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Mr. Daniel Smith Associate Administrator for Enforcement National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215) 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. Washington, DC 20590

CHRIS SANDVIG NAME GENERAL MANAGER COMPLIANCE/TREAD TITLE PRODUCT COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT 248-754-5000 PHONE 248-754-5093 FAX MARCH 18, 2009 DATE

Subject: Notification of Recall 2009 MY Volkswagen CC Inspect and If Necessary, Reroute or Replace Right Front Passenger Seat **Belt Buckle Wiring Harness**

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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 (2009)).

573.6 (c) (1) Manufacturer's Name Volkswagen AG Importer Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (VWGoA)

States.

573.6 (c) (2)	Identification of Vehicles	
	Make	: Volkswagen
	Line	: CC
	Model Year	: 2009
	Month/Year of Manufacture	: May 5, 2008 through November 4, 2008
	VIN Numbers of Affected Vehicles	: s WVW3C_9E500574 - WVW 3C_9E538345
	Other Identification	: none
573.6 (c) (3)	<u>Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect</u> Approximately 5,750 vehicles are affected by this recall in the United States.	

573.6 (c) (4) Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing Defect

VWGoA is unable to estimate the percentage of vehicles that are subject to the defect.

573.6 (c) (5) **Description of Defect**

Some affected vehicles may have an incorrectly routed right front passenger seat belt buckle wiring harness, creating the potential for wires to become damaged when the seat is moved fully up or down or fore and aft. If this wiring damage occurs, the airbag control module will switch to a fallback algorithm and deactivate the passenger's frontal air bag. Vehicle occupants will be made aware of this airbag deactivation when both the airbag warning light in the instrument cluster and the passenger airbag OFF lamp illuminate. In the event of a crash, the passenger's frontal airbag will not deploy and will not be able to properly protect an occupant.

573.6 (c) (6) Basis for Determination

Analysis of vehicles and passenger seats from vehicles with illuminated airbag warning lamp.

Date of determination: March 12, 2009

573.6 (c) (7) Noncompliance Test Result Not applicable

573.6 (c) (8) Proposed Remedial Program

Volkswagen will inspect and, if necessary, adjust the routing of the right front passenger seat belt wiring harness. If a damaged wiring harness is found, the harness will be replaced.

Dealers: to be determined **Owners:** to be determined

- 573.6 (c) (9) <u>Submission of Communications</u> 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 will be submitted to the agency for review and approval.

573.6 (c) (11) <u>Manufacturer's Recall Code</u> VWGoA has assigned the code S3 (SAGA code TBD) for this recall.

Sincerely,

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