

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL



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

<MONTH YEAR>

<CUSTOMER NAME>

<CUSTOMER ADDRESS>

<CUSTOMER CITY STATE ZIPCODE>

This notice applies to your vehicle: <VIN>

NHTSA: 13V-569

**Subject: Safety Recall 97Z9 – Fuse (Plug-in Position F16)
2009-2011 Model Year Volkswagen Tiguan**

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 a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in some 2009-2011 model year Volkswagen Tiguan vehicles. Our records show that you are the owner of a vehicle affected by this action.

What is the issue? High thermal cycling and a soft-coated fuse used at the F16 location may cause movement between the socket and the fuse blade. This thermal dilation may cause abrasions on the fuse blade coating, which increases resistance. If this happens it may result in localized overheating. This, in turn, can disrupt the electrical current flow to the vehicle's exterior lights and cause a partial loss (but not a complete failure) of the vehicle's exterior lighting. A warning lamp and message in the instrument cluster will immediately alert the driver. Failing illumination may lead to reduced visibility of the vehicle and may lead to a crash.

What will we do? To help identify/correct this defect, your authorized Volkswagen dealer will replace the existing F16 position fuse with a new, optimized hard-coated fuse. This work will take less than an hour to complete and will be performed for you free of charge.

What should you do? Please contact your authorized Volkswagen dealer without delay to schedule this recall repair. 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.

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Lease vehicles and address changes

If you are the lessor and registered owner of the vehicle identified in this action, the law requires you to forward this letter immediately via first-class mail to the lessee within ten (10) days of receipt. If you have changed your address or sold the vehicle, 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.

Can we assist you further?

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 (97Z9/2V)
3800 Hamlin Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326
1-800-893-5298
www.vw.com

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 <http://www.safercar.gov>.

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