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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: **Notification of Recall**  
**2001-2005 Jetta, 2001-2005 Jetta Wagon, 2001-2007 New Beetle, 2003-2007 New Beetle**  
**Convertible, 1999-2006 Golf/GTI and 2004 R32**  
**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 (2007)).

573.6 (c) (1) **Manufacturer's Names**  
Volkswagen AG  
Volkswagen do Brasil  
Volkswagen de Mexico, A.A. de C.V.

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

573.6 (c) (2) **Identification of Vehicles**  
Make : Volkswagen  
Line : Jetta, Jetta Wagon, New Beetle, New Beetle Convertible,  
Golf/GTI, R32

**Model Years, Month/Year of Manufacture and VIN Numbers of Affected Vehicles:**

2002-2005	Jetta (4): with cruise control	3VW__9M_2M096213 – 3VW__9M_5M081487 Produced 12/2001 – 11/2004
2001 - 2003	Jetta (4) without cruise control	3VW__9M_1M058786 – 3VW__9M_3M000063 Produced 10/2000 – 09/2003
2001-2005	Jetta Wagon (4): with & without cruise control	WVW__1J_1W400019 – WVW__1J_5W070823 Produced 05/2001 – 03/2005

2002-2007	New Beetle: with cruise control	3VW__1C_2M423650 – 3VW__1C_7M508439 Produced 10/2001 – 11/2006
2001-2007	New Beetle: without cruise control	3VW__1C_1M419652 – 3VW__1C_7M508439 Produced 10/2000 – 11/2006
2003-2007	New Beetle Convertible: with & without cruise control	3VW__1Y_3M300081 – 3VW__1Y_7M406579 Produced 06/2002 – 11/2006
1999-2006	Golf/GTI (4): with & without cruise control	WVW__1J_XW192101 – WVW__1J_1W210100 Produced 09/1998 – 07/2000 9BW__1J_Y4003204 – 9BW__1J_64045003 Produced 02/2000 – 07/2005
2004	R32 (4): with & without cruise control	WVW__1J_4D004018 – WVW__1J_4D133617 Produced 10/2003 – 05/2004

**Other**

**Identification:**

Vehicles equipped with a 4-pin brake light switch (part number 1J0 945 511 A – E) and not already subject to Recall 06V-183 are included.

Vehicles not equipped with cruise control that were built prior to October 2000 used a different 2-pin brake light switch and did not use part numbers 1J0 945 511 A – E. Therefore, they are excluded from this notification of recall.

Vehicles already included in recall 06V-183 (Volkswagen Code N4) are not affected by this update.

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**Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**

Approximately 790,000 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 have a brake light switch that may malfunction. 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.

Customers with vehicles affected by NHTSA recall number 06V-183 were notified in December of 2006 and those vehicles are not subject to this recall. Affected vehicles are included either in 06V-183 or in this recall – but not both.

573.6 (c) (6)

**Basis for Determination**

Response to NHTSA's identification of recent customer complaints.

Date of determination: February 8, 2007

573.6 (c) (7)

**Noncompliance Test Result**

Not applicable

- 573.6 (c) (8) **Proposed Remedial Program**  
Dealer notification is scheduled to begin on or before February 16, 2007. Pending sufficient parts availability of the new switch, customers subject to this notification of recall will be notified using a staggered approach beginning on or about April 27, 2007, ending on or before June 8, 2007.
- Dealers will install the newly-designed brake light switch at no cost to customers. This remedy (i.e.: repair part and work procedure) is identical to the remedy used in 06V-183 (Volkswagen code N4).
- Until the date of the customer notification, Volkswagen will repair free of charge any subject vehicle that is presented for service to authorized Volkswagen dealers with malfunctioning brake light switches using existing, but limited, quantities of the new switch with part number 1C0 945 511 A NAR.
- 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 draft owner's letter is included with this notification for agency review and approval.
- 573.6 (c) (11) **Manufacturer's Recall Code**  
VWoA will continue to use the assigned code "N4" for this recall as well as for recall 06V-183 to minimize dealer and customer confusion.

Sincerely,



John Maddox  
Product Compliance Officer

**Customer Letter Example (U.S.A.)**

April 2007

**Subject: Safety Recall N4  
Replace Brake Light Switch**

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 2001-2005 Jetta, 2001-2005 Jetta Wagon, 2001-2007 New Beetle, 2003-2007 New Beetle Convertible, 1999-2006 Golf/GTI, and 2004 R32. Our records show that you are the owner of one of these vehicles.

**What Is The Problem?**

The affected vehicles have a brake light switch that may malfunction. If this happens, the brake lights could become inoperative or come on and stay on, even though the vehicle is parked. Failure to provide the proper signal when braking could lead to a crash without warning.

**What Will Volkswagen Do?**

In order to correct this defect, we will replace the brake light switch in your vehicle at no cost to you.

**What We Would Like You To Do**

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

**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 the brake light switch, or if you have incurred towing expenses directly as a result of a brake light switch malfunction, 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 (N4)**  
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 apologize for any inconvenience this matter may cause; however we are taking this action to help ensure your safety and continued satisfaction with your vehicle. Thank you for driving a Volkswagen!

Sincerely,

Volkswagen Product Compliance