

Volkswagen and Skoda have issued a recall of thousands of cars

Around 80,000 cars have been recalled in Australia due to a transmissions error.

The manufacturer is recalling twelve models over a production fault that could cause a crack in the transmissions pressure accumulator over time.

A number of models by Skoda and Audi, both owned by Volkswagen Group, are also being recalled over the potentially dangerous fault.

The models recalled were manufactured between 2008 and 2015 and include: Golf, Beetle, Polo, Jetta, Passat and Caddy models.

"If the pressure accumulator cracks, oil and pressure is lost in the hydraulic system of the gearbox," the recall says.

"As a result, the transmission of engine power via the gearbox is interrupted."

Those with affected vehicles will be contacted by the manufacturer to organise a free repair.