

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**15V-824****Manufacturer Name :** Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.**Submission Date :** DEC 07, 2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-824**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 74C9**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 : 904

Estimated percentage with defect : 100

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2015-2015 Audi A3 Cabriolet

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : A3 Cabriolet
904

Production Dates : JUN 05, 2014 - APR 01, 2015

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : WAU3FLFF7F1020223

End : WAUWFLFF2F1129251

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Due to supplier issues during seat production incorrect/out of specification stitching in the driver's or front passenger's seat cover may prevent the side impact airbag from deploying correctly. In a side impact crash where airbag deployment is indicated, this issue can result in increased injury risk to the occupant seated there. No accidents or injuries related to this issue have been reported.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : In a side impact crash where airbag deployment is indicated, this issue can result in increased injury risk to the occupant seated there.

Description of the Cause : Supplier/sub-supplier made changes that had not been not approved by Audi AG during seat cover production.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : COINDU S.A.

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Country : Portugal

Chronology :

February 2015 - Seat supplier Lear observed issues with side impact airbag deployment during normal and additional AU375 COP testing. Audi AG Quality department was alerted and began investigating the matter.

March 2015 - May 2015 – Investigation and analysis continued, including review with crash-test vehicle.

Preliminary analysis and investigation results presented to safety team at Audi AG.

May 2015 - November 2015 – Further in-depth analysis and ongoing investigations conducted at the direction of the safety team at Audi AG.

November 30, 2015 – Investigation concluded; results provided to Audi AG safety team for recall decision.

December 02, 2015 – Audi AG makes defect determination and decides to conduct a safety recall.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Replace driver and/or front passenger's seatback cover.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Stitching on replacement seat covers is within correct production specifications.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Production corrected as of 04/01/2015

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealer notification: Anticipated December 2015

Customer notification: Anticipated February 2016

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

* NR - Not Reported