

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

22V-224

Manufacturer Name : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

Submission Date : MAY 25, 2022

NHTSA Recall No. : 22V-224

Manufacturer Recall No. : 72M7



Manufacturer Information :

Population :

Manufacturer Name : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

Number of potentially involved : 466

Address : 3800 Hamlin Road

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Auburn Hills MI 48326

Company phone : 1-800-893-5298

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2022-2022 AUDI S3 SEDAN

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined based on vehicle assembly records. Only certain Audi A3 and S3 vehicles produced between June and September 2021 are affected by this condition. Vehicles not included in the recall either have received the correct LATCH fitting sleeve in production or in the factory/port before entering the market.
S3 SEDAN 292

Production Dates : JUL 08, 2021 - JUL 29, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUH3DGY4NA001289 End : WAUH3DGYXNA006075 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2022-2022 AUDI A3 SEDAN

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined based on vehicle assembly records. Only certain Audi A3 and S3 vehicles produced between June and September 2021 are affected by this condition. Vehicles not included in the recall either have received the correct LATCH fitting sleeve in production or in the factory/port before entering the market.
A3 SEDAN 174

Production Dates : JUL 26, 2021 - OCT 07, 2021

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUAUDGY3NA003677 End : WAUGUDGY7NA016149 Not sequential

Description of Noncompliance :

Description of the Noncompliance : The lower child seat anchorages are not equipped with the required ISO symbol according to FMVSS 225 S9.5. On the LATCH fitting sleeve itself a European ("i-Size") symbol is present and there is no symbol on the cover.

FMVSS 1 : 225 - Child restraint anchorage systems

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The lower child seat anchorage fitting sleeves are equipped with the EU-specific symbol instead of the U.S.-specific marking required by FMVSS 225. There is no impact on functionality of the LATCH system, which operates as designed. It is only the ISO symbol that is not correct and therefore non-compliant with the regulatory requirement.

An incorrectly marked child restraint anchorage may cause confusion during child seat installation, potentially resulting in a child seat being improperly secured and increasing the risk of injury during a crash.

Description of the Cause : Due to a process error at the Tier 1 supplier assembling the entire rear seat bench, the EU specific child seat anchorage fitting sleeves were erroneously used instead of the U.S. market version.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : The customer may notice that the symbol on the child seat anchorage fitting sleeve is slightly different than the one described in the owner's manual, and also that the symbol is missing on the cover.

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : LATCH fitting sleeve

Component Description : LATCH fitting sleeve

Component Part Number : 8Y0-887-233-B

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : Fa. Magna Seating GmbH

Address : Ruhrstr. 1

Neuburg

Foreign States 86633

Country : Germany

Chronology :

October 28, 2021: Supplier reported an issue with the material distribution for the lower child seat anchorage fitting sleeves which may have caused certain U.S. market vehicles to be equipped with European spec parts. October - November 2021: Immediate investigation regarding root cause and consequences, production was corrected. Vehicles in the port and in the factory were stopped and also corrected. Introduction of Poke-Yoke system at the supplier's assembly to prevent similar issues in the future.

January - March 2022: Topic reported to the Product Safety Committee and evaluation of the issue regarding safety and potential non-compliance.

March 30, 2022: The Product Safety Committee decides a non-compliance recall for the US and Canada.

Audi is not aware of any warranty claims, customer complaints or other field reports due to this issue.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : At no cost to customers, authorized Audi dealers will replace all four (4) LATCH fitting sleeves in the affected vehicles. Audi will offer a reimbursement plan under this recall.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Recalled component with EU symbol: 8Y0.877.233.C
Remedy component with U.S. symbol: 8Y0.877.233.B
The recall remedy component can be distinguished from the recalled component because it shows the marking according to FMVSS 225.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Vehicles produced after October 28, 2021 are equipped with the correct LATCH fitting sleeves. The supplier has introduced a new parts distribution system (Poke-Yoke) in order to assure correct matching of the lower child seat anchorage fitting sleeves to the vehicles depending on the market.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealers/owners: On or before June 03, 2022

Planned Dealer Notification Date : JUN 03, 2022 - JUN 03, 2022

Planned Owner Notification Date : JUN 03, 2022 - JUN 03, 2022

* NR - Not Reported