# IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL



Volkswagen of America, Inc. 3800 Hamlin Road Auburn Hills, MI 48326

<MONTH YEAR>

<CUSTOMER NAME> <CUSTOMER ADDRESS> <CUSTOMER CITY STATE ZIPCODE>

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): <VIN>

### Subject: Safety Recall 69i9/W6 Passenger Occupant Detection System Control Module (J706) 2012- 2013 Model Year Volkswagen Beetle with Leather Sport Seats

Dear Volkswagen Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Volkswagen has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in some 2012-2013 model year Volkswagen Beetle vehicles equipped with leather sport seats. Our records show that you are the owner of one of these vehicles.

### What Is The Problem?

Vehicles equipped with leather sport seats have been built with an incorrectly coded Passenger Occupant Detection System Control Module (J706) in the right front passenger location. If the leather seat gets wet and if a child restraint is secured on the right front passenger seat, the control module may not properly detect the child restraint. The right front passenger airbag will not be turned off as expected. The PASSENGER AIR BAG OFF light will <u>not</u> illuminate, alerting the driver that the passenger airbag has not been turned off.

If the right front passenger airbag is not turned off when a child restraint is secured on the right front passenger seat, there is a risk of serious injury to the child seated there in the event of a crash with airbag deployment.

### What Will Volkswagen Do?

To help correct this defect, dealers will replace the Passenger Occupant Detection System Control Module (J706) on affected vehicles free of charge.

# What We Would Like You to Do

Please contact your authorized Volkswagen dealer to schedule a repair appointment without delay. This work will take about one hour, and will be performed at no cost to you. Please keep in mind that your dealer may need additional time for the preparation of the repair, as well as to accommodate their daily workshop schedule.

#### Lease Vehicles

If you are the lessor and registered owner of the vehicle identified in this action, the law requires you to forward this information immediately via first-class mail to the lessee within ten (10) days of receipt of this notification.

### Have You Changed Your Address Or Sold The Vehicle?

If you have, please fill out the enclosed prepaid Owner Reply card and mail it to us so we can update our records.

### **Reimbursement of Expenses**

If you have previously paid for repairs relating to the condition described in this letter, the enclosed form explains how to request reimbursement. We would be pleased to review your reimbursement request.

#### Service Help from Us

If your authorized Volkswagen dealer fails or is unable to complete this work free of charge within a reasonable time, please call or write to:

Volkswagen of America, Inc. Attn: Customer CARE (69i9/W6) 3800 Hamlin Road Auburn Hills, MI 48326 1-800-893-5298

If you still cannot obtain satisfaction, you may file a complaint with: The Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to http://www.safercar.gov.

We also invite you to visit our website at <u>www.vw.com</u>, where you can check to see if this or any other action may be open on your vehicle.

We apologize for any inconvenience this matter may cause; however we are taking this action to help ensure your safety and continued satisfaction with your vehicle. Thank you for driving a Volkswagen!

Sincerely,

Volkswagen Product Compliance