

# **VOLKSWAGEN DEALER COMMUNICATION**

# Repair Available – <u>Safety Recall 13i6 / Engine Connecting Rod</u>

This notice is for:

- Dealer Principal
- ✓ Service Manager✓ Parts Manager
- Warranty Administrator

- ✓ General Manager
- ✓ Faits Manager
  ✓ Service Consultant
- ✓ Technicians

✓ Sales Managers

August 25, 2023

Issue:

Date:

Contamination during the bearing production process may have caused an increased particle occurrence in the engine oil circuit, which may lead to extensive wear and play and result in damage to the connecting rod bearings. A connecting rod bearing with continuously rising bearing play leads to excessive engine noise. If the excessive engine noise and engine warning light are ignored and the vehicle continues to be driven, this condition may result in engine failure, potentially causing a loss of motive power while driving, and in rare cases, a loss of engine oil, which may pose a risk of a vehicle fire.

#### Repair:

- REPAIR AVAILABLE August 25, 2023 / Inspect and, if necessary, replace the engine.
- See ELSA/ServiceNet for complete repair & claiming instructions
- Check both the daily Campaign Open Inventory report <u>and</u> OMD for affected vehicles in inventory. Verify OPEN status in ELSA <u>on the day of repair</u>.
- Repair every affected inventory vehicle <u>before delivery to consumers</u>.

## **Parts Department:**

There will be no parts allocation. Parts will be managed by Free Order.

### **Affected Vehicles**

Country	Beginning Model Year	Ending Model Year	Vehicle	Vehicle Count
USA	2024	2024	ATLAS	1,323
USA	2024	2024	ATLAS CROSS SPORT	695
CAN	2024	2024	ATLAS	40
CAN	2024	2024	ATLAS CROSS SPORT	34

<sup>\*</sup>Counts reflect overall population; some vehicles may have already been repaired. Check Campaigns/Actions screen in Elsa <u>on the day of repair</u> to verify that a VIN qualifies for repair under this action. Elsa is the <u>only</u> valid campaign inquiry & verification source.

### Notes:

- Schedule owner repairs immediately
- Owner mailing September 2023

<u>U.S.A.:</u> Loaner/rental coverage cannot be claimed under this action. However, loaner/rental may be covered under the Alternate Transportation Program. Please refer to the Volkswagen Warranty Policy and Procedures Manual for loaner claims information and reimbursement details.

<u>Canada:</u> Loaner/rental coverage cannot be claimed under this action. Please refer to the Volkswagen Service Loaner Program to determine loaner eligibility.

Ensure all dealership personnel are aware of this notice so they are able to address customer questions. Contact Warranty if you require additional assistance. Direct press inquiries to Volkswagen Public Relations.

# IMPORTANT REMINDER: VEHICLES AFFECTED BY SAFETY & COMPLIANCE RECALLS

New Vehicles in Dealer Inventory: It is a violation of federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment (including a tire) covered by this notification under a sale or lease until the defect or noncompliance is remedied. By law, dealers must correct, prior to delivery for sale or lease, any vehicle that fails to comply with an applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard or that contains a defect relating to motor vehicle safety.

<u>Pre-Owned Vehicles in Dealer Inventory:</u> Dealers should not deliver any pre-owned vehicles in their inventory which are involved in a safety or compliance recall until the defect has been remedied.

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