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Subject: Notification of Recall  
2006 – 2010 MY Volkswagen Jetta  
2007 – 2009 MY Rabbit  
2006 – 2010 MY New Beetle, New Beetle Convertible  
2009 MY Jetta SportWagen  
Inspect Fuel Line on Vehicles Equipped with 2.5L engine

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Dear Mr. Smith:

This will amend our Part 573 report dated December 10, 2010 by providing the following updated information:

573.6 (c) (1) **Manufacturer's Name**  
Volkswagen de Mexico, A.A. de C.V.  
Volkswagen AG

**Importer**  
Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (VWGoA)

573.6 (c) (2) **Identification of Vehicles**

Make : Volkswagen

Line : Jetta (5<sup>th</sup> Generation), Jetta SportWagen  
(5<sup>th</sup> Generation), Rabbit (5<sup>th</sup> Generation)  
: New Beetle and New Beetle Convertible

Model Year : Jetta: MY 2006 – 2010  
: Rabbit: MY 2007 – 2009  
: New Beetle, New Beetle Convertible: MY 2006 – 2010  
: Jetta SportWagen: MY 2009

Month/Year of Manufacture : Jetta & Jetta SportWagen: March 2006 through June 2009  
: Rabbit: March 2007 through November 2008  
: New Beetle & New Beetle Convertible: June 2005 through October 2009

VIN Numbers of Affected Vehicles :  
Jetta: 3VW\_\_\_1K\_6M802595 – 3VW\_\_\_AJ\_AM001302  
Jetta SportWagen: 3VW\_\_\_1K\_9M300053 – 3VW\_\_\_1K\_9M342312  
Rabbit: WWW\_\_\_1K\_7W227959 – WWW\_\_\_1K\_9W150037  
New Beetle: 3VW\_\_\_1C\_6M400076 – 3VW\_\_\_AG\_AM007740  
New Beetle Convertible: 3VW\_\_\_1Y\_6M300104 – 3VW\_\_\_AL\_AM001714

Other Identification : Only vehicles equipped with the 2.5L 5-cylinder gasoline engine are affected

573.6 (c) (3) **Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**  
Approximately 228,236 Volkswagen Jetta and Jetta SportWagens, 38,700 Rabbits and 110,350 New Beetle and New Beetle Convertibles are affected by this recall in the United States

573.6 (c) (4) **Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing Defect**  
VWGoA is unable to estimate the percentage of vehicles in the United States that are subject to the defect.

573.6 (c) (5) **Description of Defect**  
The affected Jetta, Jetta SportWagen and Rabbit vehicles may have a small plastic tab located on the windshield washer fluid reservoir that may chafe against an underhood fuel supply line. If chafing occurs, there is the potential for a fuel leak to develop over time.

The affected New Beetle and New Beetle Convertible vehicles may have a fastening clamp on a hydraulic hose of the power steering system that may be located in an improper position which could cause chafing against an underhood fuel supply line. If this happens, the chafing has the potential to cause a fuel leak over time.

Leaking fuel, in the presence of an ignition source, may result in a fire.

573.6 (c) (6) **Basis for Determination**

**March 2010**

VWGoA informed the manufacturing factories (VW de Mexico and VWAG) of potential issues with fuel lines in some Jetta, Rabbit, Jetta SportWagen, New Beetle, and New Beetle Convertible vehicles equipped with the 2.5L engine.

**April 2010 – November 2010**

Internal investigations at VW de Mexico and VWAG in conjunction with VWGoA were conducted to research alleged fuel line issues including field monitoring and potential failure rate analysis.

139 vehicles were inspected at auction centers throughout the United States. The results of the inspections were; 71 Jetta vehicles were inspected, 5 vehicles had indications of rubbing on the fuel line, but no fuel leaks were identified; and 68 New Beetle vehicles were inspected, 2 vehicles had indications of rubbing on the fuel line, but no fuel leaks were identified.

**December 2010**

Results of the internal investigation for potential fuel leaks were presented to the product safety committee at VWAG. It was noted that no fuel leaks or cases of fuel smell were identified throughout the investigation process, however, the product safety committee decided to conduct a safety recall.

Volkswagen has not identified any reports or allegations of actual injury, crash, or fires resulting from this condition.

Date of determination: December 3, 2010

573.6 (c) (7) **Noncompliance Test Result**

Not applicable

573.6 (c) (8) **Proposed Remedial Program**

Volkswagen will conduct a voluntary safety recall on all affected vehicles to inspect and, if necessary, replace the affected underhood fuel line. This work will be performed at no cost to customers.

As a preventative measure on Jetta, Jetta SportWagen and Rabbit vehicles, dealers will also remove the plastic tab from the windshield washer fluid reservoir.

As a preventive measure on New Beetle and New Beetle Convertible vehicles, dealers will inspect the position of the fastening clamp and adjust the related fastening clamp into the correct position if necessary.

Pending parts availability, mailing dates are anticipated as follows:

Dealers: January 24, 2011

Owners: January 31, 2011

Sincerely,



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