

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****15V-661****Manufacturer Name :** Chrysler (FCA US LLC)**Submission Date :** NOV 12,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-661**Manufacturer Recall No. :** R59**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 : 61,255  
 Estimated percentage with defect : 50

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2015-2016 Ram 1500

Vehicle Type :

Body Style : PICKUP TRUCK

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Certain 2015-2016 MY Ram 1500 vehicles.

Production Dates : JUN 17, 2015 - SEP 28, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Some 2015-2016 MY Ram 1500 ("DS/DX") vehicles may be built with rear axle shafts that have been incorrectly heat treated at the outboard bearing journal.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : This defect may, in certain cases, result in the buildup of heat, thermal degradation of nearby wiring circuits, illumination of the ABS warning lamp and noise during operation. If ignored, the axle shaft may fracture causing wheel separation from the vehicle.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

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

Name : Machine Tool &amp; Gear INC.

Address : 1021 North Shiawassee  
Corunna MICHIGAN 48817

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

Please see the attached supplemental information titled "FCA US LLC Chronology - DS DX Low Surface Hardness 10152015.pdf".

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Conduct a Voluntary Safety Recall on all affected vehicles to inspect axle shafts for supplier markings indicating spindle and replace those that are not marked, or marked from spindle three or four. On vehicles currently in customer service, an assessment will be made to determine if a full axle assembly is required.

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 : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : 11/10/15: FCA US will provide dealer instructions on 11/16/15. Owner notification on 11/23/15.\*\*

10/15/2015: FCA US will provide a dealer notification and owner notification schedule once established.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

\* NR - Not Reported