

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**16V-079****Manufacturer Name :** Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.**Submission Date :** FEB 09, 2016**NHTSA Recall No. :** 16V-079**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**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 : 0

Estimated percentage with defect : 0

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2006-2006 Volkswagen Passat Sedan and Wagon, 6th Generation

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Takata PSDI-5 Airbag Inflator. Passat Sedan and Wagon, 6th Generation.

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 start of production January 1, 2003 and August 31, 2014. [Affecting certain MY05-MY13 VW & Audi vehicles] With regard to Volkswagen vehicles containing the specified inflators, Volkswagen is not aware of any incidents, accidents or injuries worldwide relating to ruptured SDI or PSDI-5 inflators, nor of any ruptured SDI inflator from Takata's the production plant in Freiberg (Germany) where more than 45 million inflators for worldwide markets have been produced. Volkswagen further understands that any ongoing manufacturing concerns with regard to Takata's the Monclova (Mexico) plant were resolved in 2011, prior to the 2012 start of production for the Passat vehicles produced and sold in the U.S in which Takata front airbag inflators were installed. Volkswagen will collect and analyze returned parts to determine the condition of field parts and to help find the root cause should conspicuities be found. Parts which are being collected during this activity will be analyzed and the results shared with Takata and NHTSA to determine whether it is appropriate to modify the scope of the recall to be conducted pursuant to Takata's determination based on further testing and evaluation.

Volkswagen has also sent a letter to Mr. Frank Borris dated February 09, 2016 regarding this topic (attached).

Production Dates : JAN 01, 1900 - JAN 01, 1900

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2005-2013 Audi A3

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Audi A3

Production Dates : JAN 01, 1900 - JAN 01, 1900

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

End : NR

Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2006-2009 Audi A4 Cabrio

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Audi A4 Cabrio

Production Dates : JAN 01, 1900 - JAN 01, 1900

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

End : NR

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