

# Volkswagen of America, Inc.



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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20590

**Subject: Notification of Recall Pursuant to 49 CFR 573 (2005)  
1999-2000 Model Year Volkswagen Golf and GTI Vehicles  
Equipped with a Gasoline Engine**

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Dear Mr. Weinstein:

This information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR 573 (2005)).

573.6 (c) (1) **Manufacturer's Name**  
Volkswagen AG

**Importer**  
Volkswagen of America, Inc. (VWoA)

573.6 (c) (2) **Identification of Vehicles**

Make : Volkswagen

Line : Golf & GTI equipped with a gasoline engine

Model Years : 1999-2000

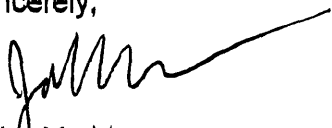
Month/Year  
of Manufacture : December 1998 to May 2000

VIN Numbers  
of Affected  
Vehicles : WVW \_\_\_ 1J \_XW192101 to WVW \_\_\_ 1J \_YW765687

Other  
Identification : Vehicles built at the Wolfsburg Assembly Plant in Germany

- 573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**  
Approximately 35,000
- 573.6 (c) (4) **Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing Defect**  
VWoA is unable to estimate the percentage of vehicles in the U.S. that are subject to this defect.
- 573.6 (c) (5) **Description of Noncompliance/Defect**  
Volkswagen has determined that on some affected vehicles equipped with a gasoline engine built for the North American market with double-layer fuel tanks, tension may exist on the fuel supply line due to a stack-up of tolerances. In rare cases, this may cause the fuel pump supply nipple to develop a crack, which could result in a leak. Leaking fuel, in the presence of an ignition source, may cause a fire.
- 573.6 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**  
In response to NHTSA PE 04-079, Volkswagen identified a trend of cracked fuel pump supply modules due to tension in the fuel supply lines on double-layer fuel tanks in 1999-2000 MY Golf & GTI vehicles equipped with a gasoline engine built by the Wolfsburg plant for the North American market.
- 573.6 (c) (7) **Noncompliance Test Result**  
Not applicable.
- 573.6 (c) (8) **Proposed Remedial Program**  
Volkswagen will inspect the fuel supply line for tension, and inspect the fuel pump supply nipple for cracking. If tension is present in the fuel supply line, the fuel line will be replaced. If the fuel pump supply nipple is cracked, both the fuel line and the fuel pump will be replaced.
- 573.6 (c) (9) **Submission of Communications**  
A representative copy of all bulletins and other communications sent to dealers and owners will be submitted within five (5) days of dealer/owner notification.  
Notification to dealers: in or about July 2005  
Notification to customers: in or about July 2005
- 573.6 (c) (10) **Proposed Owner Letter**  
A proposed owner notification letter will be submitted to you for your review, at least 5 days prior to launch of the campaign.
- 573.6 (c) (11) **Manufacturer's Recall Code**  
Volkswagen has assigned the code "UU" to this recall.

Sincerely,



John Maddox  
Product Compliance Officer