IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL



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<MONTH YEAR>

<CUSTOMER NAME> <CUSTOMER ADDRESS> <CUSTOMER CITY STATE ZIPCODE>

This notice applies to your vehicle: <MODEL YEAR> <BRAND> <CARLINE>, <VIN>

NHTSA: 22V152

Subject: Safety Recall 97GF – Front Door Wiring Harness

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 2019-2023 model year Volkswagen vehicles. Our records show that you are the owner of a vehicle affected by this action.

What is the issue?	In the event of a side crash, when the side airbag deployment may be necessary, the side airbag may deploy later than designed, which can lead to an increased risk of injury to vehicle occupants. This issue may be caused by excessive micromovement, leading to fretting corrosion of the door wiring harness terminal contacts.
What will we do?	To identify and correct this defect, authorized Volkswagen dealers will check both front doors to determine if diagnostic trouble (fault) code(s) specific to the affected wiring harness are present. If the fault code(s) are present for a front door, the affected wiring harness will be replaced in that door. Harnesses will be modified with a zip tie to secure them, and a stabilizing compound will be applied to the terminal ends of the affected wiring harness connectors.
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with a zip tie to secure it and a stabilizing compound will be applied to the terminal ends of the affected wiring harness connector(s). This work will take about two hours to complete and will be performed for

This work will take about two hours to complete and will be performed for you free of charge. Please keep in mind that your dealer may need additional time for the preparation of the repair, as well as to accommodate their daily workshop schedule.

- 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 <u>www.vw.com/find-a-dealer.</u>
- **Precautions you should** If the recall condition is present in the vehicle, the airbag warning light will illuminate if a malfunction is detected. Other symptoms of a sporadic interruption of the affected electrical connection can be: inadvertently rolling down windows, inadvertent park brake engagement at low speeds

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(below approximately 3km/h or 1.8 mph), warning regarding faulty door sensor. Customers experiencing any of these conditions are advised to contact an authorized Volkswagen dealer to have their vehicle diagnosed/repaired without delay.

- 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.
- **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 <u>www.vw.com/contact</u> 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 <u>www.vw.com/owners/recalls</u> 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