



VOLKSWAGEN DEALER COMMUNICATION

Repair Available – Safety Recall 13i4 / Engine Connecting Rod

This notice is for:

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| ✓ Dealer Principal | ✓ Service Manager | ✓ Warranty Administrator |
| ✓ General Manager | ✓ Parts Manager | ✓ Technicians |
| ✓ Sales Managers | ✓ Service Consultant | |

Date: October 21, 2022

Issue: Deviations in the mechanical production process of the connecting rods may have caused an increased particle occurrence in the engine oil circuit, which may lead to extensive wear and play and result in damage to the connecting rod bearings. A connecting rod bearing with continuously rising bearing play leads to excessive engine noise.

If the excessive engine noise and engine warning light is ignored and the vehicle continues to be driven, this condition may result in engine failure, potentially causing a loss of motive power while driving, and in rare cases a loss of engine oil, which may pose a risk of a vehicle fire.

Precautions: If the recall condition is present in the vehicle, the driver may notice excessive engine noise and the Malfunction Indicator Light (MIL) may illuminate in the instrument panel. If this happens, customers are advised to contact an authorized Volkswagen dealer without delay to have the vehicle diagnosed/repared.

- Repair:**
- REPAIR AVAILABLE – October 21, 2022 / Inspect and, if necessary, replace the engine
 - **At this time, any vehicle needing an engine replacement will need to be grounded until engines become available. See the campaign circular for complete information.**
 - See ELSA/ServiceNet for complete repair & claiming instructions
 - Check both the daily Campaign Open Inventory report and OMD for affected vehicles in inventory. Verify OPEN status in ELSA on the day of repair.
 - Repair every affected inventory vehicle before delivery to consumers.

Parts Department: Please refer to the campaign circular for further details.

Affected Vehicles

Country	Beginning Model Year	Ending Model Year	Vehicle	Vehicle Count
USA	2022	2023	ATLAS	16,135
USA	2022	2023	ATLAS CROSS SPORT	9,279
CAN	2022	2023	ATLAS	462
CAN	2022	2023	ATLAS CROSS SPORT	393

**Counts reflect overall population; some vehicles may have already been repaired. Check Campaigns/Actions screen in Elsa on the day of repair to verify that a VIN qualifies for repair under this action. Elsa is the only valid campaign inquiry & verification source.*

- Notes:**
- Schedule owner repairs immediately

Ensure all dealership personnel are aware of this notice so they are able to address customer questions. Contact Warranty if you require additional assistance. Direct press inquiries to Volkswagen Public Relations.

- Owner mailing – November 2022

U.S.A.: Loaner/rental coverage cannot be claimed under this action. However, loaner/rental may be covered under the Alternate Transportation Program. Please refer to the Volkswagen Warranty Policy and Procedures Manual for loaner claims information and reimbursement details.

Canada: Loaner/rental coverage cannot be claimed under this action. Please refer to the Volkswagen Service Loaner Program to determine loaner eligibility.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: VEHICLES AFFECTED BY SAFETY & COMPLIANCE RECALLS

New Vehicles in Dealer Inventory: It is a violation of federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment (including a tire) covered by this notification under a sale or lease until the defect or noncompliance is remedied. By law, dealers must correct, prior to delivery for sale or lease, any vehicle that fails to comply with an applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard or that contains a defect relating to motor vehicle safety.

Pre-Owned Vehicles in Dealer Inventory: Dealers should not deliver any pre-owned vehicles in their inventory which are involved in a safety or compliance recall until the defect has been remedied.

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