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## NHTSA Recalls of Interest October 19, 2015

### **RECALL Subject : Incorrect Occupant Classification**

**Report Receipt Date:** OCT 07, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V627000

**Component(s):** AIR BAGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 993

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• VOLKSWAGEN	E-GOLF	2015
• VOLKSWAGEN	GOLF	2015
• VOLKSWAGEN	JETTA	2015

**Manufacturer:** Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

#### **SUMMARY:**

Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (Volkswagen) is recalling certain model year 2015 Jetta vehicles manufactured September 8, 2014, to November 28, 2014, Golf vehicles manufactured April 2, 2014, to December 3, 2014, and E-Golf vehicles manufactured July 26, 2014, to October 18, 2014. The affected vehicles are equipped a Passenger Occupant Detection System (PODS) that may have been manufactured improperly. The Passenger Occupant Detection System (PODS) detects and classifies occupants on the front passenger seat. In some vehicles, an electro-magnetic coil inside the PODS control module was manufactured with improper insulation between the coil layers which can cause the characteristics of the coil to change over time. In turn, the PODS control module may not properly classify a front passenger seat occupant, or it

may completely fail. Should this occur, vehicle occupants will be alerted of a problem by illumination of the airbag monitoring light or by false indication of the Passenger Airbag OFF indicator. In this situation, a front passenger seat occupant risks injury in a crash because a malfunctioning PODS system may not make the correct airbag deployment decision for the type of occupant seated there. As a result, the front passenger seat occupant may be improperly classified or may not be detected.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

In the event of a crash, if the front passenger seat occupant is incorrectly classified or non-detected, the passenger frontal air bag may deploy improperly or not at all, increasing the risk of occupant injury.

**REMEDY:**

Volkswagen will notify owners, and dealers will replace the PODS control module, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in November 2015.

**RECALL Subject : Ball Joints may Fail due to Corrosion**

**Report Receipt Date:** OCT 13, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V651000

**Component(s):** SUSPENSION

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 8,103

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• VOLVO	VN	2009-2015

**Manufacturer:** Volvo Trucks North America

**SUMMARY:**

Volvo Trucks North America (Volvo) is recalling certain model year 2009-2015 Volvo VN trucks manufactured April 14, 2008, to December 23, 2014. The affected vehicles may experience corrosion of the ball joints due to the seals being compromised, possibly resulting in accelerated wear and failure of the ball joint.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

Failure of the ball joint may cause separation of the socket and a complete loss of steering, increasing the risk of a crash.

**REMEDY:**

Volvo will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and replace the drag links, free of charge. Parts are not currently available. Owners will be mailed an interim notification on, or before, November 2, 2015, and will be sent a second notification when the remedy parts are available.

**RECALL Subject : Side Impact Air Bag Modules may Rupture**

**Report Receipt Date:** OCT 16, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V666000

**Component(s):** AIR BAGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 395

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
• BUICK	LACROSSE	2015
• CADILLAC	XTS	2015
• CHEVROLET	CAMARO	2015
• CHEVROLET	EQUINOX	2015
• CHEVROLET	MALIBU	2015
• GMC	TERRAIN	2015

**Manufacturer:** General Motors LLC

**SUMMARY:**

General Motors LLC (GM) is recalling certain model year 2015 Buick LaCrosse, Cadillac XTS, Chevrolet Camaro, Equinox, Malibu, and GMC Terrain vehicles. The affected vehicles have front seat-mounted side impact air bags whose inflator may rupture upon its deployment.

**CONSEQUENCE:**

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of one or both of the side impact air bags, the air bag's inflator may rupture and the air bag may not properly inflate. The rupture could cause metal fragments to strike the vehicle occupants, potentially resulting in serious injury or death. Additionally, if the air bag does not properly inflate, the driver or passenger is at an increased risk of injury.

**REMEDY:**

GM will notify owners, and dealers will replace the side impact air bag modules, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin October 19, 2015.