# **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:** 21V142

### Subject: Safety Recall 44R1 –Continental Tires

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 2018-2020 model year Volkswagen vehicles. Our records show that you are the owner of a vehicle affected by this action.

What is the issue?	Vehicles included in this recall may have received potentially affected "overcured" Continental brand tires out of specific production lots. The potentially affected tires may experience a carcass break in the sidewall with sudden air loss, or could develop a belt edge separation that could lead to a partial or full tread/belt loss. Sudden loss of tire air pressure without warning may cause loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.
What will we do?	To correct this defect, your authorized Volkswagen dealer will inspect and, if necessary, replace affected tire(s). The inspection will take about a half an hour. If tire(s) replacement is needed, it can take up to two hours. This work 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 <u>www.vw.com/find-a-dealer.</u>
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 <u>www.vw.com/contact</u> or by calling us at 800-893-5298.

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### 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 <a href="http://www.safercar.gov">http://www.safercar.gov</a>.

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