

They can also view their final data through AEP once the process is complete.

Frequency: Annually.

Estimated Average Burden per

Response: 1.0 hours per respondent.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: On average, approximately 70 respondents submit an annual response. The cumulative total annual burden is estimated to be 70 hours.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA–2024–0060]

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Request for Comments for a New Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway
Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: The FHWA has forwarded the information collection request described in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve a new information collection. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by September 25, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number 0060 by any of the following methods:

Website: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1–202–493–2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Patricia Sergeson, (202) 493–3166,

Office Corporate Research, Technology and Innovation Management, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 6300 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101, Office hours are from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on June 21, 2024, at [89 FR 52202]. The comments and FHWA’s responses are below.

FHWA received a comment from WSDOT providing feedback on the timeline for nominations to be sent as well as the eligibility criteria. WSDOT requested that the award section criteria be changed requiring that a final report be posted by June 30th of the year submitted. We have changed these criteria to require a TPF study be in the objectives fulfilled status (as defined in the TPF Procedures Manual published on pooledfund.org) by July 30th of the year submitted.

WSDOT also noted a difference in language between the notice and FAQ. FHWA will ensure all materials are consistent in what areas will be recognized. The nomination period has been updated and will be open August through end of September each nomination year.

Title: Transportation Pool Fund (TPF) Excellence Award.

Background: FHWA is partnering with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Research Advisory Committee (RAC) to further promote research, innovation, and excellence through a new TPF Program Excellence Award.

For more than 45 years, the FHWA’s TPF Program has enabled public and private entities to collaboratively conduct cutting-edge transportation research. Through the TPF Program, participants can pool funds and expertise to develop innovative solutions at a lower cost while extending the reach and impact of their research.

The TPF Excellence Award will recognize outstanding TPF studies that have made significant advancements in national research efforts in the areas of safety, economic strength, equity, climate and sustainability, transformation, and organizational excellence. The future award will highlight the importance of meaningful collaboration and partnership in transportation research. Administered through a partnership between FHWA and the AASHTO RAC, the biennial

TPF Excellence Award will recognize two TPF studies. Nominations would be received between August and end of September of the nomination year. Nomination forms would be sent to FHWA Division Offices and State DOTs to solicit nominees.

Award: Any participant in the TPF program can nominate a TPF study that is in the objectives fulfilled status (defined in the TPF Procedures Manual on pooledfund.org) by July 30th of the year submitted. The nominator is responsible for completing the nomination form that summarizes the outstanding accomplishments of the entry. FHWA will use the collected information to evaluate, showcase, and enhance the public’s knowledge of research and innovation conducted through these TPF projects. Nominations will be reviewed by an independent panel of judges from various backgrounds. The awards will be given every 2 yr. The winners will be presented awards at the completion of the process.

Respondents: Any participant in the Transportation Pooled Fund (TPF) program can submit a nomination of a TPF study for the TPF Excellence Award, including staff from the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and other global partners.

Frequency: The information will be collected biennially.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: The nomination email takes 2 minutes per respondent and the nomination form takes 5 hours per respondent per application to complete.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: It is expected that the 550 respondents will complete an application for an estimated total of 267 annual burden hours.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA’s performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB’s clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: August 21, 2024.

Jazmyne Lewis,

Information Collection Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2023–0054; Notice 1]

Volkswagen Group of America, Inc., Receipt of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Receipt of petition.

SUMMARY: Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. (Volkswagen) has determined that certain model year (MY) 2014–2024 Volkswagen and Audi motor vehicles do not fully comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 118, *Power-Operated Window, Partition, and Roof Panel Systems*. Volkswagen filed a noncompliance report dated August 2, 2023, and subsequently petitioned NHTSA (the “Agency”) on August 24, 2023, for a decision that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety. This document announces receipt of Volkswagen’s petition.

DATES: Send comments on or before September 25, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on this petition. Comments must refer to the docket and notice number cited in the title of this notice and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Mail:* Send comments by mail addressed to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* Deliver comments by hand to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for Federal Holidays.

- *Electronically:* Submit comments electronically by logging onto the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) website at <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- Comments may also be faxed to (202) 493–2251.

Comments must be written in the English language, and be no greater than 15 pages in length, although there is no limit to the length of necessary attachments to the comments. If comments are submitted in hard copy form, please ensure that two copies are provided. If you wish to receive confirmation that comments you have submitted by mail were received, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard with the comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

All comments and supporting materials received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be filed in the docket and will be considered. All comments and supporting materials received after the closing date will also be filed and will be considered to the fullest extent possible.

When the petition is granted or denied, notice of the decision will also be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated at the end of this notice.

All comments, background documentation, and supporting materials submitted to the docket may be viewed by anyone at the address and times given above. The documents may also be viewed on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> by following the online instructions for accessing the dockets. The docket ID number for this petition is shown in the heading of this notice.

DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement is available for review in a **Federal Register** notice published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frederick Smith, General Engineer, NHTSA, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, (202) 366–7487.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Overview: Volkswagen determined that certain MY 2014–2024 Volkswagen and Audi motor vehicles do not fully comply with paragraphs S4(d) and S4(g) of FMVSS No. 118, *Power-Operated Window, Partition, and Roof Panel Systems* (49 CFR 571.118).

Volkswagen filed a noncompliance report dated August 2, 2023, pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, *Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports*. Volkswagen petitioned NHTSA on August 24, 2023, for an exemption from the notification and remedy requirements of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 on the basis that this noncompliance is

inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h) and 49 CFR part 556, *Exemption for Inconsequential Defect or Noncompliance*.

This notice of receipt of Volkswagen’s petition is published under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120 and does not represent any agency decision or another exercise of judgment concerning the merits of the petition.

II. Vehicles Involved: Approximately 290,671 of the following Volkswagen and Audi motor vehicles, manufactured between June 10, 2014, and July 27, 2023, were reported by the manufacturer:

- MY 2022–2023 Volkswagen Golf R A8
- MY 2022–2023 Volkswagen Golf GTI
- 2015–2024 Audi S3 Sedan
- 2017–2024 Audi RS3 Sedan
- MY 2022–2023 Audi Q4 E-Tron SUV
- MY 2022–2023 Audi Q4 E-Tron Sportback
- MY 2019–2023 Audi Q3
- MY 2014 Audi A3 Sedan
- MY 2016–2018 Audi A3 E-Tron

III. Noncompliance: Volkswagen explains that the subject vehicles are equipped with a “convenience opening function,” allowing drivers to lower the windows and move the roof panel system (“sunroof”) to a tilted, or vented, position while the vehicle and engine are off by continuously pressing the unlock button on the remote actuation device (“key fob”). The primary use of this feature is to replenish the in-cabin air with fresh, cooler outside air on hot summer days. If the sunroof were open (in a non-tilted open position) prior to activation of the convenience opening function via the key fob, the sunroof would close before going into the vented position. The convenience opening function, which can cause the sunroof to close as described above, can be activated from distances that exceed those provided in paragraphs S4(d) and S4(g) of FMVSS No. 118. Further, Volkswagen states that the affected vehicles have a UNECE-compliant automatic reversal system (ARS) that does not meet the requirements for such systems set forth in S5 of the Standard.

IV. Rule Requirements: Paragraphs S4(d) and S4(g) of FMVSS No. 118 include requirements for remote operation of power operated windows, partitions, or roof panels except for those which comply with the requirements in paragraph S5 of the Standard. Paragraph S4(d) of FMVSS No. 118 specifies that power operated window, partition, or roof panel systems may be closed by continuously activating a remote actuation device, provided that the device cannot close