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February 8, 2006

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

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(4 pages)

Subject: **Notification of Compliance Recall**  
**2006 Model Year Volkswagen New Beetle Equipped with 17-Inch Wheels**  
**and a 2.5L Engine**  
**Tire Information Label**

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 (2006)).

573.6 (c) (1) **Manufacturer's Name**  
Volkswagen de Mexico, S.A. de C.V.

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

573.6 (c) (2) **Identification of Vehicles**  
Make : Volkswagen  
Line : New Beetle  
Model Years : 2006  
Month/Year  
of Manufacture : October 4, 2005 – January 28, 2006  
VIN Numbers  
of Affected  
Vehicles : 3VW\_\_\_1C\_6M400069 – 3VW\_\_\_1C\_6M412173  
Other  
Identification : Vehicles equipped with 17-inch wheels and a 2.5L engine

573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Noncompliance**  
Approximately 906 vehicles are affected by this recall in the United States.

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- 573.6 (c) (4) **Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing Noncompliance**  
100% of vehicles with 17-inch wheels and a 2.5L engine built during this timeframe are subject to this noncompliance.
- 573.6 (c) (5) **Description of Noncompliance**  
Certain New Beetle vehicles equipped with 17-inch wheels and a 2.5L engine were produced with a tire information label that listed an incorrect front tire size. The correct front tire size should be listed as 225/45 R17.
- 573.6 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**  
VW became aware of this printing error as a result of routine quality checking.  
  
Date of determination February 1, 2006.
- 573.6 (c) (7) **Noncompliance Test Result**  
Not applicable
- 573.6 (c) (8) **Proposed Remedial Program**  
Volkswagen plans to notify all owners of affected vehicles of the noncompliance and will send to owners a new label for owner installation, or dealer installation in the event the owner prefers assistance from the dealer.  
  
Pending parts availability, mailing dates are anticipated as follows:  
  
Dealers: On or about February 24, 2006  
Owners: On or about February 24, 2006
- 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**  
The draft owner's letter is enclosed for your review and approval.
- 573.6 (c) (11) **Manufacturer's Recall Code**  
VWoA has assigned the code "M8" to this recall.

Sincerely,

  
John Maddox  
Product Compliance Officer



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February 2006

**Subject: Compliance Recall M8  
2006 Model Year New Beetle Vehicles Equipped with 17-Inch Wheels  
and a 2.5L Engine  
Install New Tire Information Label**

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 some 2006 model year New Beetle vehicles equipped with 17-inch wheels and a 2.5L engine fail to fully comply with the labeling requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 110, "Tire Selection and Rims." Our records show that you are the owner of one of these vehicles.

**What Is The Problem?**

The affected 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.

**What Will Volkswagen Do?**

In order to correct this noncompliance, we have enclosed a replacement tire information label and instructions for installing it on your vehicle.

### **What We Would Like You To Do**

Please affix the enclosed label to your vehicle in accordance with the instructions included with this letter. You may choose to install the label yourself, or if you prefer, you may have the label affixed by your authorized Volkswagen dealer free of charge.

- If you choose to affix this label yourself, as soon as the label has been affixed we ask that you please complete and return to us the self-addressed, postage-paid owner reply card enclosed with this letter.
- If you choose to have your authorized Volkswagen dealer affix this label, please arrange for an appointment without delay. This service will take just a few minutes. Please keep in mind that your dealer may need additional time for the preparation of the repair, as well as to accommodate their daily workshop schedule. Remember to bring the enclosed label with you to your service appointment.

### **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.

### **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 (M8)  
3499 West Hamlin Road  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309  
1-800-893-5298*

If you still cannot obtain satisfaction, you may file a complaint with: The Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

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

Sincerely,

Maria Cotter  
Product Compliance

**LABEL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS TBD**