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Mr. Daniel Smith
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U.S. Department of Transportation
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06V-183
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Subject: **Notification of Recall**
1998-2002 Volkswagen New Beetle with Automatic Transmission and Cruise Control
1999-2002 Volkswagen Jetta with Automatic Transmission and Cruise Control
Brake Light Switch

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, A.A. de C.V.

Importer
Volkswagen of America, Inc. (VWoA)

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

Make : Volkswagen

Line : New Beetle and Jetta

Model Years : New Beetle: 1998-2002
Jetta: 1999-2002

Month/Year of Manufacture : New Beetle: SOP MY 1998 – November 2001
Jetta: May 1998 – November 2001

VIN Numbers of Affected Vehicles : New Beetle: 3VW ___1C_ WM000320 – 3VW ___1C_ 2M429649
Jetta: 3VW ___9M_ XM001019 – 3VW ___9M_ 2M096212

Other Identification : Vehicles with automatic transmission and cruise control subject to either recall # 03V-265 or #04V-096.

- 573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**
Approximately 362,000 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**
The affected vehicles may have a brake light switch that may malfunction if it was installed incorrectly in recalls NHTSA # 03V-265 or 04V-096. If this happens, the brake lights could become inoperative or remain on. Failure to provide the proper signal when braking could lead to a crash without warning.
- 573.6 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**
Response to NHTSA RQ 06-004, customer complaints and internal investigation.

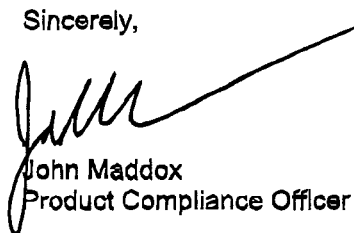
Date of determination: May 19, 2006.
- 573.6 (c) (7) **Noncompliance Test Result**
Not applicable
- 573.6 (c) (8) **Proposed Remedial Program**
When sufficient quantities of the newly designed switch are available, VWoA plans to notify all owners of affected vehicles and will instruct them to arrange for an appointment with an authorized dealer. The dealers will install the newly designed brake light switch at no cost to customers, regardless of if/when any previous level switch was installed in, or subsequent to, the recall.

Pending parts availability, mailing dates are anticipated as follows:

Dealers: on or before December 5, 2006
Owners: on or before December 8, 2006

Until the new switch is available, VWoA will repair any subject vehicles that are presented for repair to authorized VW dealers with malfunctioning brake light switches using the current level design free of charge.
- 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**
Draft owner's letter will be submitted within five (5) days of owner notification.
- 573.6 (c) (11) **Manufacturer's Recall Code**
VWoA has assigned the code "N4" for this recall.

Sincerely,



John Maddox
Product Compliance Officer