

## 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:** 19V188

**Subject: Safety Recall 42J5 – Rear Axle Coil Springs  
Certain 2015-2019 MY Volkswagen Golf, 2017-2019 MY Golf SportWagen,  
2019 MY Jetta and 2018-2019 MY 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 2015-2019 model year Volkswagen vehicles. Our records show that you are the owner of a vehicle affected by this action.

**What is the issue?** The rear axle coil springs in affected vehicles may not have met factory specifications due to a defect in materials or because of problems in the spring production process. These issues can impact the long-term durability of the rear axle coil springs. Affected coil springs can break. A broken coil spring can damage a rear tire, become a hazard on the roadway and lead to a loss of vehicle control without warning, putting people at risk and possibly causing damage to other vehicles on the road.

**What will we do?** To correct this defect, your authorized Volkswagen dealer will replace the rear axle coil springs. This work will take about 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. To set up an appointment online, please visit [www.vw.com/find-a-dealer](http://www.vw.com/find-a-dealer).

**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.

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**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](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