

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: 14V656

Subject: Safety Recall 42G8 – Rear Axle Trailing Arm Inlay Installation

2011-2013 Model Year Volkswagen Jetta

2012-2013 Model Year Volkswagen Beetle

Dear Volkswagen Owner,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Volkswagen has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2011-2013 model year Jetta and 2012-2013 model year Beetle vehicles.

This recall does not address a vehicle design or manufacturing defect; rather, the potential for this defect to be present can only occur *after* your vehicle has sustained damage to rear axle components as described below, and only if the damage is not properly repaired. Our records show that you are the owner of a vehicle that could possibly be affected by this issue.

What is the problem? If your vehicle had sustained damage to rear axle components (from a rear or side-rear impact crash or after striking a high road obstacle while driving in reverse at higher speed) and a repair facility did not correctly diagnose/repair rear axle trailing arm damage, the durability of the trailing arm(s) could be reduced. This can lead to a sudden fracture of the trailing arm, a loss of vehicle control, and a crash without warning.

What will we do? Volkswagen will inspect the rear axle and install a sheet metal inlay on the rear axle trailing arms. This work will take about two hours to complete, and will be performed free of charge.

What should you do? Please contact your authorized Volkswagen dealer without delay to schedule this recall work. 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 (42G8)
3800 Hamlin Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326
1-800-893-5298
www.vw.com

Checking your vehicle for open Recalls and Service Campaigns

To check your vehicle's eligibility for this or any other recall/service campaign, please visit the **Recall/Service Campaign Lookup** tool at www.vw.com and enter your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). As always, if you have any questions or if you need additional assistance, please contact Customer CARE or your authorized Volkswagen dealer.

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 Customer Protection