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NVS-215
06E-018

Subject: FMVSS 106/REPLACEMENT HYDRAULIC BRAKE HOSE RUPTURE

Dear MR. FEIG:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

JP GROUP A/S/171.611.701B/9999
VOLKSWAGEN/GOLF/1985-1992
VOLKSWAGEN/JETTA/1980-1992
VOLKSWAGEN/RABBIT/1975-1984

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06E-018

Mfg's Report Date: January 30, 2006

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 266

Summary:

CERTAIN HYDRAULIC BRAKE HOSES, P/N 171.611.107B, SOLD AS REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT FOR 1975-1985 VOLKSWAGEN (VW) RABBIT; 1985-1992 VW GOLF; AND 1980-1992 VW JETTA PASSENGER VEHICLES. POSSIBLE BRAKE HOSE RUPTURE COULD OCCUR WHICH FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 106, "BRAKE HOSES."

Consequence:

BRAKE HOSE RUPTURE COULD RESULT IN LOSS OF BRAKING ABILITY, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

FOREIGN PARTS DISTRIBUTORS (FPD) WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPLACE THE BRAKE HOSES WITH COMPLIANT BRAKE HOSES. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT FOREIGN PARTS DISTRIBUTORS AT 305-885-8646 EXT. 11.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

This recall is the result of an investigation, PE-106-051122, conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

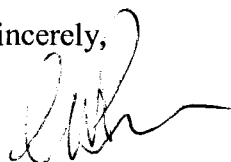
The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

It is our understanding that FPD does not have records of the names and addresses of the final purchasers of the subject brake hoses, (accordingly, FPD will not submit a draft owner notification letter at this time.) However, should FPD become aware of any owners, you are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it. Also, FPD is required to notify purchasers, dealers, and distributors in accordance with 49 CFR Part 577 and must submit a representative copy of all notices, bulletins and other communications to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. The recall is expected to begin during March 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before April 30, 2006.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement