



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215KS
14E-007

Subject: Water Pump may cause Failure of Timing Belt

Dear Mr. Barnacle:

This letter serves to acknowledge The Gates Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

AUDI/A4/1999-2005
AUDI/TT/2000-2006
VOLKSWAGEN/BEETLE/1998-2005
VOLKSWAGEN/GOLF/1999-2006
VOLKSWAGEN/JETTA/1999-2008, 2011-2013
VOLKSWAGEN/PASSAT/2000-2005
GATES WINHERE/TRU-FLOW WATER PUMP/9999

Mfr's Report Date: March 6, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14E-007

Components:

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:ENGINE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 50

Problem Description:

The Gates Corporation (Gates) is recalling certain aftermarket Tru-Flow Water Pumps, part number TFW 41127, manufactured August 2013 through October 2013 that have a silver-colored pulley/sprocket or do not have 'US9377' stamped on the water pump housing. These service replacement parts were sold for use in model year 1999-2005 Audi A4, 2000-2006 Audi TT, 1998-2005 Volkswagen Beetle, 1999-2006 Golf, 1999-2008 and 2011-2013 Volkswagen Jetta, and 2000-2005 Volkswagen Passat. In the affected water pumps, the pulley or sprocket that turns the timing belt may develop microfractures causing the timing belt to fail.

Consequence:

A failure of the timing belt may cause the engine to shut down, increasing the risk of a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

Gates will notify owners, and dealers will replace the water pump, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on May 5, 2014. Owners may contact The Gates Corporation at 1-303-744-1911.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
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Enforcement