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## NHTSA Recalls of Interest

December 19, 2011

Report Date :**December 19, 2011 at 02:22 PM**  
NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:**11V580000**

**Vehicle Make / Model:**

AUDI / A6

**Manufacturer:** VOLKSWAGEN OF AMERICA, INC

**NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:** 11V580000

**Model Year(s):**

2012

**Mfr's Report Date:** DEC 05, 2011

**NHTSA Action Number:** N/A

**Component:** AIR BAGS:SIDE/WINDOW

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 317

**Summary:**

VOLKSWAGEN IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL 2012 AUDI A6 VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM APRIL 8, 2011, THROUGH MAY 26, 2011. DUE TO A PROBLEM IN THE STITCHING PROCESS OF THE CURTAIN AIR BAG, THE SEAM OF THE AIR BAG MAY NOT BE STITCHED PROPERLY.

**Consequence:**

IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH, THE HEAD CURTAIN AIR BAG MAY NOT DEPLOY AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROPERLY PROTECT AN OCCUPANT, INCREASING THE RISK OF AN INJURY.

**Remedy:**

VOLKSWAGEN WILL NOTIFY ALL OWNERS AND DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE LEFT AND/OR RIGHT CURTAIN AIR BAG FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT VOLKSWAGEN AT 1-800-822-8987.

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Report Date :**December 19, 2011 at 02:23 PM**  
NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:**11V568000**

**Vehicle Make / Model:**

MEDIX / TYPE II AMBULANCE

**Manufacturer:** MEDIX SPECIALTY VEHICLES, INC.

**NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:** 11V568000

**Model Year(s):**

2007-2011

**Mfr's Report Date:** NOV 21, 2011

**NHTSA Action Number:** N/A

**Component:** SEAT BELTS:REAR

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 360

**Summary:**

MEDIX IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2007-2011 TYPE II AMBULANCES, MANUFACTURED FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2007, THROUGH NOVEMBER 16, 2011. DUE TO OVERSIGHT, MEDIX INSTALLED SEATS IN A REAR FACING POSITION IN THE PATIENT COMPARTMENT WITH A TYPE I (LAP BELT ONLY) SEAT BELT CONFIGURATION. THEREFORE, THESE VEHICLES FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NUMBER 208, " OCCUPANT CRASH PROTECTION."

**Consequence:**

USE OF A NON-CONFORMING SEAT BELT MAY INCREASE THE RISK OF INJURY TO THE SEAT OCCUPANT IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

MEDIX WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND WILL REPLACE THE SEAT BELT AS REQUIRED TO A TYPE II DESIGN (LAP AND SHOULDER BELT) FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MEDIX AT 1-574-266-0911.

Report Date :**December 19, 2011 at 02:24 PM**  
NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:**11V586000**

**Vehicle Make / Model:**

SUTPHEN / 90LR REFURB

SUTPHEN / CHASSIS

SUTPHEN / HEAVY RESCUE

SUTPHEN / PUMPER

SUTPHEN / RESCUE

SUTPHEN / S1

SUTPHEN / S2

SUTPHEN / S3

SUTPHEN / S4

SUTPHEN / SA75

SUTPHEN / SL75

SUTPHEN / SP70

SUTPHEN / SP95

SUTPHEN / SPH

**Model Year(s):**

2010-2012

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**Manufacturer:** SUTPHEN CORPORATION

**NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:** 11V586000

**Mfr's Report Date:** OCT 05, 2011

**NHTSA Action Number:** N/A

**Component:** ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 98

**Summary:**

SUTPHEN IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009 THROUGH 2012 VEHICLES AND EQUIPPED WITH MERITOR WABCO ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL (ESC) MODULES. SEE THE LIST ABOVE FOR THE AFFECTED MODELS. UNDER CERTAIN ROAD AND DRIVING CONDITIONS, VEHICLE BODY ROLL AND ROAD INCLINATION CHARACTERISTICS MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE SLIP ANGLE CALCULATION OF THE ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL (ESC) SYSTEM. THIS MIGHT CAUSE THE ESC TO PERCEIVE AN OVER STEERING

SITUATION AND THEREFORE APPLY THE OUTER WHEEL BRAKE ON THE FRONT AXLE UNTIL THE VEHICLE IS PERCEIVED TO BE STABLE.

**Consequence:**

IF THE DRIVER IS SLOW TO REACT DURING THIS ESC INTERVENTION, THE VEHICLE MAY DEVIATE FROM THE INTENDED LINE OF TRAVEL, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

SUTPHEN IS WORKING WITH MERITOR WABCO TO REPLACE THE CONTROL MODULE FREE OF CHARGE. PLEASE SEE MERITOR WABCO DEFECT REPORT 11E-039. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MERITOR ON TRACK CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-866-668-7221.

Report Date :**December 19, 2011 at 02:26 PM**  
NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:**11V585000**

**Vehicle Make / Model:**

STARCRAFT / PRODIGY  
STARCRAFT / QUEST

**Model Year(s):**

2010-2011  
2010-2011

**Manufacturer:** STARCRAFT BUS

**NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:** 11V585000

**Mfr's Report Date:** DEC 08, 2011

**NHTSA Action Number:** N/A

**Component:** SEATS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 517

**Summary:**

STARCRAFT IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 AND 2011 PRODIGY AND QUEST SCHOOL BUSES AND MFSAB ACTIVITY VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM APRIL 12, 2011, THROUGH JUNE 6, 2011, EQUIPPED WITH C. E. WHITE SELF-LATCHING SEAT CUSHIONS. THE SELF-LATCHING MECHANISM USED TO RETAIN THE SEAT CUSHION TO THE FRAME MAY NOT ACTIVATE. ACCORDINGLY, THESE SEATS FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NUMBER 222, "SCHOOL BUS PASSENGER SEATING AND CRASH PROTECTION."

**Consequence:**

VEHICLE OCCUPANTS MAY BE INJURED IN THE EVENT OF A VEHICLE CRASH SHOULD THE SEAT CUSHION FLIP UP OUT OF PLACE. ALSO, OUT OF POSITION SEAT CUSHIONS COULD INTERFERE WITH EMERGENCY EGRESS OF THE VEHICLE.

**Remedy:**

STARCRAFT WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL REPAIR THE BUSES FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING DECEMBER 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT STARCRAFT BUS AT 1-800-348-7440.

Report Date :**December 19, 2011 at 02:27 PM**  
NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:**11V584000**

**Vehicle Make / Model:**

STARCRAFT / PRODIGY  
STARCRAFT / QUEST

**Model Year(s):**

2008-2011  
2008-2011

**Manufacturer:** STARCRAFT BUS

**NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number:** 11V584000

**Mfr's Report Date:** DEC 08, 2011

**NHTSA Action Number:** N/A

**Component:** LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES:DOORS:LATCH

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,792

**Summary:**

STARCRAFT BUS IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008 THROUGH 2011 PRODIGY AND

QUEST SCHOOL BUSES AND MFSAB ACTIVITY VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM DECEMBER 8, 2008, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16, 2011, EQUIPPED WITH A CHALLENGER DOOR REAR EMERGENCY EXIT DOORS. DUE TO INSUFFICIENT LUBRICATION ON THE REAR DOOR HANDLE LATCH MECHANISM, THE HANDLE MAY BIND, REQUIRING A GREAT FORCE TO OPEN THE REAR DOOR. ACCORDINGLY, THESE BUSES FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 217, "BUS EMERGENCY EXITS AND WINDOW RETENTION AND RELEASE."

**Consequence:**

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, THE VEHICLE OCCUPANTS MAY BE UNABLE TO OPEN THE REAR DOOR, WHICH WOULD HINDER EGRESS OF THE BUS, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN INJURY TO THE VEHICLE OCCUPANTS.

**Remedy:**

STARCRAFT BUS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, DEALERS WILL REPAIR THE BUSES FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING DECEMBER 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT STARCRAFT BUS AT 1-800-348-7440.