

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

16V-079

Manufacturer Name : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

Submission Date : JUL 29, 2016

NHTSA Recall No. : 16V-079

Manufacturer Recall No. : VW: 69M8 / Audi 69N2



Manufacturer Information :

Population :

Manufacturer Name : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

Number of potentially involved : 151,767

Address : 3800 Hamlin Road

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Auburn Hills MI 48326

Company phone : 1-800-893-5298

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2006-2007 Volkswagen Passat Sedan

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : 4,973 Passat Sedan

Production Dates : MAR 29, 2005 - FEB 08, 2007

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WVWEK93C76E002737 **End :** WVWCU73C27E169692 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2006-2007 Volkswagen Passat Sedan

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : 66,036 Passat Sedan

Production Dates : APR 27, 2005 - DEC 27, 2006

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WVWEK93C96P009158 **End :** WVWEK93C57P084246 Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2006-2007 Volkswagen Passat Wagon

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : 12,528 Passat Wagon

Production Dates : SEP 06, 2005 - DEC 06, 2006

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WVWVU73C06E093025 **End :** WVWLK73C87E114007 Not sequential

Vehicle 4 : 2006-2013 Audi A3

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : 49,192 A3

Production Dates : DEC 04, 2004 - AUG 30, 2012

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUHF68P96A000150 End : WAUMFAFM0DA035165 Not sequential

Vehicle 5 : 2007-2009 Audi A4 Cabriolet

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : 17,809 A4 Cabriolet

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

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUEF48H97K013458 End : WAUDF48H39K011929 Not sequential

Vehicle 6 : 2008-2008 Audi RS 4 Cabriolet

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : 329 RS 4 Cabriolet

Production Dates : SEP 05, 2007 - FEB 05, 2008

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WUAYU48H28K800083 End : WUAYU48H88K800475 Not sequential

Vehicle 7 : 2007-2009 Audi S4 Cabriolet

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : 900 S4 Cabriolet

Production Dates : JUN 26, 2006 - NOV 05, 2008

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WUARL48H77K900511 End : WUARL48H99K900108 Not sequential

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