

# 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:** 18V262

**Subject: Safety Recall 42i7 – Rear Shock Absorbers  
Certain 2018 Model Year Volkswagen Tiguan**

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 2018 model year Volkswagen Tiguan vehicles. Our records show that you are the owner of a vehicle affected by this action.

**What is the issue?** In affected vehicles, a lower loop of a rear shock absorber may separate from its base due to an incorrect supplier welding process. If a failure occurs, the lower loop of a rear shock absorber may detach from the base cup and destabilize the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash without warning.

**What will we do?** To correct this defect, your authorized Volkswagen dealer will inspect and, if necessary, replace one or both rear shock absorbers. This work will take up to two hours to complete and will be performed for you free of charge. Parts are expected to be in dealerships by early June 2018. In the event that your dealer has to order replacement shock absorber(s) for your vehicle, a loaner vehicle will be provided to you for FREE.

**What should you do?** Please contact your authorized Volkswagen dealer without delay to schedule this recall work. To set up an appointment online, please visit [www.vw.com/find-a-dealer](http://www.vw.com/find-a-dealer).

**Precautions you should take** If you hear a banging noise coming from the rear of the vehicle, stop driving as soon as it is safe to do so and contact a Volkswagen dealer to make arrangements to have the vehicle towed to the dealer for inspection 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.

**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](http://www.vw.com/contact) or by calling us at 800-893-5298.

**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 visit [www.vw.com/owners/recalls](http://www.vw.com/owners/recalls) 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