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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

25V835

Manufacturer Name: Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.

Submission Date: Dec 03, 2025

NHTSA Recall No.: 25V835

Manufacturer Recall No.: 44BW

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Volkswagen Group of
America, Inc.

Address: 3800 Hamlin Road
Auburn Hills MI, 48326

Total number of potentially involved: 27

Estimated percentage with defect: 40.7%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Oct 30, 2025 - Nov 04, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 22

Descriptive Information:

The recall population was determined by review of production records.

The recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall because during a specific time period the recalled vehicles may have been assembled with incorrect wheel bolts.

Vehicle 2: 2026-2026 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS CROSS SPORT

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Oct 30, 2025 - Nov 03, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 4

Descriptive Information:

The recall population was determined by review of production records.

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Vehicle 3: 2026-2026 VOLKSWAGEN ID.4

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Nov 03, 2025 - Nov 03, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 1

Descriptive Information:

The recall population was determined by review of production records.

The recalled products differ from products that were not included in the recall because during a specific time period the recalled vehicles may have been assembled with incorrect wheel bolts.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Incorrect wheel bolts may have been installed during vehicle production.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

If incorrect wheel bolts are present and loosen while the vehicle is in motion, a wheel could detach from the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Due to the safety risk, Volkswagen has issued a STOP DRIVE ADVISORY.

Owners are advised: DO NOT DRIVE YOUR VEHICLE. Please contact your authorized Volkswagen dealer immediately for assistance in having your vehicle transported to the dealership for this recall repair, and to obtain alternate transportation while the vehicle is being inspected/repared.

Description of the cause:

Installation of an incorrect wheel bolt during vehicle production.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

If one or more wheel bolts become loose, the driver may notice a rattling noise, vibration, or a change in vehicle handling while driving.

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Component Manufacturer

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Involved Components

Component Name 1: Wheel Bolt (Atlas)**Component Description:** Wheel Bolt (Atlas)**Component Part Number:** WHT 002 438**Component Name 2:** Wheel Bolt (ID.4)**Component Description:** Wheel Bolt (ID.4)**Component Part Number:** WHT 002 438

Chronology

October 31, 2025: A worker on the assembly line in Chattanooga noticed an incorrect wheel bolt in the process. An immediate sort action was implemented. Cars on the factory premises were blocked for inspection. Efforts were made to understand when the suspect parts were delivered to the assembly line.

November 2025: Volkswagen determined that the issue was caused by a parts mixing error at the supplier. In conjunction with the supplier, Volkswagen used logistics data and data from on-ground vehicle inspections to conclusively determine the starting point at which suspect parts may have begun being used to identify the potentially affected vehicles.

November 26, 2025: Topic was presented to Volkswagen Product Safety Committee and a recall was decided.

No field claims are known related to this topic.

Volkswagen is not aware of any crashes, fires, injuries or deaths associated with this defect.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Inspect

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Consumer Advisories: ☒ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

At no cost to owners, dealers will inspect and, if necessary, replace the affected wheel bolts.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The recall remedy component is the correct wheel bolt. This topic is caused by the installation of an incorrect part.

On the potentially affected vehicles an incorrect wheel bolt may have been installed that can be identified during the visual inspection.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

An internal sort was initiated on October 31, 2025

Reimbursement Plan

Description of reimbursement program:

A reimbursement plan will not be offered under this recall because the affected vehicles are within the New Vehicle Limited Warranty period.

Period of reimbursement:

Costs to be reimbursed:

Address for reimbursement claims:

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date: 12/05/2025

Planned Dealer Notification End Date: 12/05/2025

Planned Owner Notification Begin Date: On or before 01/30/2026

Planned Owner Notification End Date: On or before 01/30/2026

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Dec 05, 2025 - Dec 05, 2025

☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Jan 30, 2026 - Jan 30, 2026

☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Dec 05, 2025