

ALCAR WHEELS GMBH carries out a voluntary replacement programme for steel wheels

Hirtenberg, Austria, 11th of April, 2019. ALCAR WHEELS GMBH recalls passenger car steel wheels with part number 7755 intended for use on models of the VW Group (SEAT IBIZA LEON / LEON SC / LEON ST; SKODA OCTAVIA; VW GOLF, GOLF VARIANT, GOLF SPORTSVAN, E-GOLF).

This is a voluntary safety-related action due to a material defect which can lead to a sudden occurrence of air loss under certain conditions. As a result, a limited controllability of the vehicle cannot be excluded. Even though the relevant cars of the VW Group are equipped with a standard indirect tyre pressure measuring system, driving tests have suggested that it cannot be eliminated that drivers will receive a warning early enough.

ALCAR WHEELS GMBH has instantly taken the necessary steps for a product recall and informed the authorities (KBA, BAUA) as well as uploaded a relevant message via the Product Safety Business Alert Gateway of the European Commission for EU-wide distribution.

All steel wheels of the affected production lot in stock have been immediately blocked or taken from the market to avoid further selling of the products on the market.

In addition, all trade customers that have been supplied with the affected products were instantly informed and instructed to check their stock and, if necessary, immediately get in touch with the concerned end consumers in order to replace the steel wheels.

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Press release

We emphasise that this involves steel wheels for the passenger car aftermarket (free car aftermarket) only and not original wheels of the above-mentioned car manufacturers that have been installed as standard wheels.

ALCAR WHEELS GMBH highly values the quality and safety of its products and therefore recalls all wheels of the affected production lot as a preventative action and offers quick and free-of-charge replacement.

The potentially affected wheels have been manufactured at one ALCAR manufacturing plant in April 2018 and have been supplied across Europe starting in May 2018 via the ALCAR distribution network. At the time of the recall, about 3,800 wheels from this production lot were in the market.

The affected steel wheels can be identified by the manufacturer's code "00" as well as the manufacturing date "17-18" in accordance with the attached description as well as the corresponding video instruction found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/SQrehinzCs?rel=0>

About ALCAR:

ALCAR is an internationally active industrial and commercial group which places its strategic focus on steel and alloy wheels. The ALCAR Group is the market leader in the European aftermarket for passenger car wheels. The group's main business activities focus on wholesaling on national and international level, manufacturing steel and alloy wheels as well as distributing tyre pressure monitoring systems, tyres and fitted units. The international presence of the Austrian group of companies amounts to 29 companies in 16 European countries in which roughly 780 employees from development, manufacture and distribution conduct successful business activities with six proprietary brands.

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Subject:

Vehicles of the VW-Group (Volkswagen, Skoda, Seat)

Identification:

If necessary, remove the wheel cover, so that the wheel stampings are clearly visible.



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