

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

20V-785

Manufacturer Name : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

Submission Date : DEC 16, 2020

NHTSA Recall No. : 20V-785

Manufacturer Recall No. : 69BC



Manufacturer Information :

Population :

Manufacturer Name : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

Number of potentially involved : 105,652

Address : 3800 Hamlin Road

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Auburn Hills MI 48326

Company phone : 1-800-893-5298

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2012-2014 Volkswagen Beetle

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Vehicles included in this recall are equipped with Takata SDI-D driver frontal airbag inflators.

Beetle vehicle count: 75,198

Production Dates : FEB 17, 2011 - JUL 03, 2014

VIN Range 1 : Begin : 3VWV87AT6CM500114 End : 3VWJP7AT0DM667765 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2012-2014 Volkswagen Beetle Convertible

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Vehicles included in this recall are equipped with Takata SDI-D driver frontal airbag inflators.

Beetle Convertible vehicle count: 30,454

Production Dates : DEC 29, 2011 - JUL 02, 2014

VIN Range 1 : Begin : 3VW767AT2CM800179 End : 3VW5L7AT4EM824096 Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Volkswagen and the NHTSA reviewed findings from various sources, including but not limited to a study from TK Global (the successor to TK Holdings, Inc.), on the safety and service life of desiccated Takata airbag inflators. Volkswagen's internal testing of SDI-D returned parts indicated better performance than the results of other studies, including TK Global's and did not identify any defects. Nevertheless, in consultation with the NHTSA regarding the Agency's evaluation of such sources, and out of an abundance of caution, Volkswagen agrees to recall certain vehicles specified herein that contain SDI-D phase-stabilized ammonium nitrate ("PSAN") airbag inflators, which are desiccated inflators containing 2004 propellant.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The Takata SDI-D driver frontal airbag inflators installed in the recalled vehicles currently do not pose an unreasonable risk to motor vehicle safety to drivers of affected vehicles. Based on its prior conversations with NHTSA, Volkswagen understands that the Agency is concerned that after additional time, the airbag inflator may not perform properly in the event of a crash. Out of an abundance of caution, Volkswagen agrees to recall certain vehicles specified herein that contain SDI-D phase-stabilized ammonium nitrate ("PSAN") airbag inflators, which are desiccated inflators containing 2004 propellant.

Description of the Cause : NHTSA investigation on the safety and service life of desiccated Takata airbag inflators regarding SDI-D phase-stabilized ammonium nitrate ("PSAN") air bag inflators, which are desiccated inflators containing 2004 propellant.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Driver Frontal Airbag

Component Description : Driver Frontal Airbag

Component Part Number : NR

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Volkswagen de México

Address : Km. 116 Autopista México Puebla
Cuautlancingo Foreign States 72700
Country : Mexico

Chronology :

January 15, 2020: Meeting to discuss this topic was held between Volkswagen and the NHTSA.

January 21, 2020: Follow-up meeting between Volkswagen and the NHTSA. As an outcome of the meeting, the NHTSA clarified its expectation of a recall of all SDI-D inflators in the Volkswagen Beetle and Beetle Convertible vehicles.

February 2020 - April 2020: Volkswagen and the NHTSA discussed the terms of a potential recall program internally and between the parties.

April 30, 2020 - May 5, 2020: An agreement between Volkswagen and the NHTSA to address the recall of vehicles equipped with Takata SDI-D air bag inflators was reached and fully executed by Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. and the NHTSA.

December 9, 2020: Pursuant to the schedule set out in the agreement with the NHTSA, Volkswagen's Product Safety Committee decided to conduct a safety recall.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The driver frontal airbag will be replaced at no cost to customers. Volkswagen will not offer a reimbursement plan under this recall.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The recalled component is the driver frontal airbag. The new part is an airbag not containing ammonium nitrate with numbers 5C5.880.201.AD and 5C5880201AE.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : N/A

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealers/owners: on or before 02/12/2021

Planned Dealer Notification Date : FEB 12, 2021 - FEB 12, 2021

Planned Owner Notification Date : FEB 12, 2021 - FEB 12, 2021

* NR - Not Reported