

September 25, 2015

Mr. Frank Borris II  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Recall Management Division NVS-215  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Room: W45-302  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Borris II:

The following information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR Part 579.11, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, which contains details of a safety defect as determined by FCA Italy S.p.A. ("FCA Italy").

**579.12(a) - 573.6(c)(1): Manufacturer's Name, Brand Name**

FCA Italy, Jeep Renegade (BU)

**579.12(a) - 573.6(c)(2)(i): Identification of Affected Vehicles**

Make(s)	Model(s)	Model Year(s)	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture
Jeep	Renegade (BU)	2015	April 18, 2015 – July 8, 2015

**579.12(a) - 573.6(c)(2)(iv): Component manufacturer name, address, telephone number, and country of origin:**

N/A

**579.12(a) - 573.6(c)(3): Potentially Affected Vehicle Population**

107 vehicles (estimated)

**579.12(a) - 573.6(c)(5): Description of Defect:**

FCA Italy reported that certain 2015 MY Jeep Renegade (BU) vehicles equipped with a factory installed engine block heater, sales code NHK, were produced with a heater bracket fastener that is too long and will make contact with the front suspension coil spring and wear of the protective coating on the coil

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spring. If left uncorrected, the front suspension coil spring may corrode over time and fail, causing a loss of steering control which may result in a crash.

### **579.12(a): Determination of Defect or Noncompliance and Description of Remedy**

On September 18, 2015, FCA Italy determined to conduct a voluntary foreign safety recall to replace the block heater bracket fastener and repair the damaged paint on the front coil spring.

### **579.12(a): Identification of Similar Models Sold in the United States**

2015 MY Jeep Renegade (BU) vehicles are also produced for the U.S. market and they were identified to NHTSA by FCA US LLC as substantially similar to vehicles sold in other markets. The U.S version of these vehicles, however, did not offer a factory installed engine block heater and the U.S population of 2015 MY Jeep Renegade (BU) vehicles is unaffected by this FCA Italy recall.

### **579.12(a): Recall Commencement**

This recall has not commenced.

The following countries are affected by this recall: Canada.

FCA Italy, in cooperation with Canadian authorities will determine when they will notify the owners regarding this recall campaign.

### **Additional Information: Manufacturer's Campaign Number**

FCA US has assigned recall number R55 to this action.

Sincerely,



Stephen L. Williams

Head – Vehicle Safety Compliance and Product Analysis