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GROUP OF AMERICA

Mr. Daniel Smith
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Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
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JUNE 25, 2009 DATE

Subject: **Notification of Recall**
2007 – 2009 MY Volkswagen Touareg
Roof Edge Spoiler

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)).

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573.6 (c) (1) **Manufacturer's Name**
Volkswagen AG

Importer
Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (VWGoA)

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

Make : Volkswagen

Line : Touareg

Model Year : 2007 - 2009

Month/Year
of Manufacture : September 14, 2006 through January 21, 2009

VIN Numbers :
of Affected Vehicles WVG___7L_7D000234 - WVG___7L_9D032415

Other Identification : Only Touareg "facelift" vehicles produced from September 14, 2006 through January 21, 2009 are affected

- 573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**
Approximately 14,416 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 in the United States that are subject to the defect.

- 573.6 (c) (5) **Description of Defect**
The fastening struts on the roof edge spoiler have the potential to develop cracks over time, causing the spoiler to become loose and, in rare cases, detach from the vehicle without warning, even though initially the spoiler may feel secure. If this happens, the spoiler could cause injury by striking persons outside the vehicle or could become an obstacle to other drivers, possibly resulting in a crash.

- 573.6 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**
Conclusions from tests and simulations conducted after Volkswagen received information on detached roof edge spoilers from the European market. Volkswagen is not aware of any similar cases from the North American market.
Date of determination: June 19, 2009

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

- 573.6 (c) (8) **Proposed Remedial Program**
Volkswagen will install reinforcement wedges to the roof edge spoiler.

Pending parts availability, mailing dates are anticipated as follows:

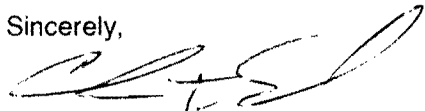
Dealers: to be determined
Owners: to be determined

- 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 will be submitted to the agency for review and approval.

- 573.6 (c) (11) **Manufacturer's Recall Code**
VWGoA has assigned the code 66D6/S5 for this recall.

Sincerely,



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Service & Quality