

Volkswagen of America, Inc. 3800 Hamlin Road Auburn Hills, MI 48326

<MONTH YEAR>

<CUSTOMER NAME>
<CUSTOMER ADDRESS>
<CUSTOMER CITY STATE ZIPCODE>

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): <VIN>

Subject: Compliance Recall 44K8/W4

**Tire Replacement** 

2012 Model Year Volkswagen Beetle

# Dear Volkswagen Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Volkswagen has decided that certain 2012 model year Volkswagen Beetle vehicles were built with summer tires that fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110 "Tire Selection & Rims" and Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 139 "New Pneumatic Tires for Light Vehicles." Our records show that you are the owner of one of these vehicles.

### What Is The Problem?

Due to an error at the factory, the affected vehicles were produced with summer tires that are possibly not in compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards 110 "Tire Selection & Rims" and 139 "New Pneumatic Tires for Light Vehicles." In addition, customers may be unaware that their vehicle is equipped with summer performance tires. Summer tires have different grip and performance characteristics. These issues may lead to an increased risk of a crash.

#### What Will Volkswagen Do?

To help correct this noncompliance, dealers will replace the four road tires of affected vehicles free of charge. Please note that the factory-installed spare tire is not affected by this recall.

#### What We Would Like You to Do

Please contact your authorized Volkswagen dealer to schedule a repair appointment without delay. This work will take about two hours, and will be performed at no cost to you. Please keep in mind that your dealer may need additional time for the preparation of the repair, as well as to accommodate their daily workshop schedule.

#### IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

### **Lease Vehicles**

If you are the lessor and registered owner of the vehicle identified in this action, the law requires you to forward this information immediately via first-class mail to the lessee within ten (10) days of receipt of this notification.

## Have You Changed Your Address Or Sold The Vehicle?

If you have, please fill out the enclosed prepaid Owner Reply card and mail it to us so we can update our records.

# **Reimbursement of Expenses**

If you have previously paid for repairs relating to the condition described in this letter, the enclosed form explains how to request reimbursement. We would be pleased to review your reimbursement request.

## Service Help from Us

If your authorized Volkswagen dealer fails or is unable to complete this work free of charge within a reasonable time, please call or write to:

Volkswagen of America, Inc. Attn: Customer CARE (44K8/W4) 3800 Hamlin Road Auburn Hills, MI 48326 1-800-893-5298

If you still cannot obtain satisfaction, you may file a complaint with: The Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <a href="https://www.safercar.gov">https://www.safercar.gov</a>.

We also invite you to visit our website at <a href="https://www.vw.com">www.vw.com</a>, where you can check to see if this or any other action may be open on your vehicle.

We apologize for any inconvenience this matter may cause; however we are taking this action to help ensure your safety and continued satisfaction with your vehicle. Thank you for driving a Volkswagen!

Sincerely,

Volkswagen Product Compliance