



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

February 8, 2008

MR. JOHN MADDOX  
PRODUCT COMPLIANCE OFFICER  
VOLKSWAGEN OF AMERICA, INC.  
3800 HAMLIN ROAD  
AUBURN HILLS, MI 48326

NVS-215paw  
08V-064

SUBJECT: C-PILLAR TRIM COVER

DEAR MR. MADDOX:

This letter serves to acknowledge Volkswagen of America, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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:**

AUDI/TT COUPE/2008

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08V-064

**Mfg's Report Date:** February 6, 2008

**Components:** STRUCTURE: ROOF AND PILLARS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 720

**Summary:**

VOLKSWAGEN IS RECALLING 720 MY 2008 AUDI TT COUPE VEHICLES. THESE VEHICLES WERE PRODUCED WITH C-PILLAR TRIM COVER CLIPS THAT DO NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE RETENTION. IN THE EVENT OF A DEPLOYMENT OF THE REAR PYROTECHNIC SAFETY BELT, THE C-PILLAR TRIM COVER MAY BECOME DETACHED FROM THE SHEET METAL DUE TO LOW RETENTION FORCE OF THE TRIM CLIP.

**Consequence:**

THE DETACHED TRIM COVER COULD POSE A RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY FOR VEHICLE FRONT SEAT OCCUPANTS.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSTALL AN IMPROVED CLIP ON THE AFFECTED VEHICLES. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT VW/AUDI AT 1-800-822-2834.

**Notes:**

VW/AUDI RECALL NO. 70D1/JX. 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 required 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).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 required 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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@dot.gov](mailto:Patricia.wallace@dot.gov), [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@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