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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*February 22, 2006*

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VOLKSWAGEN OF AMERICA, INC  
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AUBURN HILLS MI 48326

NVS-215  
06V-043

Subject: TIRE INFORMATION LABEL/FMVSS 110

Dear MR. MADDOX:

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:**

VOLKSWAGEN/NEW BEETLE/2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 06V-043

**Mfg's Report Date:** February 8, 2006

**Components:** EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 906

**Summary:**

CERTAIN PASSENGER VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH 17-INCH WHEELS AND A 2.5L ENGINE FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 110, "TIRE SELECTION AND RIMS." THESE VEHICLES WERE PRODUCED WITH A TIRE INFORMATION LABEL THAT LISTS AN INCORRECT FRONT TIRE SIZE. THE CORRECT FRONT TIRE SIZE SHOULD BE LISTED AS 225/45 R17. THE INFLATION PRESSURE IS CORRECT.

**Consequence:**

A MISPRINTED LABEL COULD LEAD TO FITMENT OF IMPROPERLY SIZED REPLACEMENT TIRES.

**Remedy:**

OWNERS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A NEW TIRE INFORMATION LABEL AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS. AT THE CUSTOMER'S OPTION, A DEALER CAN PERFORM THE INSTALLATION FOR THEM FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 24, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT VOLKSWAGEN AT 1-800-893-5298.

**Notes:**

VOLKSWAGEN RECALL NO. M8. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO 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).

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.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577.

Please change the second sentence of the first paragraph to read: "Volkswagen has decided that some 2006 model year New Beetle vehicles equipped with 17-inch wheels and a 2.5L engine fail to conform to the labeling requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 100, "Tire Selection and Rims."

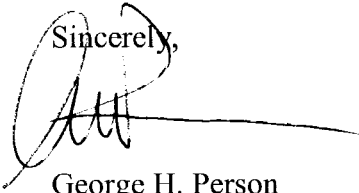
Under "What is the Problem?" paragraph, please add an evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to the noncompliance.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted 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. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin on February 24, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before April 30, 2006.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@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 line extending to the right.

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