



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

25V777

**Manufacturer Name:** Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

**Submission Date:** Nov 12, 2025

**NHTSA Recall No.:** 25V777

**Manufacturer Recall No.:** 692K

## Manufacturer Information

## Population

**Manufacturer Name:** Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.  
**Address:** 3800 Hamlin Road  
Auburn Hills MI, 48326

**Total number of potentially involved:** 62  
**Estimated percentage with defect:** 1.6%

## Vehicle Information

**Vehicle 1:** 2025-2025 AUDI RS Q8

**Product Category:** Light Vehicles

**Product Type:**

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** Mar 18, 2025 - Mar 27, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 26

**Descriptive Information:**

The recall population was determined by production records.

The recalled products are equipped with parts from that specific production period, vehicles not included in the recall are equipped with parts from outside that period.

Estimated percentage of involved with defect: 0.014%

**Vehicle 2:** 2025-2025 AUDI Q8

**Product Category:** Light Vehicles

**Product Type:**

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** Mar 17, 2025 - Mar 25, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 30

**Descriptive Information:**

The recall population was determined by production records.

The recalled products are equipped with parts from that specific production period, vehicles not included in the recall are equipped with parts from outside that period.

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Estimated percentage of involved with defect: 0.014%

**Vehicle 3:** 2025-2025 AUDI Q7

**Product Category:** Light Vehicles

**Product Type:**

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** Mar 24, 2025 - Mar 24, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 1

**Descriptive Information:**

The recall population was determined by production records.

The recalled products are equipped with parts from that specific production period, vehicles not included in the recall are equipped with parts from outside that period.

Estimated percentage of involved with defect: 0.014%

**Vehicle 4:** 2025-2025 AUDI SQ8

**Product Category:** Light Vehicles

**Product Type:**

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** Mar 18, 2025 - Mar 25, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 5

**Descriptive Information:**

The recall population was determined by production records.

The recalled products are equipped with parts from that specific production period, vehicles not included in the recall are equipped with parts from outside that period.

Estimated percentage of involved with defect: 0.014%

## Defect / Noncompliance Description

**Description of the defect or noncompliance:**

A rivet that secures the safety belt buckle to the driver's or front passenger's safety belt stalk may be missing.

**FMVSS1:**

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**FMVSS2:****Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:**

In a crash, a missing safety belt rivet can cause the safety belt to malfunction, increasing the risk of injury to the occupant.

**Description of the cause:**

Due to process deviations in the assembly process at the supplier, the rivet may not have been installed.

**Identification of any warning that can occur:**

NONE

## Component Manufacturer

**Tier of Supplier:****Supplier Type:****Name:** Joyson Safety Systems**Address:** Bahnweg 1  
Aschaffenburg Foreign States, 63743**Country:** Germany

## Involved Components

**Component Name 1:** Belt buckle**Component Description:** Belt buckle**Component Part Number:** 4K8.857.755.M / Q

## Chronology

On July 28, 2025, one field case with a missing mounting rivet was reported from a non-US market. On the same day, the belt buckle supplier was informed.

August – October 2025: Together with the supplier, a joint investigation was initiated. The supplier issued a self-disclosure to all purchasing OEMs. More than 400,000 belt buckle inspections were carried out without detecting any missing mounting rivets. Additionally, approximately 12,000 Conformity of Production (COP) tests conducted between 2020 and 2025 were analyzed, with no abnormalities found. Through deeper production analysis, the supplier — in close collaboration with Audi — attempted to identify a suspect production period.

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On October 28, 2025, the supplier reported that a specific production lot with unique conditions had been identified, which included the known field case.

On November 05, 2025, the Audi Product Safety Committee decided to initiate a safety recall for vehicles from the affected production lot.

Audi is not aware of any crashes, fires, injuries or deaths associated with this defect. Audi is not aware of any field reports/warranty claims from the US market.

Date of determination: November 05, 2025

**Related NHTSA Recall Number:**

## Description of Remedy

**Remedy Type:** Repair

**Consumer Advisories:**  Do Not Drive  Park Outside

**Description of remedy program:**

The driver and front passenger safety belt buckles will be replaced.

**How remedy component differs from recalled component:**

The recall remedy component is manufactured according to specifications.

**Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:**

Since August 2025, the supplier has implemented enhanced camera inspections, manual pull and visual checks, as well as an automatic pull test in production.

These measures ensure that any incorrectly produced belt buckles missing the mounting rivet, related to the specific conditions of the affected production lot, would have been detected.

## Reimbursement Plan

**Description of reimbursement program:**

A reimbursement plan will not be offered under this recall because the affected vehicles are within the New Vehicle Limited Warranty period.

**Period of reimbursement:**

**Costs to be reimbursed:**

**Address for reimbursement claims:**

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## Recall Schedule

**Description of recall schedule:**

Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date: November 14, 2025

Planned Dealer Notification End Date: November 14, 2025

Planned Owner Notification Begin Date: On or before January 09, 2026

Planned Owner Notification End Date: On or before January 09, 2026

**Planned Dealer Notification Date:** Nov 14, 2025 - Nov 14, 2025

No Dealers

**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:**

No Owners

**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** Jan 09, 2026 - Jan 09, 2026

Phased Recall

**Date when VIN will be searchable:** Nov 14, 2025