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Subject: Notification of Recall
2007 – 2009 MY Volkswagen Jetta, Jetta SportWagen, Golf/Rabbit
2006 – 2010 MY New Beetle, New Beetle Convertible
Inspect Fuel Line on Vehicles Equipped with 2.5L engine

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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**
Volkswagen de Mexico, A.A. de C.V.
Volkswagen AG

Importer
Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (VWGoA)

573.6 (c) (2) **Identification of Vehicles**
Make : Volkswagen

Line : Jetta (5th Generation), Jetta SportWagen
(5th Generation), Golf/Rabbit (5th Generation)
: New Beetle and New Beetle Convertible

Model Year : Jetta, Jetta SportWagen, Golf/Rabbit: MY 2007 – 2009
: New Beetle, New Beetle Convertible: MY 2006 – 2010

Month/Year of Manufacture : Jetta & Jetta SportWagen: March 2006 through June 2009
: Golf/Rabbit: March 2007 through November 2008
: New Beetle & New Beetle Convertible: June 2005 through October 2009

VIN Numbers of Affected Vehicles :
Jetta: 3VW___1K_6M802595 – 3VW___AJ_AM001302
Jetta SportWagen: 3VW___1K_9M300053 – 3VW___1K_9M342312
Golf/Rabbit: WVV___1K_7W227959 – WVV___1K_9W150037
New Beetle: 3VW___1C_6M400076 – 3VW___AG_AM007740
New Beetle Convertible: 3VW___1Y_6M300104 – 3VW___AL_AM001714

Other Identification : Only vehicles equipped with the 2.5L 5-cylinder gasoline engine are affected

573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**
Approximately 228,236 Volkswagen Jetta and Jetta SportWagens, 38,700 Golf/Rabbits and 110,350 New Beetle and New Beetle Convertibles 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 affected Jetta, Jetta SportWagen and Golf/Rabbit vehicles may have a small plastic tab located on the windshield washer fluid reservoir that may chafe against an underhood fuel supply line. If chafing occurs, there is the potential for a fuel leak to develop over time.

The affected New Beetle and New Beetle Convertible vehicles may have a fastening clamp on a hydraulic hose of the power steering system that may be located in an improper position which could cause chafing against an underhood fuel supply line. If this happens, the chafing has the potential to cause a fuel leak over time.

Leaking fuel, in the presence of an ignition source, may result in a fire.

573.6 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**
Conclusion from vehicle analysis after Volkswagen received information on fuel leaks.

Volkswagen has not identified any reports or allegations of actual injury, crash, or fires resulting from this condition.

Date of determination: December 3, 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 and, if necessary, replace the affected underhood fuel line. This work will be performed at no cost to customers.

As a preventative measure on Jetta, Jetta SportWagen and Golf/Rabbit vehicles, dealers will also remove the plastic tab from the windshield washer fluid reservoir.

As a preventive measure on New Beetle and New Beetle Convertible vehicles, dealers will inspect the position of the fastening clamp and adjust the related fastening clamp into the correct position if necessary.

Pending parts availability, mailing dates are anticipated as follows:

Dealers: January 24, 2011

Owners: January 31, 2011

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 not assigned the code 2014/U1 for this recall.

Sincerely,



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