

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**15V-223****Manufacturer Name :** Chrysler (FCA US LLC)**Submission Date :** MAY 11,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-223**Manufacturer Recall No. :** R19**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 : 2,408
 Estimated percentage with defect : 100

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2015-2015 Ram ProMaster City
 Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES
 Body Style : VAN
 Power Train : GAS
 Descriptive Information : 2015 Ram ProMaster Side Airbag Inflatable Curtain.
 Production Dates : NOV 06, 2014 - MAR 17, 2015

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Some Ram ProMaster City ("VM") cargo and passenger vehicle side airbag inflatable curtains ("SABIC") may not perform as required by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard ("FMVSS") 214.

Description of the Safety Risk : In the event of a crash, this may affect the proper position of the driver's and/or front passengers SABIC, potentially putting occupants at greater risk of injury in a side impact and/or rollover event.

Description of the Cause : The root cause was determined to be that tape, which was added as an assembly aid, was not performing the same as the tape that was validated for this purpose. It was determined that the validation of the tape was performed using a different tape than what was being used by the SABIC supplier.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : No warning present.

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : Autoliv Italy ATT

Address : Strada Torino 27

Orbassano FOREIGN STATES 10043

Country : Italy

Chronology :

- On March 19, 2015, FCA US LLC ("FCA") opened an investigation as a result of testing on a 2018 MY VM, where the SABIC did not meet the FMVSS 214 deployment requirements established by the 2015 MY VM.
- It was determined that tape, used to stow the airbag curtain at the forward A-pillar position, was negatively affecting the deployment of the SABIC.
- The 2015 MY VM compliance was performed without tape at the SABIC's forward A-pillar position. Tape was later added as an assembly aid, with its addition being validate by Fiat's Europe, Middle East, Africa ("EMEA") Safety Center using static testing.
- It was later discovered that the EMEA Safety Center tested a tape that was different than the tape the supplier of the SABIC was previously directed to use.
- The production tape was not performing the same as the tape tested and validated by the EMEA Safety Center.
- The SABIC deployment may not meet the dynamic requirements of FMVSS 214 due to the tape revision and expose the occupants to a greater potential for injury in a side impact and/or rollover event.
- This issue affects 2015 MY VM cargo and passenger versions imported to the United States.
- The vehicles are imported from the Tofas Manufacturing Plant in Turkey to the Baltimore Transformation Center ("BTC") in the United States.
- At the BTC they are transformed to meet the FMVSS requirements prior to distribution to dealers.
- As of April 1, 2015, FCA identified approximately 0 CAIRs, 0 VOQs and 0 field reports related to this issue.
- As of April 1, 2015, FCA is unaware of any accidents or injuries potentially related to this issue.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : FCA dealers will break or remove the tape surrounding the SABIC at the forward A-pillar position. 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 : The tape at the forward A-pillar position is removed.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : On March 17, 2015, the vehicle manufacturing plant in Tofas, Turkey, began using SABICs with the tape removed (US VIN F6A23781).

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : FCA US LLC notified dealers on April 30, 2015. The owner notification mailing began on May 6, 2015 and finished on May 6, 2015.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

* NR - Not Reported