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National Highway  
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Administration

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

25V899

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

**Submission Date:** Dec 19, 2025

**NHTSA Recall No.:** 25V899

**Manufacturer Recall No.:** 69D8

## Manufacturer Information

## Population

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

**Total number of potentially involved:** 27,768  
**Estimated percentage with defect:** 3%

## Vehicle Information

**Vehicle 1:** 2025-2025 AUDI SQ6 E-TRON

**Product Category:** Light Vehicles

**Product Type:**

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** Jan 10, 2025 - Jun 06, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 14

**Descriptive Information:**

The recall population was determined by specific information about the suspect production batches from the supplier that have been matched with 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.

**Vehicle 2:** 2025-2025 AUDI SQ6 SPORTBACK E-TRON

**Product Category:** Light Vehicles

**Product Type:**

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** May 09, 2025 - Oct 31, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 62

**Descriptive Information:**

The recall population was determined by specific information about the suspect production batches from the supplier that have been matched with production records.

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## **Vehicle 3: 2025-2025 AUDI Q6 SPORTBACK E-TRON**

**Product Category:** Light Vehicles

**Product Type:**

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** Jul 29, 2025 - Nov 05, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 220

**Descriptive Information:**

The recall population was determined by specific information about the suspect production batches from the supplier that have been matched with 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.

## **Vehicle 4: 2025-2025 AUDI A6**

**Product Category:** Light Vehicles

**Product Type:**

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** Jul 29, 2025 - Nov 05, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 1,968

**Descriptive Information:**

The recall population was determined by specific information about the suspect production batches from the supplier that have been matched with 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.

## **Vehicle 5: 2025-2025 AUDI A5**

**Product Category:** Light Vehicles

**Product Type:**

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** Feb 22, 2025 - Nov 05, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 12,571

**Descriptive Information:**

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## **Vehicle 6: 2025-2025 AUDI A6 SPORTBACK E-TRON**

**Product Category:** Light Vehicles

**Product Type:**

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** Jul 19, 2024 - Nov 04, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 3,348

### **Descriptive Information:**

The recall population was determined by specific information about the suspect production batches from the supplier that have been matched with 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.

## **Vehicle 7: 2025-2025 AUDI Q6 E-TRON**

**Product Category:** Light Vehicles

**Product Type:**

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** Jul 19, 2024 - Nov 04, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 5,857

### **Descriptive Information:**

The recall population was determined by specific information about the suspect production batches from the supplier that have been matched with 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.

## **Vehicle 8: 2025-2025 AUDI S5**

**Product Category:** Light Vehicles

**Product Type:**

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** Mar 07, 2025 - Nov 04, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 2,848

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## **Descriptive Information:**

The recall population was determined by specific information about the suspect production batches from the supplier that have been matched with 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.

**Vehicle 9: 2025-2025 AUDI S6 SPORTBACK E-TRON**

**Product Category:** Light Vehicles

**Product Type:**

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** Mar 14, 2025 - Oct 20, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 880

## **Descriptive Information:**

The recall population was determined by specific information about the suspect production batches from the supplier that have been matched with 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.

## Defect / Noncompliance Description

### **Description of the defect or noncompliance:**

Certain seat belt assemblies may not comply with FMVSS 208 and 209, as the automatic locking retractor (ALR) may fail to prevent the seat belt webbing from being extended more than the allowable length after locking when a seat belt is used to secure a child restraint seat.

**FMVSS1:** 208 - Occupant crash protection

**FMVSS2:** 209 - Seat belt assemblies

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

If the seat belt webbing is extended more than the allowable length when a seat belt is used to secure a child restraint seat, there is an increased risk of injury to the occupant of the seat. A vehicle owner who uses a seat belt instead of the LATCH system to secure a child restraint seat will notice the seat belt may not stop before the seat belt webbing is fully retracted.

### **Description of the cause:**

The spring cassettes in the affected ALRs within the seat belt assemblies may have been damaged during manufacturing due to a loose or misplaced pin. If the pin does not hold the housing in the intended position, the housing may become deformed. As a result, the locking pawl cannot engage, allowing the seat belt webbing to extend more than the allowable length.

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## Identification of any warning that can occur:

A vehicle owner who uses a seat belt instead of the LATCH system to secure a child restraint seat will notice the seat belt may not stop before the seat belt webbing is fully retracted.

## Component Manufacturer

### Tier of Supplier:

### Supplier Type:

**Name:** Joyson Safety Systems Poland Sp. z o.o.

**Address:** Betlejemska 16  
Krzeszów Foreign States, 58-405

**Country:** Poland

## Involved Components

**Component Name 1:** Rear seat belt assembly

**Component Description:** Rear seat belt assembly

**Component Part Number:** 8B3 857 805 A 85E 857 805 B 85H 857 805 B

## Chronology

September 12, 2025: During an internal audit, a malfunction of the child restraint seat locking function was detected.

September 2025: Following the audit results, sorting actions were initiated at the supplier and factory level to determine potentially affected parts and vehicles.

October 2025: Analysis conducted with supplier to determine effects of anomaly and whether it meets internal and regulatory specifications. Additional process optimizations and improvements were implemented, including tool adjustments and end-of-line (EOL) testing at the supplier.

November to December 2025: A review of the analysis results was performed and compliance with FMVSS 208 and 209 was analyzed in conjunction with supplier.

December 17, 2025: The Audi Product Safety Committee determined that the issue constitutes a non-compliance and decided to perform a non-compliance recall.

## Related NHTSA Recall Number:

## Description of Remedy

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**Remedy Type:** Inspect, Repair

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

**Description of remedy program:**

Dealers will inspect the right and left-side rear seat belt retractors. If the seat belt webbing can be pulled out more than the allowable length after locking, the seat belt assembly must be replaced.

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

In the remedy component, the spring cassette is not damaged and meets the required specifications.

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

In September 2025, the pin height was adjusted during screw tightening at the supplier. From November 2025 onwards, no suspect parts have been installed in vehicle production.

## 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:**

## Recall Schedule

**Description of recall schedule:**

Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date: December 23, 2025

Planned Dealer Notification End Date: December 23, 2025

Planned Owner Notification Begin Date: On or before February 17, 2025

Planned Owner Notification End Date: On or before February 17, 2025

**Planned Dealer Notification Date:** Dec 23, 2025 - Dec 23, 2025

No Dealers

**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:**

No Owners

**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** Feb 17, 2026 - Feb 17, 2026

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**Date when VIN will be searchable:** Dec 23, 2025