Part 573 Safety Recall Report   20V-533

Manufacturer Name :	Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.
Submission Date :	SEP 02, 2020
NHTSA Recall No. :	20V-533
Manufacturer Recall No. :	69AY

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 :	1,829
Estimated percentage with defect :	100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 :	2020-2020 Volkswagen Passat
Vehicle Type :	LIGHT VEHICLES
Body Style :	4-DOOR
Power Train :	NR
Descriptive Information :	Vehicles included in this recall may have been built with an airbag which may not be compliant with FMVSS208 requirements.
	Vehicles not included in this recall have been built with an airbag that meets FMVSS208 requirements.
	Passat vehicle count: 1829
Production Dates :	NOV 14, 2019 - FEB 11, 2020
VIN Range 1 : Begin :	1VWCA7A34LC003320 End : 1VWWA7A36LC011304 ☑ Not sequential

Description of Noncompliance :

Description of the Noncompliance :	The passenger frontal airbag may not have been folded properly during airbag production.
FMVSS 1 :	208 - Occupant crash protection
FMVSS 2 :	NR
Description of the Safety Risk :	There is a potential that, in a crash with airbag deployment, the passenger airbag may deploy too forcefully, increasing the risk of injury.
	Non-conformity with FMVSS208 (S22.4.2.4) - Force limit exceeded during out of position occupant test.
	Due to deployment forces beyond the allowable limits, there is an increased risk of occupant injury or death if the passenger airbag deploys with a small child standing on the passenger floor directly in front of the airbag.
Description of the Cause :	Certain parts were manufactured by the supplier using a specific machine

(Folding Table) that resulted in incorrect folding of the airbag inside of the passenger airbag module. This incorrect folding may cause the out of position deployment forces to be higher than specified.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NONE

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Passenger Side Front Airbag

Component Description : Passenger Side Front Airbag

Component Part Number : 561.880.204.D

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Autoliv B.V. & Co.KG

Address : Theodor-Heuss-Str. 2
Dachau FOREIGN STATES 85221

Country : Germany

Chronology :

November 20, 2019: Autoliv informed the VWAG that an unapproved folding table was implemented in production. VW instructed Autoliv not to ship parts made using the unapproved folding table to VW factory in Chattanooga.

November 20, 2019 - January 24, 2020: Autoliv continued shipping parts made using the unapproved folding table to VW factory in Chattanooga.

January 30, 2020: All parts made using the unapproved folding table were blocked by the VW factory in Chattanooga.

January - June 2020: Testing and analysis of parts made using the unapproved folding table were performed by VW factory in Chattanooga to determine whether they were compliant and identify potentially affected population.

August 20, 2020: Topic presented to VW pre-Product Safety Committee.

August 26, 2020: Topic presented to VW Product Safety Committee where a recall was decided.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The passenger frontal airbag will be replaced at no cost to customers. Volkswagen will not offer a reimbursement plan under this recall because the affected vehicles are still within the factory warranty period.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : "Passenger Side Front Airbag with Part Number: 561.880.204.D Remedy component complies with FMVSS208."

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Parts from not approved folding machine were identified and blocked in the warehouse January 30, 2020.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealers/owners: on or before 10/30/2020

Planned Dealer Notification Date : OCT 30, 2020 - OCT 30, 2020
Planned Owner Notification Date : OCT 30, 2020 - OCT 30, 2020

* NR - Not Reported