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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.

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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