

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: 17V309

**Subject: Safety Recall 23W5 - Heat Shield/Boost Hose
Certain 2012-2014 MY Volkswagen Passat TDI Vehicles Equipped with a DSG Transmission**

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 2012-2014 MY Volkswagen Passat TDI vehicles equipped with a DSG transmission. Our records show that you are the owner of a vehicle affected by this action.

What is the issue? An underbody heat shield may not be long enough to sufficiently protect the right drive half-shaft grease boot from heat. The radiant heat may damage the boot and this could lead to a grease leak from the boot. If leaking grease comes into contact with heated surfaces of the exhaust system and/or diesel particulate filter (DPF), it could lead to a vehicle fire.

What will we do? To correct this defect, your authorized Volkswagen dealer will replace the driveshaft heat shield on all affected vehicles. Certain vehicles within a specific VIN range will also have the upper boost hose replaced. This work will take up to two hours 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. 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 A leaking boost hose may lead to a flashing glow plug light and engage the engine limp mode. Eventually, the Malfunction Indicator Light (MIL) will illuminate. If either of these warnings is ignored, the DPF may get overloaded. If you experience any of these vehicle symptoms, make an appointment with your authorized Volkswagen dealer to have the vehicle inspected without delay.

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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 reach out to us using your preferred method of communication at www.vw.com/contact or by calling 1 800-893-5298. Our phone team is available Monday through Friday from 8AM to 10PM EST and Saturday from 9AM to 5PM EST.

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.

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.

Sincerely,

Volkswagen Customer Protection