

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

18V-082

Manufacturer Name : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.**Submission Date :** MAY 13, 2019**NHTSA Recall No. :** 18V-082**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 69R6**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 : 162,782

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2009-2012 Audi Q5

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : This filing is made as required per the NHTSA Coordinated Remedy Order.
Audi Q5: 81,796

Production Dates : NOV 15, 2008 - OCT 22, 2012

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA1KK78R39A006360 End : WA1LFAFP4CA140356 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2010-2012 Audi A5 Cabriolet

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : This filing is made as required per the NHTSA Coordinated Remedy Order.
A5 Cabriolet: 11,742

Production Dates : JUN 04, 2009 - MAR 06, 2012

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUJFAFH0AN004797 End : WAUVFAFH0CN009552 Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2010-2012 Audi S5 Cabriolet

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : This filing is made as required per the NHTSA Coordinated Remedy Order.
S5 Cabriolet: 3,902

Production Dates : JUN 08, 2009 - MAR 01, 2012

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUVGAFH4AN004879 End : WAUVGAFH3CN009221 Not sequential

Vehicle 4 : 2007-2009 Audi S4 Cabriolet

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Amendment to transition from interim to final remedy
Recalled products have Takata airbags installed.
Audi S4 Cabriolet - Vehicle Count 897

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

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

Vehicle 5 : 2007-2009 Audi A4 Cabriolet

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Amendment to transition from interim to final remedy
Recalled products have Takata airbags installed.
Audi A4 Cabriolet - Vehicle Count 17,778

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

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

Vehicle 6 : 2008-2008 Audi RS4 Cabriolet

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Amendment to transition from interim to final remedy
Recalled products have Takata airbags installed.
Audi RS4 Cabriolet - Vehicle Count 329

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

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

Vehicle 7 : 2006-2013 Audi A3

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Amendment to transition from interim to final remedy
Recalled products have Takata airbags installed.
Audi A3 - Vehicle Count 46337

Production Dates : MAY 30, 2005 - AUG 30, 2012

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The driver frontal airbag inflator could potentially rupture (due to propellant degradation occurring after long-term exposure to absolute high humidity and temperature cycling) if the vehicle is involved in a crash where the passenger frontal airbag is designed to deploy. In the event of an inflator rupture, in very rare cases metal fragments could pass through the airbag cushion material, which may result in serious injury or death to vehicle occupants.

Updated May 13, 2019: This update is to inform of Volkswagen's intent to implement the "Other" reporting category for removed vehicles in Quarterly Reporting as permitted in the Third Amendment to the Coordinated Remedy Order ("ACRO"), Paragraphs 45 through 49. As a condition of the ACRO, all affected vehicles will remain active, or "live", across Volkswagen's data systems such that any search of "other" removed VINs will return an open recall status. For this reason, the Number of potentially involved vehicles in this report will remain the same. Future changes to overall Total Removed counts, including "Other," will be reflected in quarterly reporting.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : In the event of an inflator rupture, in very rare cases metal fragments could pass through the airbag cushion material, which may result in serious injury or death to vehicle occupants.

Description of the Cause : As reported by Takata: The propellant wafers in some of the subject inflators may degrade over time, which could lead to over-aggressive combustion in the event the air bag is activated. Overly aggressive combustion creates excessive internal pressure when the inflator is activated, which may cause the inflator body to rupture. Based upon Takata's investigation to date, the potential for such ruptures occurs in some of the subject inflators after several years of exposure to persistent conditions of high absolute humidity, high temperatures, and high temperature cycling. The potential for rupture may also be influenced by other factors, including the specific vehicle environment, the inflator and propellant configuration, and manufacturing variability.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Takata AG

Address : Bahnweg 1
Aschaffenburg FOREIGN STATES 63743

Country : Germany

Chronology :

This filing is made as required per the NHTSA Coordinated Remedy Order. Date of determination: January 23, 2018.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Owners will be notified by mail and instructed to take their vehicle to an authorized Audi dealer to have their driver frontal airbag inflator replaced free of charge. Volkswagen will cooperate with NHTSA to prioritize and stagger vehicle repairs by joining NHTSA's coordinated remedy program. Audi is excluding reimbursement for costs associated with replacement of airbag inflators.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Remedy components are not ammonium-nitrate based accellerant airbag inflators.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Volkswagen will follow the established NHTSA rollout for vehicles affected by this recall. Owner notification is expected to begin in February 2018.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : JAN 30, 2018 - JAN 30, 2018

Planned Owner Notification Date : FEB 13, 2018 - MAR 30, 2018

* NR - Not Reported