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November 28, 2005

Mr. Daniel Smith
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590

**Subject: Notification of Recall Pursuant to 49 CFR 573 (2005)
2006 Model Year Volkswagen Passat (B6) Vehicles
Replace Left and Right Tie Rod Securing Nuts**

Dear Mr. Smith:

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 (Germany)

Importer
Volkswagen of America, Inc. (VWoA)

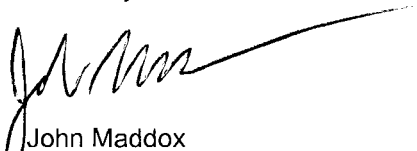
573.6 (c) (2) **Identification of Vehicles**
Make : Volkswagen
Line : Passat (6th Generation)
Model Years : 2006
Month/Year
of Manufacture : March 3, 2005 – May 5, 2005

VIN Numbers : WVVCK73C86E003066, WVVAK73C06E029300
of Affected : WVWEK73C66E029562, WVWEK93C66E032120
Vehicles : WVWEK73C06E031212, WVWEK93C76E031431
WVWEK93C36E031510, WVWEK93C56E031802
WVWEK93C06E031965, WVWEK93C66E031985
WVWEK93CX6E032587, WVWEK93C96E032712
WVWEK93C56E032738, WVWEK93C36E032902
WVWEK93C36E033015

Other
Identification : Vehicles produced at Volkswagen AG's plant in Emden (Germany)

- 573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**
A total of 15 vehicles are affected by this recall in the United States.
- 573.6 (c) (4) **Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing Defect**
VWoA is unable to estimate the percentage of vehicles in the United States that are subject to this defect.
- 573.6 (c) (5) **Description of Defect**
Volkswagen has decided that on some affected vehicles built during a limited production period, the left and/or right tie rod securing nut may be insufficiently torqued. In rare cases, an insufficiently torqued tie rod nut may loosen, resulting in separation of a tie rod. This can cause a loss of steering control and could cause a crash.
- 573.6 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**
This condition was discovered during the routine monitoring of the production process.
Date of Determination: November 22, 2005.
- 573.6 (c) (7) **Noncompliance Test Result**
Not applicable
- 573.6 (c) (8) **Proposed Remedial Program**
At no cost to customers, the left and right tie rod securing nuts will be replaced and torqued to specification. Pending parts availability, mailing dates are anticipated as follows:
Dealers: On or about December 2, 2005
Owners: On or about December 5, 2005
- 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.
- 573.6 (c) (10) **Proposed Owner Letter**
A proposed owner notification letter is enclosed with this communication for your review.
- 573.6 (c) (11) **Manufacturer's Recall Code**
Volkswagen has assigned the code "M5" to this recall.

Sincerely,


John Maddox
Product Compliance Officer



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Auburn Hills, MI 48326
Phone: 1 800 893 5298

December 2005

**Subject: Safety Recall M5
2006 Model Year Volkswagen Passat (B6)
Replace Left and Right Tie Rod Securing Nuts**

Dear Volkswagen Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Volkswagen has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in some 2006 model year Volkswagen Passat (B6) vehicles. Our records show that you are the owner of one of these vehicles.

What Is The Problem?

Volkswagen has decided that on some affected vehicles built during a limited production period, the left and/or right tie rod securing nut may be insufficiently torqued. In rare cases, an insufficiently torqued tie rod nut may loosen, resulting in separation of a tie rod. This can cause a loss of steering control, and could cause a crash without prior warning.

What Will Volkswagen Do?

In order to correct this defect, we will install new left and right tie rod securing nuts at the proper torque specification on your vehicle.

What We Would Like You To Do

Please contact your authorized Volkswagen dealer and arrange for an appointment without delay. This service will take about one-half hour and will be free of charge.

Lease Vehicles

If you are the lessor and registered owner of the vehicle identified in this action, the law requires you to forward this information immediately via first-class mail to the lessee within ten (10) days of receipt of this notification.

Have You Changed Your Address Or Sold The Vehicle?

If you have, please fill out the enclosed prepaid Owner Reply card and mail it to us so we can update our records.

Reimbursement of Expenses

If you have previously paid for replacement of a tie rod due to an insufficiently torqued nut, the enclosed form explains how to request reimbursement. We would be pleased to review your reimbursement request.

Service Help from Us

If your authorized Volkswagen dealer fails or is unable to complete this work free of charge within a reasonable time, please call or write to:

*Volkswagen of America, Inc.
Attn: Customer CARE Center – Hills East (M5)
3499 West Hamlin 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 Volkswagen!

Sincerely,

Maria Cotter
Product Compliance