

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**16V-170****Manufacturer Name :** Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.**Submission Date :** MAR 22, 2016**NHTSA Recall No. :** 16V-170**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 46G4**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 : 46,700

Estimated percentage with defect : 1

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2011-2016 Volkswagen Touareg

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Brake Pedal Hinge Clip

Touareg: est. count: 46,700

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 : A securing clip at the brake pedal hinge may be missing. If the clip is missing, the pedal pivot pin could start to move and the pedal could lose guidance. If this remains undiscovered, the pedal hinge could fracture after continued operation, allowing the pedal to dislodge.

No such incident is known from the US market to date.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : Customer may not be able to properly actuate the brakes with a dislodged brake pedal. A non-functional brake or reduced braking power could lead to a crash.

Description of the Cause : During assembly of the dashboard wiring harness, the clip may have become entangled with the wiring harness and pulled off the pivot pin.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Pedal may feel spongy when the pivot pin starts to move out of the pedal brackets.

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : Volkswagen AG

Address : Berliner Ring 2

Wolfsburg FOREIGN STATES 38436

Country : Germany

Chronology :

In November 2014 a first incident of a fractured pedal was reported from a foreign market. At that time, the incident was seen as an isolated occurrence.

In December 2015 a second incident was reported (again from a foreign market) and traced to a missing securing clip. A survey was initiated and all vehicles in production lots as well as company cars were inspected for presence of the clip.

In January 2016, the survey concluded that in up to 1% of the inspected vehicles the clip may be missing. In February 2016 additional analysis was conducted to determine the potentially affected production range.

On March 18, 2016 the matter was presented to Volkswagen's product safety committee and a defect determination was made.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Potentially affected vehicles will be inspected for presence of the securing clip. If missing, the clip will be assembled as required.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : After production lot survey, a 100% inspection of the clip was implemented in production on January 13, 2016.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Recall schedule TBD

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

* NR - Not Reported