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Safety Recall N45: MY 1993-1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee (ZJ) (1,493,177 vehicles)

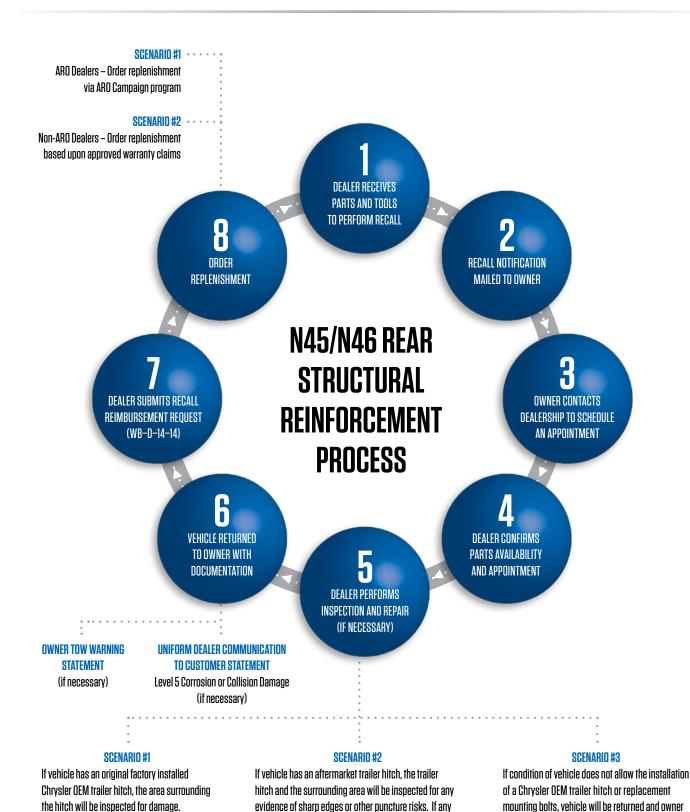
Safety Recall N46: MY 2002-2007 Jeep Liberty (KJ) (973,875 vehicles)

Customer Satisfaction Notice N47: MY 1999-2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee (1,455,976 vehicles)

To assist with these campaigns, we developed the N45/N46/N47 Rear Structural Reinforcement resource guide. This document (interactive PDF) encompasses dealer/owner communications, FAQs, parts distribution process, and important contact information. Leverage this guide to properly handle owners and ensure dealers are efficient in executing the inspection and installing a Chrysler OEM trailer hitch, if necessary.

Important information re: N45/N46/N47

- The Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) trailer-hitch assembly is intended to better manage crash forces in certain types of low-speed impacts
- Trailer hitch assemblies are currently being produced and initial distribution began in mid-July
- Parts will continue to be distributed based upon original sales quantities (VINS) for the affected vehicles
- Chrysler's suppliers are running production up to seven days per week on three shifts
- VINs aligned with the Safety Recall associated with the MY 1993-1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee (N45) and the MY 2002-2007 Jeep Liberty (N46) are currently indicated in the system (both Dealer Facing VIP and Call Center Facing ECCI)
- VINs aligned with the Customer Satisfaction Notification associated with the MY 1999-2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee (N47) will not be indicated in the system. The VINs will not be available in the system until the repair instructions and parts are available.
- Mailings for the Interim letters for both Safety Recall N45 & N46 were completed in February. **A final recall notification** will be mailed to owners advising them to call the dealer to schedule an appointment.
- The vehicles are safe and they met or exceeded the standards in effect when they were first sold



Recall Repair Instructions are located at: DealerCONNECT > Service Tab > Repair Information > Global Recall System.

such evidence is identified, the aftermarket hitch will be

removed and a Chrysler OEM trailer hitch will be installed.

advised what, if any, repairs are needed before the

installation can be performed.

Below is a copy of the final <u>N45 recall notification</u> that will be mailed to owners advising them to call the dealer to schedule an appointment.



Rear Structure Reinforcement

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

N45 / NHTSA 13V-252

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Dear: (Name)

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has made a tentative assessment that certain 1993 through 1998 model year Jeep® Grand Cherokee vehicles contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety. Although the NHTSA assessment is non-final, Chrysler Group LLC has decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall to address concerns identified in its assessment.

The problem is...

The fuel tank on your vehicle has a chance of experiencing a fuel leak during certain types of rear end collisions. Fuel leakage in the presence of an ignition source can result in a fire.

What your dealer will do...

Chrysler will inspect your vehicle and install an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) trailer hitch where appropriate, free of charge (parts and labor) to better manage crash forces in low-speed impacts. If your vehicle already has an original factory installed Chrysler OEM trailer hitch, the area surrounding the hitch will be inspected for damage.

If your vehicle has an aftermarket trailer hitch, the trailer hitch and the surrounding area will be inspected for any evidence of sharp edges or other puncture risks. If any such evidence is identified, the aftermarket hitch will be removed and a Chrysler OEM trailer hitch will be installed free of charge, provided the condition of the vehicle can support proper removal of the existing hitch and installation of a Chrysler OEM trailer hitch.

If it is determined that the condition of your vehicle does not allow the installation of a Chrysler OEM trailer hitch or replacement mounting bolts, your vehicle will be returned and you will be advised what, if any, repairs are needed before the installation can be performed.

The work will take about four hours to complete. However, additional time may be necessary depending on service schedules.

Chrysler recommends you remove the ball & ball mount whenever your vehicle is not actually in use of towing.

What you must do to ensure your safety...

Simply **contact your Chrysler**, **Jeep**, **or Dodge dealer** right away to schedule a service appointment. Ask the dealer to hold the part for your vehicle or to order it before your appointment. **Please bring this letter with you to your dealer**.

If you need help...

If you have questions or concerns which your dealer is unable to resolve, please contact the Chrysler Group Recall Assistance Center at 1-800-853-1403.

Please help us update our records by filling out the attached prepaid postcard if any of the conditions listed on the card apply to you or your vehicle. You may also update this information on the web at www.jeep.com/ownersreg.

If you have purchased and installed the OEM trailer hitch after your initial vehicle purchase, please send your original receipt and/or other adequate proof of payment to the following address for reimbursement: Chrysler Customer Assistance, P.O. Box 21-8007, Auburn Hills, MI 48321-8007, Attention: Reimbursement. Once we receive and verify the required documents, reimbursement will be sent to you within 60 days.

If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to http://www.safercar.gov.

We're sorry for any inconvenience, but we are sincerely concerned about your safety. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Customer Services / Field Operations Chrysler Group LLC

Note to lessors receiving this recall: Federal regulation requires that you forward this recall notice to the lessee within 10 days.

Below is a copy of the final <u>N46 recall notification</u> that will be mailed to owners advising them to call the dealer to schedule an appointment.



Rear Structure Reinforcement

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

N46 / NHTSA 13V-252

This notice applies to your vehicle (VIN: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx).

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Dear: (Name)

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has made a tentative assessment that certain 2002 through 2007 model year Jeep® Liberty vehicles contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety. Although the NHTSA assessment is non-final, Chrysler Group LLC has decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall to address concerns identified in its assessment.

The problem is...

The fuel tank on your vehicle has a chance of experiencing a fuel leak during certain types of rear end collisions. Fuel leakage in the presence of an ignition source can result in a fire.

What your dealer will do...

Chrysler will inspect your vehicle and install an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) trailer hitch where appropriate, free of charge (parts and labor) to better manage crash forces in low-speed impacts. If your vehicle already has an original factory installed Chrysler OEM trailer hitch, the area surrounding the hitch will be inspected and Chrysler will replace the two most rearward mounting bolts free of charge, providing the condition of the bolts can support proper removal and installation.

If your vehicle has an aftermarket trailer hitch, the trailer hitch and the surrounding area will be inspected for any evidence of sharp edges or other puncture risks. If any such evidence is identified, the aftermarket hitch will be removed and a Chrysler OEM trailer hitch will be installed free of charge, provided the condition of the vehicle can support proper removal of the existing hitch and installation of a Chrysler OEM trailer hitch.

If it is determined that the condition of your vehicle does not allow the installation of a Chrysler OEM trailer hitch or replacement mounting bolts, your vehicle will be returned and you will be advised what, if any, repairs are needed before the installation can be performed.

The work will take about four hours to complete. However, additional time may be necessary depending on service schedules.

Chrysler recommends you remove the ball & ball mount whenever your vehicle is not actually in use of towing.

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Customer Services / Field Operations Chrysler Group LLC

Note to lessors receiving this recall: Federal regulation requires that you forward this recall notice to the lessee within 10 days.



July 14, 2014

TO: ALL CHRYSLER GROUP DEALERS

ATTN: DEALER PRINCIPAL, GENERAL MANAGER, SERVICE MANAGER &

PARTS MANAGER

SUBJECT: SAFETY RECALLS N45 AND N46 – REAR STRUCTURAL REINFORCEMENT

In preparation of the launch of Safety Recall N45 and N46, we will begin the initial distribution of part number **CBXTN451AA** for safety recall N45 and part number **CBXTN461AA** for safety recall N46 on July 14, 2014. We will distribute parts based upon original sales quantities (VINS) for the affected vehicles.

Dealers will be notified of the launch of this safety recall by way of previously established methods.

Chrysler anticipates the launch of this safety recall in early August 2014. We ask that you please take the time to ensure that your personnel are aware of this communication and are prepared to receive the parts necessary to complete the recall N45 and N46.

	N45		N46		
U.S. Dealers	CBX	TN451AA	CBXTN461AA		
	MSQ/Pallet=7		MSQ/Pallet=5		
	ARO	Non-ARO	ARO	Non-ARO	
Initial Order Allocation Method	Orders will be ser order allocation (b sales)	nt via normal initial pased on original	Orders will be sent via normal initial order allocation (based on original sales)		
Initial Order Quantity	pcs). There are s	receive one pallet (7 some exceptions that and others two pallets	Most dealers will receive one pallet (5 pcs). There are some exceptions that will receive zero and others two pallets (10 pcs)		
Order Replenishment	ARO Campaign Program	Mopar Manual Replenishment (similar to N49 process)	ARO Campaign Program	Mopar Manual Replenishment (similar to N49 process)	
Replenishment Trigger	Approved Warranty Claims		Approved Warranty Claims		

















"SAFETY RECALLS N45 & N46 ESSENTIAL TOOLS" was published on 7/17 informing dealers that the necessary tools to perform Safety Recall N45 and N46 were shipped to their dealership.



AUTHENTIC PERFORMANCE

July 17, 2014

TO: ALL CHRYSLER GROUP DEALERSHIPS

ATTN: DEALER PRINCIPAL, GENERAL MANAGER, SERVICE MANAGER

& PARTS MANAGER

SUBJECT: SAFETY RECALL N45 & N46 ESSENTIAL TOOLS

In preparation for the Safety Recall N45 and N46, the Mopar Essential Tools team has shipped, at no charge, the necessary tools to your dealer in order to perform Safety Recall N45 and N46.

Clearance Gauge Set - Item Number 2015800140:

The clearance gauges are used to measure and determine if there is adequate clearance between the fuel tank and the aftermarket trailer hitch.

Induction Heating Tool – Item Number 2019700230:

The Induction Heating Tool is a flameless heating device that can be used to aid in the removal of studs and/or bolts that may be corroded in place.

If you have any questions regarding the essential tools shipped to your dealer or would like to order replacement induction heating coils, an induction heating tool coil kit can be ordered at the dealer's expense. Please go to: MoparEssentialTools.com or call 855-298-2687.

For additional information on the essential tools, please see the attached tool application guide that is included in your essential tool shipment.

Tony Brenders

V.P. Technical Service Operations Mopar Service, Parts & Customer Care

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ESSENTIAL TOOLS

ATTENTION:

SERVICE MANAGERS AND

PARTS MANAGERS

SUBJECT:

2015800140 Clearance Gauge Set

2019700230 Induction Heating Tool

We have shipped the enclosed Clearance Gauge Set and Induction Heating Tool to your dealership. Use these tools to perform **Safety Recall N45 & N46**.

Item Number: 2015800140

Clearance Gauge Set

Item Number: 2019700230

Induction Heating Tool
FRAME AND BUMPER

www.MoparEssentialTools.com

PHONE: 855-298-2687 FAX: 855-303-8985

Item Number: 2015800140

Clearance Gauge Set





SOLD SEPARATELY: Available on Mopar Service Equipment (MSE) Website

Item Number: 2019900230 Induction Heating Tool

Coil Kit

How to order:

CALL: 855-298-2687

ONLINE: www.MoparEssentialTools.com Click on Equipment Catalog and enter item number in the search box OR go to Collision Repair / Miscellaneous

PROGRAM FACILITATED BY:



2015800140 / 2019700230 SA 0614



July 25, 2014

TO: ALL CHRYSLER GROUP DEALERSHIPS

ATTN: DEALER PRINCIPAL, GENERAL MANAGER, SERVICE MANAGER

& PARTS MANAGER

SUBJECT: SAFETY RECALL N45 & N46 – INITIAL DISTRIBUTION OF WARNING

LABELS

In preparation of the launch of Safety Recall N45 and N46 – Rear Structural Reinforcement, we will begin the initial distribution of Warning Labels to be applied to vehicles involved in the subject recalls. The label, requested by NHTSA, informs the customer to remove the ball and ball mount whenever their vehicle is not actually in use of towing. The initial shipment will contain 100 labels. Dealers will be able to order additional labels utilizing **PN 68266621AA** after initial inventory is depleted.

Dealers will be notified of the launch of this safety recall by way of previously established methods.

Chrysler anticipates the launch of this safety recall in early August 2014.

Example of the Label:

Chrysler Recommends You Remove the Ball & Ball Mount Whenever Your Vehicle is not Actually in Use of Towing















"N45/N46 REAR STRUCTURAL REINFORCEMENT — CUSTOMER DOCUMENT" was published on 8/1 informing dealers that if the customer's vehicle did not have a trailer tow package or trailer hitch present on the vehicle when it arrived at the dealership for completion of the recall remedy, dealer will print and provide the customer with the "N45/N46 Customer Tow Warning" statement.



August 1, 2014

TO: ALL CHRYSLER GROUP DEALERSHIPS

ATTN: DEALER PRINCIPAL, GENERAL MANAGER, SERVICE MANAGER

& PARTS MANAGER

SUBJECT: N45/N46 REAR STRUCTURAL REINFORCEMENT – CUSTOMER

DOCUMENT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

It is necessary to provide our mutual customers the attached "N45/N46 Customer Tow Warning" document. If the customer's vehicle did not have a trailer tow package or trailer hitch present on the vehicle when it arrived at the dealership for completion of the recall remedy, we are requesting you print and provide to the customer the attached "N45/N46 Customer Tow Warning" document. This document warns customers their vehicle is NOT equipped to tow after the campaign OEM trailer hitch has been installed.

To support this effort, the "N45/N46 Customer Tow Warning" document can also be pulled down within <u>DealerCONNECT</u> > Service > Repair Information > Global Recall System.

Please ensure dealership personnel are aware of this required "N45/N46 Customer Tow Warning" document and provide it to all affected customers before they leave the dealership.

Mopar Service, Parts and Customer Care



















August 01, 2014

<u>Uniform Dealer communication to Customer when the vehicle has had a trailer-hitch assembly installed</u> where none existed before:

"Your vehicle has been inspected in connection with the Rear Structural Reinforcement recall campaign, and an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) trailer-hitch assembly has been installed. This assembly is intended to upgrade the rear structure, and, better manage the crash forces in certain types of low-speed rear impacts.

DO NOT attempt to tow with the campaign-installed trailer-hitch assembly. Your vehicle was not equipped with a Chrysler OEM trailer tow package, and this campaign trailer-hitch assembly does not include the necessary wiring harness and/or other heavy-duty components required for towing."







ORDER MANAGEMENT PROCESS (U.S.)

Mopar will be managing the order replenishment for all Structural Reinforcements for both ARO and non-ARO dealers. The Structural Reinforcement part orders will be allocated shipped and guaranteed (ARO dealers only). Replenishment will be based on approved warranty claims for both ARO and non-ARO dealers.

ARO Dealers: Dealers will be receiving their replenishments via the ARO Structural Reinforcement program that was recently re-launched. Initial orders for ARO dealers will be guaranteed for 12 months to facilitate future returns without using their Return Allowance. We have made some additional modifications to the ARO Structural Reinforcement program to accommodate the N45 and N46 Structural Reinforcement.

- **BSL** (**Best Stocking Level**): Your ARO **Full Bin** quantity will be systematically populated for the Structural Reinforcement parts to reflect your assigned pallet quantity. The Full Bin will prevent your dealership's BSL (Best Stocking Level) from being greater than your pallet quantity*. If your dealership would like additional pallets, you can contact your ARO Dealer advisor.
- *Note: Most dealers will be receiving one pallet. There are some exceptions where dealers may receive an initial shipment of two pallets.
- **BRP (Best Reorder Point)**: To prevent "stock outs" we will be setting the BRP (Best Reorder Point) at approximately 50% of the BSL (Best Stocking Level). Dealers may receive an additional pallet before they have exhausted material from the first pallet. For example, parts with a BSL=7 will have a BRP=4.

Non-ARO Dealers: Dealer replenishments will be manually managed by Mopar. All replenishments will be based upon approved warranty claims. In order for this process to be successful, you MUST process your warranty claims in a timely manner.

ORDER REPLENISHMENT PROCESS:

	N45		N46		N47	
US DEALERS CBXTN451AA MSQ/PALLET=7		CBXTN461AA MSQ/PALLET=5		C B X T N 471 A A M S Q = 1		
	ARO	NON-ARO	ARO	NON-ARO	ARO	NON-ARO
INITIAL ORDER Allocation Method	Orders will be sent via normal initial order allocation (based on original sales)		Orders will be sent via normal initial order allocation (based on original sales)		Orders will be sent via normal initial order allocation (based on original sales)	
INITIAL ORDER QUANTITY	There are some excep	realers will receive one pallet (7 pcs). The some exceptions that will receive and others two pallets (14 pcs). Most dealers will receive one pallet (5 pcs). There are some exceptions that will receive zero, two (10 pcs) or three (15 pcs) pallets.		To be announced in future communication		
ORDER REPLENISHMENT	ARO Structural Reinforcement Program	Mopar Manual Replenishment	ARO Structural Reinforcement Program	Mopar Manual Replenishment	ARO Structural Reinforcement Program	Mopar Manual Replenishment
REPLENSIHMENT TRIGGER	Approved Warranty Claims		Approved Warranty Claims		Approved Warranty Claims	
STOCKING LEVEL (BSL) /ORDER SIZES	ARO Full Bin quantity will be systematically modified to equal initial order size and orders will be replenished to full bin.	Orders will be replenished to initial order quantity (pallets) based on Warranty Claims.	ARO Full Bin quantity will be systematically modified to equal initial order size and orders will be replenished to full bin.	Orders will be replenished to initial order quantity (pallets) based on Warranty Claims.	nished to der quantity To be announced in future communication) based on	
OPEN ORDER Status Information	Exel Logistics (734) 853-5822	Exel Logistics (734) 853-5822	Exel Logistics (734) 853-5822	Exel Logistics (734) 853-5822	Call Facing PDC	Call Facing PDC







N45 AND N46

U.S. DEALERS

For assistance tracking your shipments, please contact Exel at (734) 853-5822. For shipment discrepancies on N45 (CBXTN451AA) or N46 (CBXTN461AA), please follow the guidelines below:

	EVERY HITCH ON The Pallet	SOME HITCHES ON The Pallet	FASTENERS
SHORT / MISSING	Call Exel at (734) 853-5822	Submit an MRA in DealerCONNECT	Call Exel at (734) 853-5822
WRONG PART	Call Exel at (734) 853-5822	Submit an MRA in DealerCONNECT	Call Exel at (734) 853-5822
OVER	Call Exel at (734) 853-5822	Call Exel at (734) 853-5822	Call Exel at (734) 853-5822
DAMAGED	Submit an MRA in DealerCONNECT	Submit an MRA in DealerCONNECT	Call Exel at (734) 853-5822
MANUFACTURING DEFECT / IMPROPERLY MACHINED	Submit an MRA in DealerCONNECT	Submit an MRA in DealerCONNECT	Call Exel at (734) 853-5822

If you submit a MRA and require replacement hitches, please contact your ARO Advisor (Non-ARO dealers please contact Mopar Expediting)

Parts are guaranteed per ARO Guaranteed guidelines

The following claims are not allowed:

- Compromised Package
- Catalog Error
- Specifying Error
- Return Allowance
- Dealer-Generated Return

N47 Shipment discrepancies – Please follow normal MRA processes







U.S. CUSTOMER VISIBILITY (DEALER/PDC)

The N45 and N46 Structural Reinforcement distribution process will follow the IDDS solution that has been in place since April, 2012. This communication is to remind you to take full advantage of the order-to-delivery tracking capability in this managed program.



*Each Dealer/PDC will have one log on per location.



Visibility Dashboard Menu

There are three queries that run once the Visibility Dashboard menu is clicked. The queries are:

Open Orders

- Orders that have not been released using Ready to Ship by the supplier.

In Transit Status

- Orders that have been released using Ready to Ship and are in transit from the supplier.

Completed

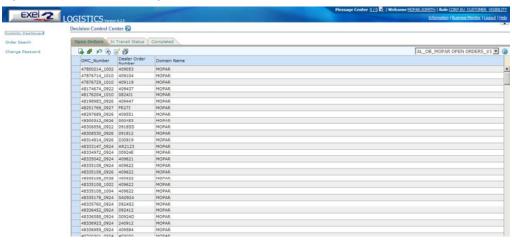
- Orders that have been delivered to their final destination.



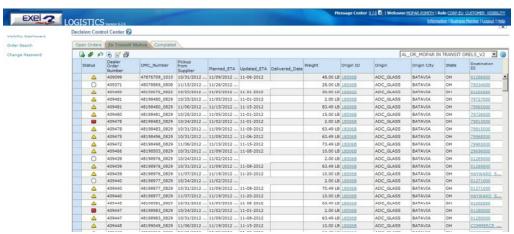




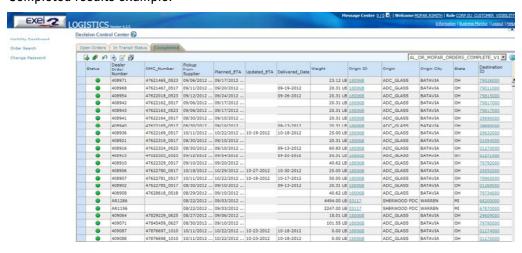
Open Orders results example:



In Transit Status results example:



Completed results example:









Legend for Indicators shown above:

INDICATOR	DETAILED DESCRIPTION
\circ	Indicates the order has been released from the supplier but not picked up yet. At this point, the shipment is built and tendered. The next trigger is when carrier submits a status update departing the supplier.
	Indicates the order has left the supplier and is now in-transit. This indicator will stay yellow through the supply chain; crossdock, pool point, etc. unless there is an updated ETA beyond the original planned ETA.
	Indicates the order is now tracking late. While an order is in-transit, if there is a status update on the ETA that is beyond the original planned ETA, the order will turn RED. In case we make up time in-transit and the ETA is updated to be on or before the original planned ETA, the order will turn back to YELLOW.
	Indicates the order is delivered. Once the delivery status is updated, the order will turn GREEN and move from the "In-Transit" screen to the "Orders-Complete" screen.

Order Search Menu

This menu, once selected, will open a search screen shown below. This will give the dealer options to search for their order rather than looking at a query of orders.



OMC Number: OMC number for Order

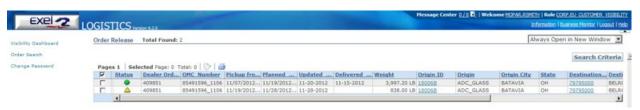
Supplier: Supplier Code of Order

Dealer: Dealer Code of Order

Part Number: Part on Order

Customer Order Number: Dealer Order Number

Example results of a search:



WARRANTY BULLETIN

TO: Dealer Principal, Service Manager, Service Advisor, and Warranty Claims Administrator

SUBJECT: Recall N45 & N46 - Claim Processing Instructions - Level 5 Corrosion/ Collision Damage

NO: D-14-14 **DATE:** August 1, 2014

FOR: All U.S. Dealers All U. S. Business Centers

PURPOSE:

To communicate claim processing guidelines for submitting a Recall (S) reimbursement request on vehicles ONLY involved in Recalls N45 and N46 that exhibit Level 5 Corrosion / Collision Damage.

Note: Level 5 Corrosion has been defined as: The inspection revealed damage or deterioration near the hitch attachment points which are incapable of supporting the proper installation of the hitch.

TIMING:

August 1, 2014

ACTION:

Always run a Dealer CONNECT > VIP to verify a vehicle is involved in Recalls N45 or N46. Vehicles with an open Recall will display a N45 or N46 Recall message in the "Warning Messages" section of VIP.

Reference Recall Notifications N45 and / or N46 for complete details and repair instructions.

In cases when your dealership is unable to perform the above referenced Recalls due to Level 5 Corrosion/Collision damage, perform the following steps:

- Take legible Image(s) of the affected area (underbody carriage of hitch assembly area)
- Complete the Level 5 Corrosion/Collision Damage form (attached to this document)
- Enter the Recall (S) claim using the Inspect LOP and Related Level 5 Corrosion / Collision Damage LOP identified in the Recall notification
- Attach the "Level 5 Corrosion/Collision Damage" form and legible image(s) to the Recall (S) claim following the RA process. (Per Warranty Bulletin D-10-29)







ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The "Uniform Dealer Communication to Customer" document must be provided to the owner in cases when the Recall is not able to be performed due to Level 5 Corrosion or Collision damage (document has been attached to this bulletin).

Dealers can contact the STAR Support Line to speak with dedicated specialists for specific repair instructions and / or assistance in validating Level 4 or Level 5 Corrosion/Collision damage. STAR can be reached at: 1-800-850-STAR (7827).

Contact the Warranty Hotline at 1-888-255-2616 for assistance with claim processing instructions. Hours of operation are: Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 6:00PM EST.

The "Level 5 Corrosion/Collision Damage" can be found in the Recall Repair Notification and in COMDASH > Category > Warranty Bulletins 2014.

Please ensure all affected dealership personnel are aware of this bulletin.

WARRANTY OPERATIONS

Chrysler Group LLC reserves the right to change any or all of the rules set forth in the Dealer Policy Manual and the Warranty Administration Manual by means of Warranty Bulletins and also by making the amended manual available to you on DealerCONNECT.







This statement will be printed and provided to the owner after vehicle has been inspected and it has been determined that the vehicle condition prevents hitch installation.



August 01, 2014

<u>Uniform Dealer communication to Customer when vehicle condition prevents hitch installation</u>

"Your vehicle has been inspected and determined to be incapable of supporting the proper installation of a hitch due to damage or deterioration near the hitch attachment points. We recommend that neither you nor a third-party install a hitch in the vehicle's current condition. Installing a hitch in the vehicle's current condition may degrade the structure surrounding the fuel tank, and the hitch may not be adequately affixed to the vehicle. If the damage or deterioration near the hitch attachments points of your vehicle is repaired, and your Chrysler dealer verifies that it will support the proper installation of a hitch, Chrysler will install an Original Equipment Manufacturer hitch free of charge."

RECALLS N45, N46 AND N47 LEVEL 5 CORROSION/COLLISION DAMAGE

UNABLE TO COMPLETE RECALL

SELECT THE RECALL THAT APPLIES TO THE BELOW VIN

	Recall N45	Recall N46		Recall N47	
VIN (last 8 digits):		Repair Order #:		Inspection Date	r:
Dealer Code:		ler Contact & ne Number:			
	Inspection revealed o	EVEL 5 CORROSION/COLLISION lamage or deterioration near the ble of supporting the proper ins	hitch attachmen		
REASON FOR DEN Level 5 Corrosion/ Collision Damage Inspection Reveale					
the condition of the	s acknowledging that he/she has be vehicle (identified by VIN above) do vledges that he/she has been advise	es not allow the installation of a Ch	nrysler OEM hitch a	assembly or repla	cement mounting bolts. Owne
Owner's Name:		Owne Signa			
Date:					
Service Manager:		Servi Mana Signa	ger's		
Date:					
	Owner provided the document e Level 5 Corrosion/Collision Dama	xplaining ige detail:	Owner	signature acqu	ired:
	Yes N	0	,	Yes	No



August 01, 2014

<u>Uniform Dealer communication to Customer when the vehicle has had a trailer-hitch assembly installed</u> where none existed before:

"Your vehicle has been inspected in connection with the Rear Structural Reinforcement recall campaign, and an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) trailer-hitch assembly has been installed. This assembly is intended to upgrade the rear structure, and, better manage the crash forces in certain types of low-speed rear impacts.

DO NOT attempt to tow with the campaign-installed trailer-hitch assembly. Your vehicle was not equipped with a Chrysler OEM trailer tow package, and this campaign trailer-hitch assembly does not include the necessary wiring harness and/or other heavy-duty components required for towing."



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<u>Uniform Dealer communication to Customer when vehicle condition prevents hitch installation</u>

"Your vehicle has been inspected and determined to be incapable of supporting the proper installation of a hitch due to damage or deterioration near the hitch attachment points. We recommend that neither you nor a third-party install a hitch in the vehicle's current condition. Installing a hitch in the vehicle's current condition may degrade the structure surrounding the fuel tank, and the hitch may not be adequately affixed to the vehicle. If the damage or deterioration near the hitch attachments points of your vehicle is repaired, and your Chrysler dealer verifies that it will support the proper installation of a hitch, Chrysler will install an Original Equipment Manufacturer hitch free of charge."





Which vehicles are involved?

MY 1993-1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee; MY 2002-2007 Jeep Liberty

Why are these vehicles being recalled?

Chrysler Group maintains that there is no defect. Chrylser Group and The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration have agreed on this action to address the agency's safety concerns. Chrysler Group is also conducting this campaign to respond to public concern about the agency's position.

Where will the owner notification letters be sent?

Chrysler Group will mail final notifications to current registered owners or the last-known registered owners of affected vehicles. Additional outreach by telephone and/or e-mail will be conducted as necessary.

What will Chrysler do?

Following inspection, service technicians will install – subject to factors such as vehicle condition – trailer hitch assemblies that will better provide rear structural reinforcement. The trailer hitch assemblies will better manage crash forces in low-speed impacts. The cost of inspections and service will be borne by Chrysler Group.

The scenarios below advise the owner on what the general action(s) will be.

IF YOUR VEHICLE IS:	AND:	THEN:
MY 1993 to 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee (N45) or MY 2002 to 2007 Jeep Liberty (N46)	You have a factory, MOPAR, or aftermarket installed trailer hitch	You will be asked to take your vehicle to the dealership for inspection to ensure the trailer hitch meets Chrysler specifications; Chrysler will install an upgraded trailer hitch if necessary. This is providing the condition of the vehicle can support proper installation. All owners will receive an interim letter advising of our intent, followed by a final notification advising them that parts are available and they may contact their dealership to schedule the inspection and repair if necessary.
	You do not have a factory, MOPAR, or aftermarket installed trailer hitch	You will be asked to take your vehicle to the dealership. Chrysler will install a trailer hitch if necessary. This is providing the condition of the vehicle can support proper installation. All owners will receive an interim letter advising of our intent, followed by a final notification advising them that parts are available and they may contact their dealership to schedule repairs.
MY 1999 to 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee (N47)	You have an aftermarket installed trailer hitch	You will be asked to take your vehicle to the dealership for inspection to ensure the trailer hitch meets Chrysler specifications; Chrysler will install an upgraded trailer hitch if necessary. This is providing the condition of the vehicle can support proper installation. All owners will receive a notification with instructions to contact their dealer for an inspection and repair if necessary.
	If you have a factory or MOPAR installed trailer hitch	You may be asked to have your vehicle inspected; however these vehicles are not part of a safety recall. All owners will receive a notification with instructions to contact their dealer for an inspection and repair if necessary.
	You do not have a factory, MOPAR, or aftermarket installed trailer hitch	Action may be to install a trailer hitch; however, these vehicles are not part of a safety recall. All owners will receive a notification with instructions to contact their dealership to schedule repairs.





What should an owner do if they have an affected vehicle?

Owners should immediately contact their dealers on receipt of a recall letter.

Is the vehicle safe to drive?

The affected vehicles met or exceeded all federal safety standards at the time they were first sold. Chrysler Group and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration have agreed on this action to address the agency's safety concerns. Chysler Group is also conducting this campaign to respond to public concern about the agency's position.

What if you are an affected owner who already paid for this repair?

Owners should be advised to contact Customer Care at 1-800-853-1403 and request reimbursement.

Where should the owner take their vehicle to have the recall repairs performed?

Any Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram dealer can perform the inspection and, if necessary, the required installation.

When will parts be available for the vehicle?

Parts are now in dealer inventories. On receipt of a recall notice advising that service is available, owners should immediately contact their dealers.

When can affected owners reasonably expect to be able to get their car fixed?

Service will be available beginning in August, 2014.

What exactly is the repair? How long will it take?

Affected vehicles will be inspected to determine if they are equipped with factory-installed trailer hitches. If so, they will only receive a label recommending the ball and ball mount be removed when the vehicle is not actually towing. If not, subject to their condition, they will be fitted with trailer hitch assemblies that afford rear structural reinforcement. Trailer hitches that were not factory-installed will be inspected for irregularities such as sharp edges. If such conditions are found, those hitches will be replaced with trailer hitch assemblies, provided that the vehicles can accommodate installation. (Excessive rust and/or damage may preclude installation of the trailer hitch assemblies.)

Can the owner use the new hitches to tow?

The trailer hitch assemblies installed as part of this campaign are intended to upgrade the rear structure and better manage the crash forces in certain types of low-speed rear impacts. Hitch-balls will not be installed and owners are not advised to operate their vehicles with exposed hitch-balls.

Who is eligible for a rental vehicle?

Dealers are encouraged to provide owners with Alternate Transportation when appropriate. Review WB D-11-01 and D-11-53 for complete details.

Who should the owner call to get more information?

Call Chrysler Group's Customer Information Center at 1-800-853-1403.





What is the timing for parts availability versus the Recall mailer cadence?

The initial shipment of recall parts was distributed to local dealerships starting the week of July 21st, 2014. In addition, the N45/N46/N47 recall parts will be included in the ARO recall parts distribution plan. There was a DealerCONNECT DMail sent on July 14, 2014 notifying dealers of the re-order process.

The owner will be reimbursed their cost if they have already purchased an OEM trailer hitch. What if owners request to be reimbursed for an aftermarket hitch they purchased prior to the launch of this recall? Requests of this nature should be reviewed by the Area Manager, Business Center and/or Chrysler Customer Assistance Center case manager.

Are there any new vehicle purchase incentives available for owners impacted by this recall?

There are no specific new vehicle purchase incentives being offered at this time.

What are the provisions on a requested vehicle replacement or "buy back"?

Requests of this nature should be reviewed by the Area Manager, Business Center and/or Chrysler Customer Assistance Center case manager.

What are the provisions for approving alternate transportation during repair completion of the recall?

Dealers are encouraged to provide owners with alternate transportation when appropriate. Dealers should follow WB D-11-01 and D-11-53, or any other applicable alternate transportation Warranty Bulletin per Business Center for complete details.

What is Mopar's position about towing with the vehicle once the recall is completed?

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Are the vehicles safe to drive?

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Are allocated parts volumes based on NVDR's or vehicle registrations/vehicles assigned to dealers?

Allocated part volumes were based off vehicles assigned to respective dealers.

Owners will be advised when they can schedule service but also told to contact their dealership right away.

Upon receipt of the official Recall Notification from Chrysler Group, owners should contact their preferred authorized Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge and Ram dealer to schedule a service appointment.

What should be communicated to the owners when the recall cannot be performed due to vehicle condition?

Refer to the "Uniform Dealer Communication to Customer" when the vehicle condition prevents hitch installation document.

Do dealers need to make sure the hitch assemblies they receive have the required hardware prior to scheduling an appointment with the owner?

Instruct dealers to inspect every pallet of Trailer Hitch Packages to ensure they have the necessary bolts to install the part. If the parts are missing, instruct to order CBXTN452AA (Trailer Hitch Bolt Kit).





How does a dealership verify if an existing trailer hitch is OEM or aftermarket?

The replacement Rear Structural Reinforcement has been built identical to the existing OEM hitch. If the existing trailer hitch does not look to be identical to part number CBXTN451AA (trailer hitch assembly), it is an aftermarket trailer hitch. This information is also found in the repair instructions of the recall.

Will parts replenishment only be done in pallet quantities or lessor quantities as the recall numbers decline? Pallet quantities will be reduced at some point during the campaign as demand declines. Parts will be offered in MSQ 7 or MSQ 1. This will be communicated as it becomes available.





I did not receive an initial allocation. How do I get parts? (See page 14)

Initial orders are based upon original sales quantities (VINS) for the affected vehicles. If you did not receive an initial allocation, it was because you did not have enough sales to warrant a full pallet of parts (N45 & N46 only). If you would like to receive parts, please email the following: Hitch-Support@chrysler.com

I don't have enough parts. How can I increase my stocking level?

ARO Dealers: We have set the full bin quantity to equal one pallet of material. If you feel you would like to stock additional pallet quantities, please contact your ARO Dealer Advisor.

Non-ARO Dealers: Contact Expediting or email Hitch-Support@chrysler.com

Why isn't ARO reordering, my inventory is below the reorder point?

The ARO campaign program reorders based upon Warranty Inventory (WINV). WINV will only decrement when a warranty claim is processed/approved. It is imperative that you process your warranty claims in a timely manner. If you need to have your WINV adjusted, contact your ARO Dealer Advisor.

How can I stop the part from ordering?

ARO Dealers: Contact your ARO Dealer Advisor

Non-ARO Dealers: Contact Expediting or email Hitch-Support@chrysler.com

What should I do if I never received my initial order?

If you have verified that an order was created in DealerCONNECT, create a MRA shortage claim (refer to MRA instructions). Also make sure to contact your Dealer advisor or Hitch-Support@chrysler.com to request that a new order be created.





STAR SUPPORT: (800) 850-STAR (7827)

- If your dealership is having difficulty determining Level 4 and / or Level 5 Corrosion, contact a dedicated STAR agent for further assistance. Select "Part or Labor Operation Restriction." Enter part number (digits only) for part number CBXTN453AA or CBXTN463AA or CBXTN471AA (digits 453 or 463 or 471). Star Support is available 24 hours/7 days a week for technical concerns relating to recall campaigns N45/N46/N47.

EXEL: (734) 853-5822

- For assistance with open order status, tracking shipments, or shipment discrepancies on N45 (CBXTN451AA) or N46 (CBXTN461AA).

WARRANTY HOTLINE: (888) 255-2616

- Questions regarding claim processing instructions and guidelines for recall N45, N46 and N47 can be directed to the Warranty Hotline. Hours of operation are M-F 8:00AM-6:00PM (EST).