OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# **Part 573 Safety Recall Report**

# 15V-483

Manufacturer Name: Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

Submission Date: SEP 24,2015 NHTSA Recall No.: 15V-483 Manufacturer Recall No.: 69L2



### **Manufacturer Information:**

Manufacturer Name: Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

Address: 3800 Hamlin Road

Auburn Hills MI 48326 Company phone : 1-800-822-8987

# **Population:**

Number of potentially involved : 415,825 Estimated percentage with defect : 100

## **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle: 2011-2011 Volkswagen Tiguan

Vehicle Type : Body Style :

Power Train: NR

**Descriptive Information: Steering Wheel Clock Spring** 

24,608

Production Dates: MAY 03, 2010 - JUN 15, 2011

## **VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin: WVGAV7AX4BW000010 End: WVGBV7AX1BW570423 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle: 2010-2012 Volkswagen CC (B6)

Vehicle Type : Body Style : Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information: Steering Wheel Clock Spring** 

58,998

 $Production\ Dates: JUL\ 03,\ 2009-DEC\ 24,\ 2011$ 

## **VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin: WVWML7AN6AE509655 End: WVWHP7AN0CE553420 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle: 2010-2010 Volkswagen Passat Wagon (B6)

Vehicle Type : Body Style : Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information: Steering Wheel Clock Spring** 

2,033

| Production Dates : OCT 30, 2009 - JUN 01   | , 2010                 |                       |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|
| VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) R  | ange                   |                       |
| Begin: WVWXK7AN9AE053893   | End: WVWXM7AN6AE170101 | ☐ Not sequential VINs |
| Vehicle: 2010-2010 Volkswagen Passat<br>Vehicle Type:<br>Body Style:<br>Power Train: NR<br>Descriptive Information: Steering Wheel<br>8,422  |                        |                       |
| Production Dates: NOV 02, 2009 - JUN 01  | , 2010                 |                       |
| VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) R  | ange                   |                       |
| Begin: WVWJK7AN3AE053863   | End: WVWJM7ANXAE170141 | ☐ Not sequential VINs |
| Vehicle: 2010-2010 Volkswagen Passat Vehicle Type: Body Style: Power Train: NR Descriptive Information: Steering Wheel 742                   | Clock Spring           |                       |
| Production Dates: NOV 10, 2009 - MAY 2   | 8, 2010                |                       |
| VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) R  | ange                   |                       |
| Begin: WVWJK7AN4AP024666   | End: WVWJK7ANXAP055890 | ☐ Not sequential VINs |
| Vehicle: 2010-2011 Volkswagen Eos<br>Vehicle Type:<br>Body Style:<br>Power Train: NR<br>Descriptive Information: Steering Wheel<br>6.766     | Clock Spring           |                       |
| Production Dates : OCT 02, 2009 - AUG 14   | 1, 2010                |                       |
| VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) R  | ange                   |                       |
| Begin: WVWFA7AH9AV008347   | End: WVWFW7AH3BV005544 | ☐ Not sequential VINs |
| Vehicle: 2011-2014 Volkswagen Golf/G<br>Vehicle Type:<br>Body Style:<br>Power Train: NR<br>Descriptive Information: Steering Wheel<br>15,528 |                        |                       |

Descriptive Information : Steering Wheel Clock Spring 12,665

Power Train: NR

| Production Dates : DEC 02, 2010 - FEB 18   | , 2013                 |                       |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|
| VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Ra   | ange                   |                       |
| Begin: WVWBW7AH7CV000010   | End: WVWFW8AH2DV006113 | ☐ Not sequential VINs |
| Vehicle: 2012-2014 Volkswagen Tiguan   | (New)                  |                       |
| Vehicle Type :   |                        |                       |
| Body Style :   |                        |                       |
| Power Train : NR   |                        |                       |
| $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Descriptive Information: Steering Wheel} \\ \textbf{50,219} \end{array}$ | . 0                    |                       |
| Production Dates: FEB 28, 2011 - FEB 26,   | 2014                   |                       |
| VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Ra   | ange                   |                       |
| Begin: WVGBV7AX5CW000006   | End: WVGBV3AX8EW593355 | ☐ Not sequential VINs |
| Vehicle: 2013-2014 Volkswagen CC (B7)  |                        |                       |
| Vehicle Type :   |                        |                       |
| Body Style :   |                        |                       |
| Power Train : NR   |                        |                       |
| Descriptive Information : Steering Wheel 24,073  | Clock Spring           |                       |
| Production Dates: JAN 19, 2012 - APR 01,   | 2014                   |                       |
| VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Ra   | ange                   |                       |
| Begin: WVWAP7AN9DE500024   | End: WVWBN7AN8EE534564 | ☐ Not sequential VINs |
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Description of the Defect: The steering wheel clock spring could become contaminated with long hair or long

fibers which may cause a displacement of the internal guide loops. When the guide loops are dragged out of position, they may apply tension to the internal flat cable and cause it to tear. Should the cable tear, the electrical connection to the driver's front airbag may be lost, causing the airbag monitoring indicator light to illuminate. In a crash that warrants a driver front airbag deployment, the airbag will not

deploy, leading to a risk of driver injury.

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Description of the Safety Risk: Should the cable tear, the electrical connection to the driver's front airbag may

be lost, causing the airbag monitoring indicator light to illuminate. In a crash that warrants a driver front airbag deployment, the airbag will not deploy,

leading to a risk of driver injury.

Description of the Cause: Contamination of the clock spring assembly with long hair or long fabrics may cause

a displacement of internal guide loops. When guide loops are dragged out of

position, they may apply tension to the internal flat cable and cause rupture of the

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur: The airbag monitoring indicator light will immediately illuminate if clock spring cable ruptures

## **Supplier Identification:**

# **Component Manufacturer**

Name: Valeo Interior Controls (CIC)

Address: Valeo Straße 1

Wemding FOREIGN STATES 86650

**Country: Germany** 

## **Chronology:**

December 2011 - Reception of first field reports.

February 2012 - Field Data and Return Part Analysis.

March 2012 - Part Design Optimization Initiated (Implementation by running change as of January 2013) accompanied by manufacturing process improvements through December 2013.

May 2012 - First evaluation in Volkswagen's product safety committee, low failure rate detected and no impact on vehicle safety was found at that time.

March 2015 - Opening Resume from NHTSA received, data analysis and evaluation initiated.

April 2015 - Risk assessment/evaluation initiated (European standard-RAPEX).

May 2015 – Submitted PE response to NHTSA with a request for a technical meeting.

June 2015 - Additional risk assessment calculation (fault tree analysis) prepared in advance of technical meeting.

July 15, 2015 – Technical meeting with NHTSA to explain risk assessment.

July 22, 2015 - NHTSA response with non-acceptance of risk evaluation and demand for notification of defect.

July 23, 2015 - Review at Volkswagen's product safety committee and formal determination of defect due to NHTSA's demand.

### **Description of Remedy:**

Description of Remedy Program: Volkswagen is developing a cover to help prevent clock spring

contamination caused by hair or other fibers. Until this remedy is available, dealers can use existing service parts to address critical car-down cases where clock spring replacement is required to address an air bag light on

concern.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component: To be determined

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production: Clock spring parts have been improved and implemented by running change as of December 2012.

# **Recall Schedule:**

Description of Recall Schedule: Interim customer notification: On or about September 28, 2015

Recall Remedy customer notification: On or before January 28, 2016 Recall Remedy dealer notification: On or about January 27, 2016

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date: NR - NR

\* NR - Not Reported