

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

21V-606

Manufacturer Name : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

Submission Date : AUG 04, 2021

NHTSA Recall No. : 21V-606

Manufacturer Recall No. : 69CR(VW) 69CS (Audi)



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 : 45,506

Estimated percentage with defect : 1 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2021-2021 Volkswagen ID4

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Vehicles included in this recall may have received certain seat belt assemblies manufactured by certain Autoliv Group companies between October 26, 2020 and January 27, 2021. These specific seat belt assemblies have an automatic locking retractor (ALR) that may deactivate early. Vehicles not included in this recall have received parts that were ok. Autoliv estimates the percentage of seat belt assemblies with the non-compliance to be approximately 0.068%
ID4 count: 2025

Production Dates : DEC 15, 2020 - MAR 19, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WVGDMPPE27MP001874 End : WVGDMPPE2XMP019818 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2022-2022 Volkswagen GOLF R A8

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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GOLF R A8 count: 4

Production Dates : MAR 09, 2021 - MAR 09, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : VVWFB7CD9NW000160 End : VVWFB7CD7NW000190 Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2022-2022 Volkswagen GOLF GTI

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

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GOLF GTI count:6

Production Dates : MAR 09, 2021 - MAR 16, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WVV5A7CD7NW000138 End : WVV5A7CD0NW000210 Not sequential

Vehicle 4 : 2021-2021 Audi A4 SEDAN

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

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A4 SEDAN count:3109

Production Dates : NOV 20, 2020 - MAR 25, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUABAF46MA030910 End : WAUEAAF4XMN011760 Not sequential

Vehicle 5 : 2021-2021 Audi Q8

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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Q8 count: 1546

Production Dates : NOV 21, 2020 - FEB 11, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA1AVAF16MD018541 End : WA1EVAF16MD027760 Not sequential

Vehicle 6 : 2021-2021 Audi Q7

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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Q7 count: 6270

Production Dates : NOV 20, 2020 - FEB 04, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA1LJAF79MD022298 End : WA1LXAF76MD030373 Not sequential

Vehicle 7 : 2021-2021 Audi Q5 SPORTBACK

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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Q5 SPORTBACK count: 1161

Production Dates : FEB 25, 2021 - JUN 01, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA15AAFY1M2059424 End : WA16AAFY4M2102660 Not sequential

Vehicle 8 : 2021-2021 Audi Q5

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

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Q5 count: 10217

Production Dates : FEB 03, 2021 - JUN 02, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA1CAAFY7M2055630 End : WA1AAAFY2M2102666 Not sequential

Vehicle 9 : 2021-2021 Audi E-TRON SPORTBACK QUATTRO

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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E-TRON SPORTBACK QUATTRO count:700

Production Dates : NOV 27, 2020 - MAR 03, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA12AAGE3MB015318 End : WA11AAGE5MB030947 Not sequential

Vehicle 10 : 2021-2021 Audi S4 SEDAN

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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S4 SEDAN count:325

Production Dates : NOV 21, 2020 - FEB 16, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUC4AF48MA031172 End : WAUB4AF43MA047811 Not sequential

Vehicle 11 : 2021-2021 Audi A8

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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A8 count: 306

Production Dates : DEC 16, 2020 - MAR 10, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAU8DAF85MN011978 End : WAU8EAF88MN016668 Not sequential

Vehicle 12 : 2021-2021 Audi A7

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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A7 count: 415

Production Dates : DEC 02, 2020 - FEB 01, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUU2AF2XMN041994 End : WAUU2AF26MN059005 Not sequential

Vehicle 13 : 2021-2021 Audi A6 ALLROAD

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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A6 ALLROAD count: 261

Production Dates : DEC 02, 2020 - FEB 02, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAU92BF20MN042034 End : WAU92BF22MN059546 Not sequential

Vehicle 14 : 2021-2021 Audi A6 SEDAN

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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A6 SEDAN count: 2076

Production Dates : DEC 02, 2020 - FEB 05, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUL2AF24MN041999 End : WAUD3AF20MN060275 Not sequential

Vehicle 15 : 2021-2021 Audi A5 SPORTBACK

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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A5 SPORTBACK count: 1446

Production Dates : NOV 20, 2020 - MAR 24, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUCBCF50MA023075 End : WAUFACF5XMA042989 Not sequential

Vehicle 16 : 2021-2021 Audi SQ5 SPORTBACK

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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SQ5 SPORTBACK count: 278

Production Dates : FEB 20, 2021 - MAY 19, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA134BFY2M2059436 End : WA134AFY0M2102648 Not sequential

Vehicle 17 : 2021-2021 Audi RS5 COUPE

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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RS5 COUPE count: 181

Production Dates : DEC 02, 2020 - FEB 24, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WUANWAF52MA902259 End : WUANWAF59MA903165 Not sequential

Vehicle 18 : 2021-2021 Audi A5 CABRIOLET

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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A5 CABRIOLET count: 97

Production Dates : FEB 02, 2021 - FEB 22, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUYAGF51MN002907 End : WAU2AGF51MN003397 Not sequential

Vehicle 19 : 2021-2021 Audi Q3

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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Q3 count: 8781

Production Dates : NOV 14, 2020 - MAR 05, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA1EECF3XM1052529 End : WA1DECF35M1102068 Not sequential

Vehicle 20 : 2021-2021 Audi A4 ALLROAD

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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A4 ALLROAD count:139

Production Dates : NOV 20, 2020 - MAR 19, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA18AAF44MA030936 End : WA18AAF46MA057796 Not sequential

Vehicle 21 : 2021-2021 Audi SQ8

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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SQ8 count:199

Production Dates : NOV 21, 2020 - FEB 11, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA1CWBF14MD018565 End : WA1AWBF1XMD027763 Not sequential

Vehicle 22 : 2021-2021 Audi SQ7

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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SQ7 count: 389

Production Dates : NOV 20, 2020 - FEB 02, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA1VWBF74MD022323 End : WA1AWBF78MD030360 Not sequential

Vehicle 23 : 2021-2021 Audi SQ5

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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SQ5 count: 704

Production Dates : FEB 11, 2021 - MAY 20, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA1C4AFY9M2059458 End : WA1B4AFY2M2102601 Not sequential

Vehicle 24 : 2021-2021 Audi S8

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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S8 count: 27

Production Dates : JAN 11, 2021 - MAR 05, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAU8SAF89MN012153 End : WAU8SAF83MN016635 Not sequential

Vehicle 25 : 2021-2021 Audi S5 SPORTBACK

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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S5 SPORTBACK count: 385

Production Dates : NOV 20, 2020 - MAR 11, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUC4CF52MA023069 End : WAUC4CF53MA036445 Not sequential

Vehicle 26 : 2021-2021 Audi S5 CABRIOLET

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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S5 CABRIOLET count: 41

Production Dates : FEB 02, 2021 - FEB 15, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUW4GF5XMN002905 End : WAUW4GF59MN003317 Not sequential

Vehicle 27 : 2021-2021 Audi S7

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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S7 count: 132

Production Dates : DEC 03, 2020 - FEB 02, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUSFBF20MN042041 End : WAUSFBF2XMN058375 Not sequential

Vehicle 28 : 2021-2021 Audi S6 SEDAN

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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S6 SEDAN count: 166

Production Dates : DEC 07, 2020 - FEB 02, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUFFAF2XMN043211 End : WAUDFAF24MN059007 Not sequential

Vehicle 29 : 2021-2021 Audi S5 COUPE

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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S5 COUPE count:48

Production Dates : DEC 02, 2020 - FEB 23, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUP4AF57MA025468 End : WAUP4AF53MA032966 Not sequential

Vehicle 30 : 2021-2021 Audi A5 COUPE

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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A5 COUPE count: 77

Production Dates : DEC 02, 2020 - FEB 17, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUTAAF53MA025376 End : WAUSAAF54MA032963 Not sequential

Vehicle 31 : 2021-2021 Audi RS6 AVANT

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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RS6 AVANT count:304

Production Dates : DEC 03, 2020 - FEB 03, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WUA1CBF20MN904846 End : WUA1CBF27MN906903 Not sequential

Vehicle 32 : 2021-2021 Audi RS7

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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RS7 count: 313

Production Dates : DEC 03, 2020 - FEB 02, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WUAPCBF29MN904841 End : WUAPCBF26MN906854 Not sequential

Vehicle 33 : 2021-2021 Audi RSQ8

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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RSQ8 count: 232

Production Dates : NOV 21, 2020 - FEB 08, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WU1ARBF19MD018553 End : WU1ARBF17MD027736 Not sequential

Vehicle 34 : 2021-2022 Audi S3 SEDAN

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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S3 SEDAN count: 24

Production Dates : JUL 08, 2021 - JUL 19, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUH3DGY4NA001289 End : WAUJ3DGY7NA001787 Not sequential

Vehicle 35 : 2021-2021 Audi E-TRON QUATTRO

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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E-TRON QUATTRO count: 2495

Production Dates : NOV 27, 2020 - MAR 03, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WA1VAAGE3MB014585 End : WA1AAAGE9MB030918 Not sequential

Vehicle 36 : 2021-2021 Audi RS5 SPORTBACK

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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RS5 SPORTBACK count:627

Production Dates : NOV 21, 2020 - FEB 25, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WUAAWCF57MA902087 End : WUAAWCF55MA903318 Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Autoliv has determined that certain seat belt assemblies do not comply with FMVSS 208. In these certain seat belt assemblies, the automatic locking retractor (ALR) function may deactivate early before the webbing is fully retracted.

FMVSS 1 : 208 - Occupant crash protection

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The ALR function is required in the US market by FMVSS 208 S7.1.1.5. This noncompliance does not impact the compliance or functionality of the seat belt assemblies with respect to their normal use by adult passengers or use of the LATCH system to secure child restraint seats. With child restraint seats for which the vehicle owner elects to use the seat belt to secure the child restraint seat instead of the LATCH system, if the seat belt is not lockable so that the seat belt assembly can be used to tightly secure the child restraint seat, there is an increased risk of injury in a crash to the occupant of the child restraint seat.

Description of the Cause : The subcomponent supplier of the ALR levers used in the subject seat belt assemblies produced dimensionally out of tolerance parts that may cause the ALR to deactivate before the seat belt webbing is fully retracted.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : A vehicle owner who elects to use the seat belt instead of the LATCH system to secure a child restraint seat will notice that the seat belt is not locked and the audible clicking noise made when the ALR function is activated stops well before the seat belt webbing is fully retracted.

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Seat belt assembly

Component Description : Seat belt assembly

Component Part Number : 11B857706J

Component Name 2 : Seat belt assembly

Component Description : Seat belt assembly

Component Part Number : 11A857807A

Component Name 3 : Seat belt assembly

Component Description : Seat belt assembly

Component Part Number : 8Y0857807J 041

Component Name 4 : Seat belt assembly

Component Description : Seat belt assembly

Component Part Number : 83A857706D V04

Component Name 5 : Seat belt assembly

Component Description : Seat belt assembly

Component Part Number : 83A857807C V04

Component Name 6 : Seat belt assembly

Component Description : Seat belt assembly

Component Part Number : 80A857706P V04

Component Name 7 : Seat belt assembly

Component Description : Seat belt assembly

Component Part Number : 80A857706P JXE

Component Name 8 : Seat belt assembly

Component Description : Seat belt assembly

Component Part Number : 4M0857706AD V04

Component Name 9 : Seat belt assembly

Component Description : Seat belt assembly

Component Part Number : 4M0857807 A V04

Component Name 10 : Seat belt assembly

Component Description : Seat belt assembly

Component Part Number : 4M8857807A V04

Component Name 11 : Seat belt assembly

Component Description : Seat belt assembly

Component Part Number : 8W0857706 P V04

Component Name 12 : Seat belt assembly

Component Description : Seat belt assembly

Component Part Number : 8W0857706 P JXE

Component Name 13 : Seat belt assembly

Component Description : Seat belt assembly

Component Part Number : 8W0857706 P VM1

Component Name 14 : Seat belt assembly

Component Description : Seat belt assembly

Component Part Number : 8W0857807 B V04

Component Name 15 : Seat belt assembly
Component Description : Seat belt assembly
Component Part Number : 8W0857807 BJXE

Component Name 16 : Seat belt assembly
Component Description : Seat belt assembly
Component Part Number : 8W6857706 L V04

Component Name 17 : Seat belt assembly
Component Description : Seat belt assembly
Component Part Number : 8W7857706 L V04

Component Name 18 : Seat belt assembly
Component Description : Seat belt assembly
Component Part Number : 4K8857807E V04

Component Name 19 : Seat belt assembly
Component Description : Seat belt assembly
Component Part Number : 4K8857807E KPZ

Component Name 20 : Seat belt assembly
Component Description : Seat belt assembly
Component Part Number : 4N0857807A V04

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Autoliv, Inc.
Address : Klarabergsviadukten 70
World Trade Center
28326
Stockholm
Foreign States

Country : Sweden

Chronology :

June 11, 2021: Volkswagen was informed by Autoliv that Autoliv has decided to recall certain seat belt assemblies manufactured between October 26, 2020 and January 27, 2021 by certain Autoliv Group companies due to a potential non-compliance with FMVSS 208. Volkswagen started discussion with Autoliv in order to understand the issue and the potential non-compliance, the technical back-ground and asked Autoliv to provide the built-data for the suspect seat belt assemblies so that Volkswagen can start to identify the affected VINs. Internal analysis started.

June 18, 2021: First set of built-data from Autoliv received. Identification of potentially affected vehicles initiated. Discussions with Autoliv about the data sets initiated in order to assure completeness and accuracy of data sets.

June - July 2021: Ongoing discussions with Autoliv in order to understand potential non-compliance. Technical details requested. Autoliv stated that topic is not safety related but a non-compliance with FMVSS. Internal tests initiated to evaluate in-car performance and potential relevance for motor vehicle safety.

July 6, 2021: Volkswagen received updated and more complete built data information from Autoliv with additional built data sets. New identification of potential affected vehicles started.

July 14, 2021: Autoliv informed Volkswagen about a discussion with NHTSA and again stated Autoliv's position that this topic is not safety related.

July 15, 2021: Topic was presented in Volkswagen Pre Product Safety Committee. More details requested.

July 28, 2021: Topic was presented in Volkswagen Product Safety Committee. Volkswagen evaluated that this topic poses no unreasonable risk to motor vehicle safety but is a potential non-compliance with FMVSS 208 in Volkswagen vehicles and decided a non-compliance recall.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Dealers will inspect the affected seat belt assemblies at the specific seating positions and, if necessary, replace an affected seat belt free of charge. Because the affected vehicles are within the New Vehicle Limited Warranty, Volkswagen and Audi will not offer a reimbursement plan under this recall.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedy component is built outside of the potentially affected time period and the ALR function is working. The recalled parts are the seat belt assemblies for the passenger seat or the middle rear seat. The recalled part numbers are the same as the remedy part numbers: see list above.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Autoliv reported that this issue was corrected in production at their supplier January 2021.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealers/Owners: On or before October 01, 2021

Planned Dealer Notification Date : OCT 01, 2021 - OCT 01, 2021

Planned Owner Notification Date : OCT 01, 2021 - OCT 01, 2021

* NR - Not Reported