

Statement: Air-bag Inflator (Regional Field Action Expansion)

December 12, 2014, Auburn Hills, Mich. - Chrysler Group is expanding an ongoing regional field action with a recall to replace front passenger-side air-bag inflators in an estimated 208,783 older-model vehicles originally purchased or ever registered in seven U.S. states and five territories.

The vehicles are equipped with front passenger-side air-bag inflators from a product family code-named "PSPI." Chrysler Group is unaware of any injuries or accidents involving PSPI inflators of the type covered by this campaign, nor has a Chrysler Group investigation identified a defect in these components. Further, laboratory tests on nearly 600 such inflators did not result in any failures.

The inflators affected by this campaign differ in design and construction from PSPI inflators used by other auto makers. They also benefited from a more robust manufacturing process.

However, at the request of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Chrysler Group is expanding its replacement action beyond its original scope of Florida, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Affected by this recall are the following vehicles, provided they were purchased, ever registered or still registered in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Saipan and the U.S. Virgin Islands:

- 2003-2005 Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup
- 2003-2005 Dodge Ram 2500 Pickup
- 2003-2005 Dodge Ram 3500 Pickup
- 2004-2005 Dodge Durango
- 2005 Chrysler 300, 300C, SRT8
- 2005 Dodge Magnum
- 2005 Dodge Dakota Pickup

In compliance with regulations governing recalls, affected customers will be notified beginning Feb. 8. Service will be performed free of charge.

This recall covers an estimated 69,668 vehicles also affected by the initial regional field action. The additional five states and three territories accounts for an incremental gain of approximately 139,115 vehicles.

The regional field action, which remains under way, affects 371,309 older-model vehicles in Florida, Hawaii, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

A third similar action also is ongoing. Chrysler Group is replacing passenger-side air-bag inflators from a product-family code-named "SPI," in an estimated 149,150 model-year 2003 pickup trucks registered, ever registered or originally purchased in seven U.S. states and five U.S. territories.

The third action covers 39,409 vehicles also affected by the initial regional field action. Affected customers will be notified beginning Jan. 19.

Chrysler Group has not identified an inflator defect in any of its vehicles. However, the Company is committed -- out of an abundance of caution -- to replacing these components in an estimated total of 617,573 older-model cars, trucks and SUVs.

Customers with questions or concerns may call 1-800-853-1403.

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