OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

## **Part 573 Safety Recall Report**

## 14V-770

**Manufacturer Name :** Chrysler (FCA US LLC)

**Submission Date**: JAN 20,2015 **NHTSA Recall No.**: 14V-770 **Manufacturer Recall No.**: P78



#### **Manufacturer Information:**

Manufacturer Name: Chrysler (FCA US 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: 421,051 Estimated percentage with defect: 0

#### **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle: 2003-2005 Dodge Ram 1500, 2500, 3500 Pickup

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES Body Style : PICKUP TRUCK

Power Train: GAS

Descriptive Information: The "DR" vehicles being recalled are those equipped with Takata "SPI" or "PSPI"

front passenger airbag inflators and that were originally sold, or ever registered, in the following areas known for high absolute humidity: 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 U.S. Virgin

Islands.

Production Dates : MAR 13, 2002 - JUL 30, 2004

#### **VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

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Vehicle: 2005-2005 Dodge Ram 2500, 3500 Pickup

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES Body Style : PICKUP TRUCK

Power Train: GAS

Descriptive Information: The "DH" vehicles being recalled are those equipped with Takata "PSPI" 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: MAY 07, 2004 - JUL 31, 2004

#### **VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Body Style: STATIONWAGON

| Vehicle: 2004-2005 Dodge Durango   |   |                       |  |  |  |
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| Vehicle Type : LIGHT VI  |   |                       |  |  |  |
| Body Style : SUV   | HICHES  |                       |  |  |  |
| Power Train : GAS  |   |                       |  |  |  |
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| Vehicle: 2005-2005 Dodge Dakota Vehicle Type: LIGHT VEHICLES Body Style: PICKUP TRUCK Power Train: GAS Descriptive Information: The vehicles being recalled are those equipped with Takata "PSPI" front passenger airbag inflators and that were originally sold in or ever registered in areas known  |   |                       |  |  |  |
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| Vehicle: 2005-2005 Ch<br>Vehicle Type: LIGHT VI<br>Body Style: 4-DOOR  |   |                       |  |  |  |
| Power Train : GAS  |   |                       |  |  |  |
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| Production Dates : JAN 05, 2004 - JUL 31, 2004   |   |                       |  |  |  |
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Power Train: GAS

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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: JAN 05, 2004 - JUL 31, 2004

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range** 

#### **Description of Defect:**

 $Description\ of\ the\ Defect\ : Per\ Takata's\ 573\ Safety\ Defect\ Information\ Report,\ certain\ Takata\ passenger$ 

inflators exposed to consistently high absolute humidity regions could be

susceptible to rupture and the front passenger airbag could deploy abnormally in a crash, increasing the risk of injury to the occupant. The cause of the potential for

ruptured inflators and the influence of high absolute humidity are under investigation.

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 FOREIGN STATES 48326** 

Country: NR

#### **Chronology:**

Please see attached supplemental information titled "Chrysler Group LLC Chronology 14V-770".

On June 20, 2014, Chrysler informed NHTSA Chrysler intention to conduct a field action to replace the driver airbag inflators built between January 1, 2004 and June 30, 2007, as well as the passenger airbag inflators built between June 1, 2000 and July 31, 2004 in regions identified by Takata (Florida, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands).

In a letter dated August 7, 2014, Chrysler provided a list of models and model years affected in the regional field action. This letter included models ranging from 2003 to 2008 MY vehicles.

In an updated letter dated October 28, 2014, Chrysler updated the model years included in the regional field action. The inclusion of the 2008 model years were mistakenly included in the August 7, 2014 letter to NHTSA. The October 28, 2014 letter updated the model years to 2003 - 2007 for various vehicle lines. On December 10, 2014, Chrysler submitted a 573 Defect Report for P78 (14V-770) informing NHTSA of a safety defect for the passenger airbag inflators on 2003 - 2005 model year vehicles for the expanded regions along the Gulf Coast (Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, and US Territories including American Samoa, Guam, Saipan). This recall is P78 (14V-770). All passenger airbag inflator vehicles originally involved in P40 (14V-354) a included in the P78 (14V-770) recall and completion rates will be provide for 14V-770. On December 19, 2014, Chrysler informed NHTSA, via letter, that Chrysler decided to expand the regional field action to nationwide for the driver airbag inflators.

On December 23, 2014, Chrysler updated the Defect Report for 14V-817. 14V-817 will include all driver airbag inflators, including the DAB inflators originally in 14V-354. 14V-817 will contain all the driver airbag inflator completion rates. 14V-817 only contains DAB inflators, this is why 2003 model year DR Ram 1500 trucks are not included.

### **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 improvements,

as communicated to Chrysler by Takata.

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

#### **Recall Schedule:**

Description of Recall Schedule: NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date: JAN 20, 2015 - JAN 20, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date: JAN 20, 2015 - JAN 26, 2015

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| The information contained in this report was submitted pursuant to 49 CFR §573 |              |         |        |