

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

22V-543

Manufacturer Name : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

Submission Date : JUL 27, 2022

NHTSA Recall No. : 22V-543

Manufacturer Recall No. : 69DY, 61C1



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

Address : 3800 Hamlin Road

Auburn Hills MI 48326

Company phone : 1-800-893-5298

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 1,216

Estimated percentage with defect : 1 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2016-2016 Audi TT Roadster

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined by records of the vehicle assembly information.

The recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall because, according to production records, the recalled vehicles were assembled with passenger airbag inflators manufactured in the same production batch as the affected vehicle; the production batch was defined by sub-supplier ARC. TT Roadster: 23

Production Dates : NOV 12, 2015 - JAN 15, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin: TRUT5CFV5G1018877 End: TRUT5CFV6G1022677 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2016-2016 Audi TT Coupe

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined by records of the vehicle assembly information.

The recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall because, according to production records, the recalled vehicles were assembled with passenger airbag inflators manufactured in the same production batch as the affected vehicle; the production batch was defined by sub-supplier ARC. TT Coupe: 71

Production Dates : NOV 10, 2015 - JAN 18, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin: TRUC5AFV6G1018794 End: TRUC5AFV7G1023079 Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2016-2016 Audi S3 SEDAN

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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Production Dates : NOV 04, 2015 - DEC 15, 2015

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUB1GFF5G1054549 End : WAUB1GFF9G1070088 Not sequential

Vehicle 4 : 2016-2016 Audi R8 COUPE

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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Production Dates : FEB 03, 2016 - FEB 04, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WUAKBAFXXH7901055 End : WUAEEAFX6H7901070 Not sequential

Vehicle 5 : 2016-2016 Audi A3 Sedan

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined by records of the vehicle assembly information.

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Production Dates : NOV 04, 2015 - DEC 17, 2015

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUE8GFF8G1054490 End : WAUA7GFF2G1071173 Not sequential

Vehicle 6 : 2016-2016 Audi A3 ETRON

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined by records of the vehicle assembly information.

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Production Dates : NOV 03, 2015 - JAN 04, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAUTPBFF3GA075664 End : WAUUPBFF4GA102231 Not sequential

Vehicle 7 : 2016-2016 Audi A3 Cabriolet

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined by records of the vehicle assembly information.

The recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall because, according to production records, the recalled vehicles were assembled with passenger airbag inflators manufactured in the same production batch as the affected vehicle; the production batch was defined by sub-supplier ARC. A3 Cabriolet: 16

Production Dates : NOV 04, 2015 - DEC 03, 2015

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WAU38LFF9G1054529 End : WAU78LFF4G1066069 Not sequential

Vehicle 8 : 2016-2016 Volkswagen GOLF SPORTWAGEN

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined by records of the vehicle assembly information.

The recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall because, according to production records, the recalled vehicles were assembled with passenger airbag inflators manufactured in the same production batch as the affected vehicle; the production batch was defined by sub-supplier ARC. Golf Sportwagen: 85

Production Dates : OCT 28, 2015 - APR 27, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin : 3VWC17AU0GM514231 End : 3VWC17AU5GM523541 Not sequential

Vehicle 9 : 2016-2016 Volkswagen GOLF R

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined by records of the vehicle assembly information.

The recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall because, according to production records, the recalled vehicles were assembled with passenger airbag inflators manufactured in the same production batch as the affected vehicle; the production batch was defined by sub-supplier ARC. Golf R: 1

Production Dates : MAY 25, 2016 - MAY 25, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WVVUF7AUXGW336319 End : WVVUF7AUXGW336319 Not sequential

Vehicle 10 : 2016-2016 Volkswagen GOLF GTI

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined by records of the vehicle assembly information.

The recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall because, according to production records, the recalled vehicles were assembled with passenger airbag inflators manufactured in the same production batch as the affected vehicle; the production batch was defined by sub-supplier ARC. Golf GTI: 267

Production Dates : OCT 28, 2015 - APR 26, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin : 3VWYT7AU3GM029114 End : 3VW447AU9GM061156 Not sequential

Vehicle 11 : 2016-2016 Volkswagen GOLF A7

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined by records of the vehicle assembly information.

The recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall because, according to production records, the recalled vehicles were assembled with passenger airbag inflators manufactured in the same production batch as the affected vehicle; the production batch was defined by sub-supplier ARC. Golf A7: 191

Production Dates : OCT 28, 2015 - APR 27, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin : 3VW117AU3GM029122 End : 3VW217AU2GM061144 Not sequential

Vehicle 12 : 2016-2016 Volkswagen E GOLF

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined by records of the vehicle assembly information.

The recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall because, according to production records, the recalled vehicles were assembled with passenger airbag inflators manufactured in the same production batch as the affected vehicle; the production batch was defined by sub-supplier ARC. E Golf: 4

Production Dates : MAR 09, 2016 - MAY 18, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin : WVWKP7AU5GW910409 End : WVWKP7AU0GW913069 Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The airbag inflator of one Audi A3 involved in an accident bursted when deployed.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : In the event of a crash, the airbag inflator may burst when deployed and can eject sharp metal fragments, causing possible injury to the occupants. The restraint performance of the airbag may not work as designed , increasing the risk of injury.

Description of the Cause : The root cause is currently unknown, because a detailed analysis was not yet possible, since plaintiff's counsel in ongoing litigation consented only to a visual inspection.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None.

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : airbag module

Component Description : front-passenger airbag module (including inflator)

Component Part Number : 4S0880204 D / 8S0880204 E / 8V0880204 F / 5GM880204

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Joyson Safety Systems Germany GmbH
Address : Bahnweg 1
Aschaffenburg Foreign States 63743
Country : Germany

Chronology :

April 14-18, 2022: A dealership representative sent an email to a VWGoA employee on April 14 regarding a claim that an airbag inflator ruptured in a 2016 A3 e-Tron during a crash. The email was read and submitted to the appropriate business unit on April 18.

May 03, 2022: The current status of investigation and all relevant vehicle information were presented at the quarterly meeting between NHTSA and VWGoA.

June 29, 2022: Volkswagen Group of America was permitted to carry out a joint visual inspection with representatives for plaintiffs in the above-referenced lawsuit, ARC, Joyson, and NHTSA present. Solely based on this visual inspection the inflator is most likely original equipment and a rupture was confirmed.

July 19, 2022: Volkswagen AG and Audi AG received the serial numbers of the suspect inflator batch from the supplier and then verified the scope of vehicles in the field.

July 22, 2022: The Volkswagen and Audi Product Safety Committees decide a voluntary worldwide safety recall in order to analyze the parts from the suspect inflator batch.

Audi is aware of one customer claim due to this issue.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Replace the front-passenger airbag module.

Volkswagen and Audi will not offer a reimbursement plan under this recall.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The recalled components are the front-passenger airbags with the part numbers 4S0880204 D / 8S0880204 E / 8V0880204 F / 5GM880204 from the suspicious production period.

The remedy components have the part numbers 4S0880204 F / 8S0880204 G / 8V0880204 H / 5GM880204 and have been produced with an optimized production process.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : The remedy component does not contain an inflator that was manufactured in the suspect inflator batch, which included the field event.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealers/owners: on or before September 23, 2022

Planned Dealer Notification Date : SEP 23, 2022 - SEP 23, 2022

Planned Owner Notification Date : SEP 23, 2022 - SEP 23, 2022

* NR - Not Reported