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GROUP OF AMERICA

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

GENERAL MANAGER COMPLIANCE/TREAD TITLE

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CHRISTOPHER T. SANDVIG NAME

Subject: Notification of Voluntary Recall 2012 MY Volkswagen Routan Rear Hub & Bearing 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 (2012)).

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 : 2012

Month/Year

of Manufacture : November 15, 2011 through November 21, 2011

VIN Numbers

of Affected Vehicles: 2C4RVABG0CR 2C4RVABG6CR

2C4RVABGOCR 2C4RVABG6CR
2C4RVABGOCR 2C4RVABG8CR
2C4RVABG0CR 2C4RVABG8CR
2C4RVABG1CR 2C4RVABGXCR
2C4RVABG2CR 2C4RVABG3CR
2C4RVABG3CR 2C4RVABG4CR

2C4RVABG5CR

Other Identification: None

573.6 (c) (3) Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect

15 vehicles are affected by this recall in the United States.

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

Volkswagen estimates approximately 60% of affected vehicles contain this defect.

573.6 (c) (5) Description of Defect

Some vehicles may be equipped with rear hub and bearing assemblies that have an incomplete machining operation, which could result in a decrease in extended mileage durability, which could eventually result in wheel separation.

573.6 (c) (6) Basis for Determination

On March 30, 2012, Chrysler Group LLC notified Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. that it would conduct a voluntary safety recall to address this defect on 2012 model year Town & Country/Grand Caravan vehicles, and that fifteen (15) 2012 model year Volkswagen Routan vehicles manufactured by Chrysler were also affected by this defect. For the chronology of principal events, please refer to Chrysler Group LLC's defect notification report dated April 2, 2012 (Chrysler code M13).

573.6 (c) (7) Noncompliance Test Result

Not applicable

573.6 (c) (8) Proposed Remedial Program

When sufficient quantities of parts are available, Volkswagen plans to notify all owners of affected vehicles and will instruct them to arrange for an appointment with an authorized dealer. Dealers will replace the rear hub and bearing assembly on the affected vehicles for customers free of charge.

Pending parts availability, mailing dates are anticipated as follows:

Dealers: On or about April 2012 **Owners:** On or about April 2012

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 42G3/W2 to this recall.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Sandvig

General Manager-Compliance/TREAD