573.6 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, we are submitting three (3) copies of the following communications:

- Dealer Notification with Draft Customer Letter
- Customer Notification
- Work Procedure
- Accounting Procedure

Sincerely,

Maria Cotter Product Compliance

**Enclosures** 

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April 2004

Subject: Safety Recall WX

1999-2002 Model Year Volkswagen Jetta Vehicles Equipped with Cruise Control

Dear Volkswagen Dealer:

This letter is to inform you of the initiation of a voluntary safety recall campaign involving some 1999-2002 model year Volkswegen Jetta vehicles equipped with cruise control that contain a potential safety-related defect which must be repaired <u>orior</u> to their delivery to retail customers. Additionally, we will be notifying customers of this safety recall via first-class mail on or about April 30, 2004.

Section 154 (d) of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 mandates that dealers correct, prior to delivery for the sale or lease, any vehicle which falls to comply with an applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard or which contains a defect relating to motor vehicle safety. It is therefore imperative that any vehicle in your inventory that is affected by this recall is corrected prior to delivery for sale or lease.

Volkswegen has determined that the affected vehicles have a brake light switch that may malfunction, causing the brake lights to become inoperative; or the brake lights may come on and stay on even though the vehicle is parked. Fallure to provide the proper signal when braking could lead to a crash without warning.

The service will consist of replacing an affected brake light switch with a new switch, part number 1J0945511D.

Please refer to Safety Recall Circular WX posted on web VESIS and on the VW Hub for additional information, including a copy of the customer letter. Please share this information with all personnel with campaign-related responsibilities.

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# Safety Recall Circular

Code: WX

**April 2004** 

Subject: 1999-2002 Model Year Volkswagen Jetta Vehicles

**Equipped with Cruise Control** 

Check/Replace Brake Light Switch

This is to inform you of the initiation of a safety recall involving some 1999–2002 model year Volkswagen Jetta vehicles equipped with cruise control.

Problem Description Volkswagen has found that some 1999–2002 model year Jetta vehicles equipped with cruise control have a brake light switch that may malfunction. Should this switch malfunction, the brake lights can become inoperative or the brake lights may come on and stay on even though the vehicle is parked. Failure to provide the proper signal when braking could lead to a crash without warning.

Remedial Action

Replace the brake light switch on affected vehicles with part number 1J0945511D.

Vehicle Identification Number Ranges The vehicles affected by this recall action are within the following vehicle identification number ranges:

<u>1999 - 2002 Jetta Equipped with Cruise Control</u>

3VWRF\_9M\_XM001567 - 3VWRF\_9M\_YM201386

3VWRP\_9M\_1M000171 - 3VWRP\_9M\_2M095647

3VWP\_\_9M\_1M086907 - 3VWP\_\_9M\_1M230630

3VWT\_\_9M\_XM028011 - 3VWT\_\_9M\_2M095756

3VWS\_\_9M\_XM000877 - 3VWS\_\_9M\_2M098212

Please note that the above VINs represent the lowest and highest serial numbers of affected vehicles. Use of the OTIS campeign inquiry system will allow you to determine whether or not a particular vehicle, within the above VIN ranges, requires the corrective work.

Note: Volkswagen will not relimburse under this recall <u>any duplicate</u> recall repair work or a repair <u>outside the VIN ranges</u>.

Limitation of Sale or Lesse of Certain Vehicles Section 154 (d) of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 mandates that desiere correct, prior to delivery for the sale or lease, any vehicle which falls to comply with an applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard or which contains a defect relating to motor vehicle safety. It is therefore imperative that any vehicle in your new or used car inventory and affected by this recall is corrected prior to delivery for sale or lease.

Owner Notification Mailing Volkswagen will notify all known owners of affected vehicles directly by first-class mail on or about April 30, 2004. A sample copy of the owner letter is enclosed for your information.

#### Vehicle Allocation

Enclosed is a computer flat containing the VINs, including the owner names and addresses of vehicles that, according to our records, are located within your area of responsibility (AOR) and require the **WX** safety recall work to be performed.

Note: The above flating includes names and addresses obtained from state motor vehicle registrations. Under the law of most states, including regulations set forth by the California Department of Motor Vehicles, vehicle registration information may only be used for recall purposes. Use for any other reason may constitute a violation of state law.

#### Parts Information

You will automatically receive an Initial 10% supply of brake light switch, part numbers 1J0 945 511D, based on your vehicle allocation count (determined by the number of potential customers within your area of responsibility). Thereafter, additional required parts are to be ordered by you from your facing parts depot. Additional orders are not to exceed 50% of the remaining vehicles that require the receil work.

Quantity	<u>Part Number</u>	Part Name
1	1J0 945 511D	Brake Light Switch
	G 052 142 A2	Lubricant

#### Time Requirements/ Reimburgement

To ensure prompt and proper payment, be sure to enter, immediately upon completion of the repair work, the applicable reimbursement code listed below. Claims will only be paid for vehicles that show the WX code in the OTIS View Campaign Inquiry screen on the day of repair.

#### **WX Data Entry Procedure**

Repair Code (Demage Code Field)	Time Units	Work Scope
WX 11	40 T.U.	<ul> <li>Check brake light switch; 2-pin connector present NO FURTHER WORK REQUIRED</li> </ul>
WX 12	40 T.U.	<ul> <li>Check brake light switch; 4-pin connector present</li> <li>Install brake light switch</li> <li>1 1JD 845 511D Brake light switch</li> </ul>
WX 13	80 T.U.	<ul> <li>Check brake light switch; 4-pin connector present</li> <li>Install brake light switch</li> <li>Clear DTC codes; set readiness code</li> </ul>
There is i	NO reimbu	1 1J0 945 511D Brake light ewitch tracment for vehicle wash or loamer vehicle.

The system automatically enters part number and labor applicable to the above listed codes.

For vehicles that, according to your information, cannot be corrected or reached, and one of the codes below best describe the reason, please enter one of the applicable codes into the system:

- WX 20 Customer Refused Repairs
- WX 30 Total Loss
- WX 40 Vehicle Stolen
- WX 50 Vehicle Exported

Additional Campaigns Some of the affected vehicles may be involved in an additional corrective action. Please check your OTIS View Campaign inquiry screen so that <u>any additional</u>

required work can be done simultaneously.

Campaign Verification For verification, <u>always</u> check the OTIS View Campaign inquiry screen. The OTIS system is the <u>only</u> binding campaign inquiry and verification system; other systems

are not valid and may result in non-payment of a claim.

Service Help If you have a question regarding this or any other campaign, please call

(800) 741-2919.

De**aler** Personnel Information Please inform and/or provide a copy of this communication to everyone in your dealership who has campaign-related responsibilities, including parts and accounting

personnel.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Maria Cotter

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#### Cristomer Letter Example

# Volkswagen of America, Inc.



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Check/Replace Brake Light Switch

Dear Volkswagen Owner.

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Volkewagen has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in some 1999 – 2002 model year Volkswagen Jetta vehicles equipped with cruise control. Our records show that you are the owner of one of these vehicles.

#### What is The Problem?

The affected vehicles may have a brake light switch that may maifunction, causing the brake lights to become inoperative or to come on and stay on, even though the vehicle is parked. Failure to provide the proper signal when braking could lead to a crash without warning.

#### What Will Volkswagen Do?

In order to identify and correct this condition, we will inspect the brake light switch on your vehicle and replace it if necessary.

#### What We Would Like You To Do

Please contact your authorized Volkswagen deeler and arrange for an appointment so that the brake light switch on your vahicle can be checked, and if necessary, replaced without delay. This service will take less than one hour, and will be free of charge.

#### Lease Vehicles

#### Reimbursement of Expenses

if you have already incurred "out of pocket" expenses relating to a brake light switch malfunction, the enclosed form explains how to request relimbursement. We would be pleased to review your request.

#### Service Help from Us

If your authorized Volkswagen design falls or is unable to remedy the defect free of charge within a reasonable time, please call or write to:

Volkswagen of America, Inc.

Customer CARE Center (WX) 3499 West Hamiin Road Rochester Hills, MI 48309 1-800-893-5298

If you still cannot obtain satisfaction, you may file a complaint with: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (888) 327-4236.

We regret any inconvenience this matter may cause. Thank you for driving a Volkswageni

Sincerely.

Maria Cotter Product Compliance Enclosure

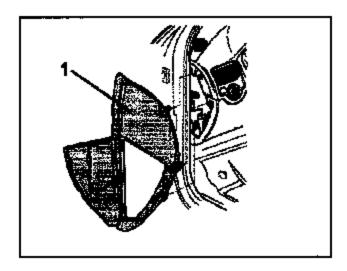
#### Parts:

Quantity Part Number 1J0 945 511D

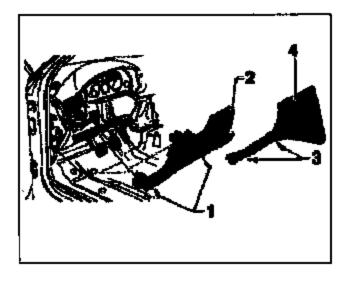
Part Name Brake Light Switch

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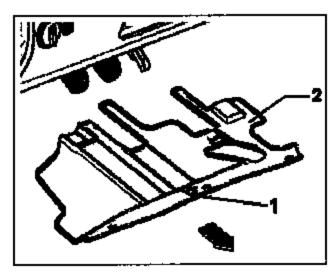
Lubricant

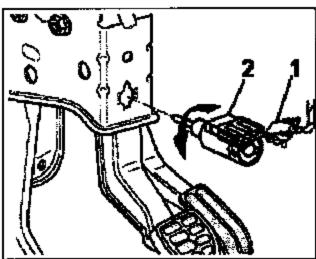


- Switch ignition to the "OFF" position and remove key
- ← Open drivers door and remove dashboard end cover -1-



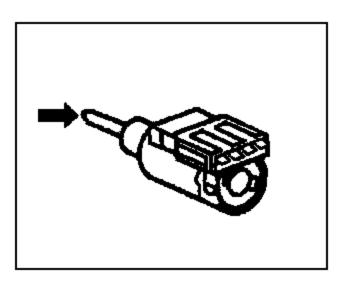
- ⇐ Remove (2) Torx screws -1- and remove trim panel -2-
- □ Remove (2) Torx screws -3- and remove trim panel -4-





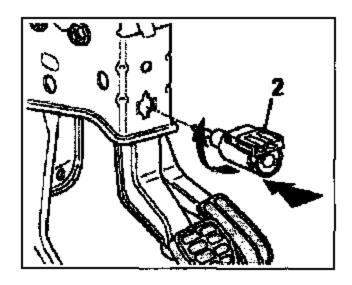
- Release clip -1- on cover -2- under dashboard and pull cover out of rear holding clips
- Check brake light switch
- If switch has a 2-pin electrical connector, no further work is required, replace cover, trim panels and end cover; otherwise, proceed to next step
- Disconnect connector -1- from brake light switch -2-
- Remove brake light switch by turning left (counterclockwise) and pulling it out of retainer mounting hole





CAUTION: THIS VERSION SWITCH
CONTAINS AN INTERNAL
SWITCH THAT CAN BE
DAMAGED IF NOT INSTALLED
AND ADJUSTED PROPERLY. <u>DO</u>
NOT DEPRESS PLUNGER PRIOR
TO INSTALLATION. SWITCH CAN
ONLY BE TESTED IN THE
INSTALLED POSITION.

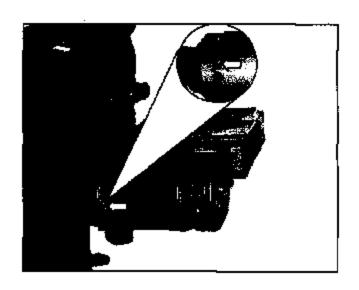
- Before installing, pull out plunger (black arrow) to full length (approx. 27 mm)
- Apply a light coat of lubricant (G 052 142 A2) to the end of the plunger -arrow-



Keep the brake pedal in up position.

# IMPORTANT! Hold pedal in up position while installing switch

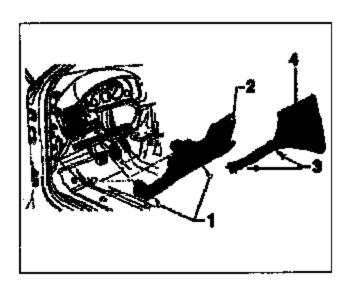
- Insert switch -2- fully into mounting hole (only fits into hole one way) pressing plunger against pedal to adjust plunger position
- Secure switch and plunger position by turning switch fully to the right (clockwise) approx. 45° to it's stop





- The internal stop pin (white arrow) of the brake light switch is fully seated at end of slot in outer shell (black arrow) when the brake light switch is correctly installed
- Reconnect brake light switch connector
- if the EPC light was blinking and there was a diagnostic trouble code (DTC) stored in the engine control module and the DTC is related to the brake light switch, connect the VAS 5051 or VAS 5052 to clear DTC and create engine readiness code

important! Only DTCs related to the brake light switch malfunction are covered by this recall. Any other checking, diagnosis or repairs are not part of or covered under this recall



- Operate brake pedal to verify proper function and brake light activation
- Reinstall cover under dashboard and clip into position
- ⇐ Reinstall trim panel -4- and secure with (2) Torx screws -3-
- Reinstall trim panel -2- and secure with (2)
   Torx screws -1-
- Reinstall dashboard end cover
- Destroy and properly dispose of removed parts