

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****16V-079****Manufacturer Name :** Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.**Submission Date :** MAR 10, 2016**NHTSA Recall No. :** 16V-079**Manufacturer Recall No. :** VW: 69M8 / Audi 69N2**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

Address : 3800 Hamlin Road

Auburn Hills MI 48326

Company phone : 1-800-893-5298

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 151,786

Estimated percentage with defect : 0

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2006-2006 Volkswagen Passat Sedan

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Passat Sedan 4,884

Production Dates : FEB 15, 2005 - MAY 09, 2006

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : WVWEK93C76E002737

End : WVWCU73C16E227967

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2006-2006 Volkswagen Passat Sedan

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Passat Sedan 54,858

Production Dates : APR 27, 2005 - MAY 25, 2006

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : WVWEK93C96P009158

End : WVWEU73C36P226672

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2006-2006 Volkswagen Passat Wagon

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Passat Wagon 4

Production Dates : JUL 05, 2005 - NOV 11, 2005

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : WVWEK93CX6E042701                      End : WVWTU73C96E098098                       Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2007-2007 Volkswagen Passat Sedan

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Passat Sedan 84

Production Dates : MAY 12, 2006 - FEB 08, 2007

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : VVWUK73C07E008462                      End : VVWCU73C27E169692                       Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2007-2007 Volkswagen Passat Sedan

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Passat Sedan 11,189

Production Dates : MAY 23, 2006 - NOV 06, 2006

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : VVWAU73C47P000348                      End : WVWEK93C57P084246                       Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2007-2007 Volkswagen Passat Wagon

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Passat Wagon 12,524

Production Dates : OCT 20, 2005 - NOV 17, 2006

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : VVWLK73C27E000004                      End : VVWLK73C87E114007                       Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2007-2009 Audi A4 Cabriolet

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : A4 Cabriolet 19,052

Production Dates : JUN 26, 2006 - MAR 18, 2009

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : WAUEF48H97K013458                      End : WAUDF48H39K011929                       Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2006-2013 Audi A3  
Vehicle Type :  
Body Style :  
Power Train : NR  
Descriptive Information : A3 49,191  
Production Dates : DEC 04, 2004 - AUG 30, 2012

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : WAUHF68P96A000150                      End : WAUMFAFM0DA035165                       Not sequential VINs

**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Volkswagen Group of America is providing this Defect Information Report based on Takata's January 25, 2016 Defect Information Report covering non-desiccated PSDI-5 inflators produced between SOP January 1, 2003 and August 31, 2014. In its Defect Information Report, Takata stated that the driver frontal airbag inflator could rupture if the vehicle is involved in a crash where the frontal airbags are designed to deploy.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : As reported by Takata: In the event of an inflator rupture, metal fragments could pass through the air bag cushion material, which may result in injury or death to vehicle occupants.

Volkswagen is not aware of any ruptured PSDI-5 inflator in any Volkswagen Group vehicle worldwide.

Description of the Cause : The root cause of the PSDI-5 airbag inflator ruptures, which occurred in vehicles from other OEMs, has not been determined. Because of this, Volkswagen will collect and analyze returned parts to determine whether conditions in these parts can be identified that can contribute to the identification the root cause. Parts which are being collected during this activity will be analyzed to determine if a technical meeting with the NHTSA and Takata will be appropriate to review this defect notification.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : none

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : Takata AG  
Address : Bahnweg 1  
                    Aschaffenburg FOREIGN STATES 63743  
Country : Germany

**Chronology :**

On January 22, 2016, Volkswagen was informed by NHTSA of Takata's recall filing.  
On February 01, 2016, Volkswagen met with the NHTSA to discuss Takata's recall filing and to propose a field study to determine root cause. NHTSA advised that a field study alone without a recall filing on this topic would not be permitted.  
On February 08, 2016, Volkswagen AG decided to conduct a safety recall.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Owners will be notified by mail and instructed to take their vehicle to an authorized Volkswagen or Audi dealer to have their driver airbag inflator replaced free of charge.

Volkswagen will cooperate with NHTSA to prioritize and stagger vehicle repairs by joining NHTSA's coordinated remedy program.

Volkswagen and Audi are excluding reimbursement for costs associated with replacement of airbag inflators.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR  
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : NR  
  
Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR  
  
Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

\* NR - Not Reported