

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL



Volkswagen of America, Inc.
3800 Hamlin Road
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

<MONTH YEAR>

<CUSTOMER NAME>

<CUSTOMER ADDRESS>

<CUSTOMER CITY STATE ZIPCODE>

This notice applies to your vehicle: <VIN>

NHTSA: 16V170

**Subject: Safety Recall 46G4 – Brake Pedal Clip
2011-2016 Model Year Volkswagen Touareg Vehicles**

Dear Volkswagen Owner,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Volkswagen has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2011-2016 Model Year Volkswagen Touareg vehicles. Our records show that you are the owner of a vehicle affected by this action.

What is the issue? 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. The 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.

What will we do? To help identify/correct this defect, your authorized Volkswagen dealer will inspect for the presence of the securing clip. If missing, the clip will be assembled as required. This work will take about an hour to complete and will be performed for you free of charge.

What should you do? Please contact your authorized Volkswagen dealer without delay to schedule this recall repair. Please keep in mind that your dealer may need additional time for the preparation of the repair, as well as to accommodate their daily workshop schedule. For your convenience, you can also visit www.vw.com and click on the "Owners" link to locate a dealer near you and schedule this service online.

Precautions you should take The brake pedal may feel spongy when the pivot pin starts to move out of the pedal brackets. If this happens, please contact your authorized Volkswagen dealer without delay to have the vehicle inspected.

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Lease vehicles and address changes

If you are the lessor and registered owner of the vehicle identified in this action, the law requires you to forward this letter immediately via first-class mail to the lessee within ten (10) days of receipt. If you have changed your address or sold the vehicle, please fill out the enclosed prepaid Owner Reply card and mail it to us so we can update our records.

Reimbursement of Expenses

If you have previously paid for repairs relating to the condition described in this letter, please refer to the enclosed form that explains how to request reimbursement.

Can we assist you further?

If your authorized Volkswagen dealer fails or is unable to complete this work free of charge within a reasonable time, or if you should have any questions about this communication, please don't hesitate to contact Customer CARE, Monday through Friday from 8AM to 10PM EST and Saturday from 9AM to 5PM EST, or by phone at 800-893-5298. You are also welcome to e-mail or chat through the "Contact Us" page <http://www.vw.com/contact/>.

Checking your vehicle for open Recalls and Service Campaigns

To check your vehicle's eligibility for repair under this or any other recall/service campaign, please click on the **Look Up Recalls** link at www.vw.com and enter your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) into the **Recall/Service Campaign Lookup** tool. As always, if you have any questions or if you need additional assistance, please contact Customer CARE or your authorized Volkswagen dealer.

If you still cannot obtain satisfaction, you may file a complaint with: The Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this matter may cause; however we are taking this action to help ensure your safety and continued satisfaction with your vehicle. Thank you for driving a Volkswagen!

Sincerely,

Volkswagen Customer Protection