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JULY 29, 2011 DATE

Subject: Notification of Voluntary Recall
2011-2012 R8 Spyder
Fuel Supply Line

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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 (2011)).

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

Importer
Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (VWGoA)

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

Make : Audi

Line : R8 Spyder

Model Year : 2011 - 2012

Month/Year
of Manufacture : May 18, 2010 through June 22, 2011

VIN Numbers
of Affected Vehicles: WUA__ _FG_BN000134 - WUA__ _FG_CN000333

Other Identification: None

573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**
920 R8 Spyder vehicles are affected by this recall in the United States.

573.6 (c) (4) **Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing the 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**
Due to production tolerances, it is possible that the fuel supply line may contact and rub against the heat shield in the engine compartment. In rare cases, this could lead to a small fuel leak. Leaking fuel, in the presence of an ignition source, could lead to a vehicle fire.
Volkswagen has not identified any reports or allegations of fires resulting from this condition.
- 573.6 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**
June 6, 2011: VWGoA received customer complaint about fuel smell after refilling the vehicle. Began analysis of the vehicle and communication to Audi AG
June - July 2011: Clarification of the technical situation and analysis of other vehicles by Audi AG
July 22, 2011: The product safety committee at Audi AG determined that a safety defect existed and decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall.
- 573.6 (c) (7) **Noncompliance Test Result**
Not applicable
- 573.6 (c) (8) **Proposed Remedial Program**
Volkswagen plans to notify all owners of affected vehicles and will instruct them to arrange for an appointment with an authorized dealer.
Dealers will inspect the fuel line for damage and replace it if necessary. Dealers will also inspect and, as needed, adjust the position of the fuel line and heat shield in order to ensure correct clearance between the two. This work will be performed free of charge.
Pending parts availability, mailing dates are anticipated as follows:
Dealers: on or about August 15, 2011
Owners: on or about August 22, 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 assigned the code 20Q8/K1 to this recall.

Sincerely,



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