

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 15V-312

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

**Submission Date :** SEP 29, 2017

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-312

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** R26



## 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 :** 385,686

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 1 %

## Vehicle Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2003-2003 Dodge Ram 1500, 2500,3500

**Vehicle Type :**

**Body Style :**

**Power Train :** NR

**Descriptive Information :** The 2003 Dodge Ram ("DR") vehicles being recalled are those equipped with Takata "SPI" front passenger airbag inflators.

**Production Dates :** AUG 29, 2002 - JUL 25, 2003

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :** NR **End :** NR

Not sequential

## Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** On May 18, 2015, Takata submitted a 573 Safety Defect Information Report to NHTSA, "Takata has determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety may arise in some of the subject inflators. The propellant wafers in some of the subject inflators may experience an alteration over time, which could potentially lead to over-aggressive combustion in the event of an air bag deployment." Takata also identified "... a potential issue associated with the inflator body internal tape seals on some SPI inflators."

**FMVSS 1 :** NR

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** Per Takata's May 18, 2015 573 Safety Defect Information Report (15E-041), "in the event of an inflator rupture, metal fragments could pass through the air bag cushion material, which may result in injury or death to vehicle occupants."

**Description of the Cause :** In Takata's May 18, 2015 573 Safety Defect Information Report (15E-041), Takata states that according to its "investigation to date, the potential for such ruptures may occur in some of the subject inflators after several years of exposure to persistent conditions of high absolute humidity." Takata also

Identification of Any Warning  
that can Occur :

stated that they are, "... also aware of a potential issue associated with the inflator body internal tape seals on some SPI inflators ... Such a leak can increase the potential for moisture to reach the main propellant wafers, possibly in areas outside of the highest absolute humidity States."

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

Name : Takata Corporation  
Address : 2500 Takata Drive  
Auburn Hills MICHIGAN 48326  
Country : United States

## Chronology :

On May 18, 2015, Takata submitted a 573 Safety Defect Information Report to the NHTSA, stating that all Takata SPI passenger inflators, manufactured up to and including the 2008 model year, are susceptible to rupture and the front passenger airbag could deploy abnormally in a crash, increasing the risk of injury to the occupant.

On May 21, 2015, FCA US authorized the execution of a voluntary safety recall to replace the Takata SPI front passenger airbag inflators in the 2003 Dodge Ram 1500, 2500, and 3500 pickups. This approval represents the nationwide expansion of the previously approved voluntary safety recall P78, as it applies to Takata SPI inflators.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : FCA US LLC ("FCA US") will conduct a voluntary safety recall on all affected vehicles to replace the front passenger airbag inflator.

FCA US 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, FCA US, 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; however, Takata has communicated to FCA US that the new replacement inflators reflect, continuous process improvements that

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : were introduced in the SPI inflators after MY 2008. Unknown.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : \*\* 2016 05 31 - Owner Notification Phase II mailings complete 05/26/2016  
\*\*2016 03 10 - Dealer notification 2016 03 10 owner notification 2016 03 16.  
  
2016 01 05 - Planned dealer notification March 31, 2016 planned owner notification for Phase 1 March 31, 2016. Phase 2 owner notification Q2 2016.  
  
Planned Dealer Notification: 5/29/2015, FCA made VINs live.  
  
Interim Owner Notification Start / End Date: 6/24/2015 start and 7/13/2015 finish date.  
  
Planned dealer notification (repair instructions) Date: TBD  
Planned Owner Notification Start / End Date: TBD - TBD  
  
Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR  
Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

\* NR - Not Reported