

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

17V-822

Manufacturer Name : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.**Submission Date :** DEC 20, 2017**NHTSA Recall No. :** 17V-822**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 69T7**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 : 8,037

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2018-2018 Audi A5 Coupe

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : All vehicles from start of production until December 07, 2017 are included in the recall population. On December 08, 2017, the updated head curtain airbag design without the excess fabric and without the paper sleeve on the upper part of the A-pillar was introduced in production.

Production Dates : NOV 17, 2016 - DEC 14, 2017

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUTNAF50JA000483 End : WUAPWAF56JA902771 Not sequential**Description of Noncompliance :**

Description of the Noncompliance : A head curtain airbag may not unfold properly from the A-pillar during deployment.

FMVSS 1 : 226 - Ejection mitigation

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : In a crash where the head curtain airbag deploys, this may result in reduced airbag protection and could increase the risk of injury to vehicle occupants.

Description of the Cause : Due to positional tolerances and the influence of excess fabric, during deployment a head curtain airbag may get caught on the A-pillar trim and may not unfold properly.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : Autoliv
Address : 1320 Pacific Drive
Auburn Hills MICHIGAN 48306
Country : United States

Chronology :

July 2017: Conformance of Production tests showed abnormalities in head curtain airbag deployment in the foremost position. All previous tests had shown 100% compliance with FMVSS 226.

August 2017: The matter was presented to the Audi Product Safety Committee. A validation program, additional tests and evaluations were ordered.

August 2017 - November 2017: Intensive additional tests were conducted, determining the contributing factors/causes and consequences with respect to passenger safety.

December 13, 2017: The Audi Product Safety Committee made the determination of defect due to non-compliance with FMVSS 226.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Excess fabric on the head curtain airbags, along with the paper sleeve on the upper part of the A-pillar, will be removed.
Audi will not offer a reimbursement program for this recall.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : All vehicles from start of production until December 07, 2017 are included in the recall population. On December 08, 2017 the updated airbag design without the excess fabric and without the paper sleeve was introduced in production.
The part numbers for the affected airbags are 8W6.880.741.F and 8W6.880.742.F; however please note the airbags do not have to be replaced.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : On December 08, 2017 the updated airbag design without the excess fabric and without the paper sleeve was introduced in production.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Notice to dealers/owners on or before January 31, 2018
Planned Dealer Notification Date : JAN 31, 2018 - JAN 31, 2018
Planned Owner Notification Date : JAN 31, 2018 - JAN 31, 2018

* NR - Not Reported