



Chrysler and Volkswagen Issue Large Recalls

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This past year has been a tough one for several automakers. Now, Chrysler and Volkswagen are having to recall some of their vehicles. Chrysler is concerned about both airbag and fuel leak problems while Volkswagen is also trying to protect consumers from possible fuel leak issues in several of its vehicles.

The Chrysler Recalls

More specifically, Chrysler Group LLC is recalling 367,000 vehicles to make sure that 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan minivans and the 2008 Chrysler Town and Country models don't expose consumers to serious air bag malfunctions. Chrysler is concerned that more water leaks may occur near the heating and air conditioner drains in those vehicles, possibly causing the warning lights to turn on and accidental deployment of the airbags. Chrysler spokesman, Vince Muniga, says that since February of 2008, the automaker has received 30 complaints and notice of five injuries due to these problems.

The Chrysler recall is set to begin in February of 2011. Dealers will be prepared to replace the drain ring that can cause the potential dangers referenced above. *[Chrysler owners can contact the company by calling: (800)-853-1403].*

The Volkswagen Recall

Set to begin in late January of 2011, the Volkswagen recall involves potential problems with more than 228,000 vehicles. The specific car models named in the recall include the 2007-2009 model year Golfs, Jettas, [Jetta Sportwagens](#) and Rabbits. Apparently, the small plastic tabs in the windshield wiper reservoirs can create friction with fuel supply lines located under the hoods, possibly causing fuel leaks and fires. Dealers handling these recalls will simply remove the plastic tabs.

This same recall of 228,000 vehicles also includes problems with Volkswagen's 2006-2010 New Beetles. That model's power steering systems feature fastening clamps (on the hydraulic hoses) that may be positioned incorrectly, possibly causing the clamps to create friction with fuel supply lines under the hood. Fires can develop due to this problem. Dealers handling the Volkswagen New Beetle recall will inspect the clamps' positions and adjust them, if necessary. Kerry Christopher, Volkswagen's spokesman, said that the company has not received any fire, crash or injury reports related to the potential flaws of the New Beetles. [[Volkswagen customers can contact the company at \(800\) 822-8987.](#)]

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