

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****14V-770****Manufacturer Name :** Chrysler Group LLC**Submission Date :** DEC 03,2014**NHTSA Recall No. :** 14V-770**Manufacturer Recall No. :** P40 Expanded**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Chrysler Group LLC

Address : 800 Chrysler Drive

CIMS 482-00-91 Auburn Hills MI 48326-2757

Company phone : 1-800-853-1403

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 149,150

Estimated percentage with defect : 0

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2003-2003 Dodge Ram 1500, 2500, 3500 Pickup

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : PICKUP TRUCK

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : The vehicles being recalled are those equipped with Takata "SPI" front passenger airbag inflators and that were originally sold in or ever registered in areas known for high absolute humidity: including the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, along with the US Territories of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Saipan, and the Virgin Islands.

Production Dates : JUN 20, 2002 - JUL 31, 2003

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Per Takata's 573 Safety Defect Information Report, in certain vehicles that were originally sold or ever registered in areas known for high absolute humidity: areas along the Gulf coast of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, along with southern Georgia, Florida, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Saipan, and the Virgin Islands; the front passenger's airbag inflator may rupture when deploying during an accident.

Description of the Safety Risk : In the event of an airbag deployment, if the airbag inflator were to rupture metal fragments may contact the vehicle's occupant(s), resulting in an increased risk of injury.

Description of the Cause : The cause is under investigation.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None.

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : Takata Corporation

Address : 2500 Takata Drive

Auburn Hills MICHIGAN 48326

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

- On November 10, 2014, Takata Corporation (“Takata”) submitted a 573 Safety Defect Information Report to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (“NHTSA”), stating that certain front passenger airbag inflators could contain a safety defect.
- Per Takata’s 573 Defect Information Report, certain inflators produced from April 13, 2000 – July 31, 2004, and “...exposed to consistently high absolute humidity regions, could be susceptible to rupture and the front passenger air bag could deploy abnormally in a crash, increasing the risk of injury to the occupant.”
- As of December 1, 2014, Takata has laboratory tested 524 SPI front passenger airbag inflators, from multiple manufacturers and from high humidity regions. Of the 524 tested, Chrysler is aware of 8 failures, all from other manufacturers.
- Chrysler is aware of 2 SPI inflator field failures involving vehicles from other manufacturers.
- Chrysler is not aware of any SPI inflator laboratory or field failures involving a Chrysler vehicle.
- Chrysler currently has no information to distinguish the SPI inflator it used from the SPI inflator used by other manufacturers.
- Although Chrysler is not aware of any incident from the field or laboratory testing where a SPI front passenger airbag inflator from a Chrysler vehicle ruptured, out of an abundance of caution and concern for the safety of our customers, on December 2, 2014 the Chrysler Vehicle Regulatory Committee approved the execution of a voluntary safety recall of all SPI front passenger airbag inflators that were originally sold in or ever registered in the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, along with the US Territories of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Saipan, and the Virgin Islands.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : • Replace the front passenger airbag inflator.

- Chrysler has a longstanding policy and practice of reimbursing owners who have incurred the cost of repairing a problem that subsequently becomes the subject of a field action. To ensure consistency, Chrysler, as part of the owner letter, will request that customers send the original receipt and/or other adequate proof of payment to the company for confirmation of the expense.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Replacement inflators are of the same design and materials as the inflators being replaced, pursuant to continuous process control improvements.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Unknown.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date : JAN 19, 2015 - JAN 19, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date : JAN 19, 2015 - JAN 26, 2015

\* NR - Not Reported