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Subject: Notification of Voluntary Recall
2009 Model Year Volkswagen Routan
Power Sliding Door Wiring Harness Assembly

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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 (2010)).

573.6 (c) (1) **Manufacturer's Name**
Chrysler Group LLC

Importer
Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (VWGoA)

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

Make : Volkswagen

Line : Routan

Model Year : 2009

Month/Year
of Manufacture : June 2008 – July 2009

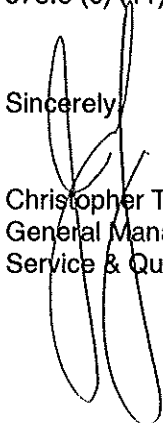
VIN Numbers
of Affected Vehicles : TBD

Other Identification : none

573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**
15,902 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**
 A small percentage of the affected vehicles may have been built with an improperly routed wire harness that may have a condition where the lower sliding door hinge bracket can make contact and wear through the wire insulation. Contact with a 12V power feed circuit within the harness may cause a high resistive short circuit within the latch mechanism located inside of the sliding door. This defect could result in an overheated latch and, in some cases, a fire within the rear sliding door.
- 573.6 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**
 On June 07, 2010, Chrysler Group LLC notified Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. that it would conduct a voluntary safety recall to address this defect on 2008-2009 model year Town & Country/Grand Caravan vehicles, and that 2009 model year Volkswagen Routan vehicles manufactured by Chrysler were also affected by this defect.
 Date of determination: June 07, 2010
- 573.6 (c) (7) **Noncompliance Test Result**
 Not applicable
- 573.6 (c) (8) **Proposed Remedial Program**
 Volkswagen will conduct a voluntary safety recall on all affected vehicles to inspect the sliding door wire track wire assembly and the sliding door power drive unit wire assembly for damage, repair/replace as necessary, tie strap the two harnesses together and route the harnesses under the sliding door weather strip. This work will be performed at no cost to customers.
 Pending parts availability, mailing dates are anticipated as follows:
Dealers: June 2010
Owners: June 2010
- 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 97S8/T7 for this recall.

Sincerely,

 JASON GARNEY FOR -
 Christopher T. Sandvig
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 Service & Quality