

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

January 30, 2015

Mr. Chris Sandvig General Manager Compliance/TREAD Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. 3800 Hamlin Road Auburn Hills, MI 48326

**Subject:** Fuel Leaking Into Engine Compartment

Dear Mr. Sandvig:

This letter serves to acknowledge Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.'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:

VOLKSWAGEN/BEETLE/2014-2015 VOLKSWAGEN/GOLF/2015 VOLKSWAGEN/GTI/2015 VOLKSWAGEN/JETTA/2014-2015 VOLKSWAGEN/PASSAT/2014-2015

Mfr's Report Date: January 21, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-028

## **Components:**

FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE: FUEL INJECTION SYSTEM: FUEL RAIL

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 44,658

# **Problem Description:**

Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (Volkswagen) is recalling certain model year 2014-2015 Jetta vehicles manufactured March 28, 2014, to November 24, 2014, 2014-2015 Passat vehicles manufactured April 7, 2014, to November 18, 2014, 2015 Golf and GTI vehicles manufactured July 1, 2014, to November 20, 2014, and 2014-2015 Beetle and Beetle Convertible vehicles manufactured March 31, 2014, to November 27, 2014. A sealing cap at the fuel rail may fail, allowing fuel to leak into the engine compartment.

### **Consequence:**

A fuel leak, in the presence of an ignition source, can result in a vehicle fire.

## Remedy:

Volkswagen will notify owners, and dealers will replace the fuel rails with new parts, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in early February 2015. Owners may contact Volkswagen customer service at 1-800-822-8987. Volkswagen's number for this recall is 24BL. Note: This recall expands and supersedes recall 14V-809 (Volkswagen recall number 24Bi) and only affects vehicles not previously repaired under that campaign.

#### **Notes**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY



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1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received Volkswagen's proposed owner notification letter and have approved its distribution.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Timian

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

