

# IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL



Volkswagen of America, Inc.  
3800 Hamlin Road  
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

<MONTH YEAR>

<CUSTOMER NAME>

<CUSTOMER ADDRESS>

<CUSTOMER CITY STATE ZIPCODE>

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

**NHTSA:** 20V505

**Subject: Safety Recall 72K8 - Front Seat Backrest Frame Welds**

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 2020-2021 model year Volkswagen vehicles. Our records show that you are the owner of a vehicle affected by this action.

**What is the issue?**

Individual parts of the front seat backrest adjusting mechanism and the side element of the front seat backrest frame may not have been welded properly. In the event of a rear-end crash, the backrest adjustment could break under unfavorable conditions and the intended restraint effect may no longer be achieved. This may cause an increased risk of injury to the occupant of the front seat and potentially to the occupant in the rear seat directly behind it.

**What will we do?**

To identify/correct this defect, your authorized Volkswagen dealer will inspect the front driver and passenger seats. The inspection will take about a half an hour to complete.

If an affected part is found, the seatback frame will be replaced. In that case, your dealer will order the part(s) needed for the repair. Once the part(s) arrives at your dealer, the replacement will take up to a half a day to complete.

Both the inspection and part(s) replacement (if needed) 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 repair. To set up an appointment online, please visit [www.vw.com/find-a-dealer](http://www.vw.com/find-a-dealer).

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**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.

**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 [www.vw.com/contact](http://www.vw.com/contact) 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 [www.vw.com/owners/recalls](http://www.vw.com/owners/recalls) 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