

# COOLANT COULD ENTER PASSENGER COMPARTMENT

## Article Text

1989 Volkswagen Golf  
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### ARTICLE BEGINNING

#### NHTSA RECALL BULLETIN

**Models:**

- 1985 Volkswagen Golf
- 1985 Volkswagen Jetta
- 1986 Volkswagen Golf
- 1986 Volkswagen Jetta
- 1987 Volkswagen Golf
- 1987 Volkswagen Jetta
- 1988 Volkswagen Golf
- 1988 Volkswagen Jetta
- 1989 Volkswagen GTI
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**Number of Affected Vehicles:** 650000  
**Beginning Date of Manufacture:** 1984 AUG  
**Ending Date of Manufacture:** 1990 JAN

#### VEHICLE DESCRIPTION:

Passenger automobiles.

#### DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:

The end cap connecting the heat exchanger's core to the engine cooling system could rupture and allow hot coolant to escape into the passenger compartment.

#### FAULT:

Burned, Overheated, Burnt out, Melted

#### SYSTEM:

Water heater; heater core.

#### CONSEQUENCE OF DEFECT:

The coolant escaping into the passenger compartment could contact the driver's feet and injure the driver. Also, steam from the heated liquid will cloud on the window surfaces and impair the driver's vision and could result in a vehicle accident.

#### CORRECTIVE ACTION:

Replace the heater core with an improved heater core.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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