

This bulletin provides the procedure to inspect the condition of the driver seatback frame welds and, if necessary, replace the seatback frame assembly on certain 2016MY Sorento (UMa) vehicles, produced from March 3, 2016 through March 21, 2016. The driver seatback frame welds may not have been correctly welded due to an improperly functioning robot at the supplier. In the event of a rear-end collision, the seatback may not function as designed, increasing the risk of injury to vehicle occupants. Follow the procedure below to inspect the driver seatback frame welds, and if necessary, replace the seatback frame assembly. Before conducting the procedure, verify the vehicle is included in the list of affected VINs.



# **\*** NOTICE

There is no charge to the vehicle owner for this repair. Under applicable law, you may not sell or otherwise deliver any affected vehicle until it has been repaired pursuant to the procedures set forth in this bulletin.

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## DRIVER SEATBACK FRAME INSPECTION AND REPLACEMENT (SC140)

### Label Inspection Procedure:

 Unhook the driver's lower seat protector (A).

2. Using a non-marring trim removal tool, remove the driver seat backboard (B) by inserting the tool behind the upper section of the backboard and pushing down on the two (2) lock pins. Pull the backboard outwards and lift up to remove.



Use a non-marring trim removal tool (Such as Snap-on<sup>®</sup> Part Number PBN5 or equivalent) to avoid damaging the backboard.

3. Inspect both inner side rails of the seatback frame for barcode labels at the locations shown.

If the two (2) labels are present, no further action is required. Reinstall the removed components in the reverse order of removal.

If only one (1) or no labels are present, proceed to the Weld Inspection procedure on page 3.







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#### Weld Inspection Procedure:

- 1. Record the customer's radio presets.
- 2. Tilt the seat backwards and remove the headrest (C) by carefully pushing the lock pin.



Use caution when inserting a tool into the lock pin opening to avoid damage to the seat and trim cover.



3. Return the seat tilt to a 90° position and then remove all four (4) seat assembly retaining bolts.

### Tightening torque: 32.5 – 43.4 lb·ft (44.1 – 58.8 Nm)

4. Disconnect the negative battery terminal.



Failure to disconnect the negative battery terminal may result in unwanted airbag deployment.

5. Disconnect the three (3) connectors underneath the seat and detach the harness clips (D) from the seat.





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6. Carefully remove the seat from the vehicle.



Protect the door sill and door trim panel with protective covers to prevent damage.

 Unhook the seat cover and pull it away from the frame to expose the plastic trim and remove the four (4) plastic trim retaining screws.



Use the straps attached to the hooks to unhook the seat cover to prevent personal injury from the sharp edges on the seat frame.

8. Using a non-marring trim removal tool, carefully remove the outboard shield cover (E).









9. Using a Phillips screwdriver, remove the inboard shield cover retaining screw as shown and remove the inner shield cover (F) with a non-marring trim removal tool.

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10. Starting at the right side weld joint, insert a large flat-head screwdriver in the top of the opening and with moderate force, pry away from the seat frame to verify proper welding at the joints (G).

 Insert the large flat-head screwdriver in the lower opening and with moderate force, pry away from the seat frame to verify proper welding at the joints (H).

12. At the left side weld joint, insert the large flat-head screwdriver in the bottom of the frame and with moderate force, pry away from the seat frame to verify proper welding at the joints (I).

13. Insert the large flat-head screwdriver in the front of the frame and with moderate force, pry away from the seat frame to verify proper welding at the joint (J).



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14. If the welds are intact and not broken, no further action is required. Reinstall all removed components in the reverse order of removal.

> If a weld is found to be broken, proceed to the service procedure below to replace the seatback frame assembly.

## Seatback Frame Replacement Procedure:

 Using a non-marring trim removal tool, push in the tabs securing the headrest guides and remove the headrest guides (K) from the seat.



## **\*** NOTICE

Label the headrest guides (LH and RH) after removal to ensure proper installation as they are directional.

 Completely unhook the seatback cushion cover (L) and remove the remaining two (2) plastic trim retaining screws.



Examples of broken welds

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3. If equipped, remove the two (2) seatback ventilation inlet hose retaining screws and carefully slide the hose (M) upwards.







- **\*** NOTICE Mark the (2) lumbar two connectors to prevent incorrect

Disconnect the seatback recliner motor connector (N) and the two (2) lumbar support connectors (O) if equipped.

reconnection of the connectors as they are interchangeable.

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- cushion from the seatback frame assembly.
- 5. Remove the seatback cover and

- Disconnect 4. the seatback heater

connector.

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 Carefully unclip the side airbag connector (P) located underneath the seat with a 90° pick tool and detach the harness from the seat frame.

8. Remove the two (2) seatback frame retaining bolts on both sides of the seat and pull the frame upwards to separate it from the seat cushion frame.

### Tightening torque: 32.5 – 39.8 lb·ft (44.1 – 53.9 Nm)

9. Remove the seatback cover guides from the old seatback frame and install onto the new seatback frame. If needed, replace the seatback cover guides.

- 10. Install the new seatback frame and reinstall all removed components in the reverse order of removal.
- 11. Verify proper operation of the power seat directional operation, seatback heater, and ventilation if equipped. Check for any related warning lights staying on after vehicle keyon.
- 12. Restore the customer's radio presets.
- 13. To ensure customer satisfaction, clean any stained or soiled areas of driver's seat and ensure cleanliness.







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#### AFFECTED VEHICLE RANGE:

Model	Production Date Range		
Sorento (UMa)	March 3, 2016 to March 21, 2016		

#### REQUIRED PART:

Part Name	Part Number	Figure
Frame Assy-FR Seat Back LH (2-Way Lumbar Support)	88310 C6220	
Frame Assy-FR Seat Back LH (4-Way Lumbar Support, Heater)	88310 C6530	
Frame Assy-FR Seat Back LH (4-Way Lumbar Support, Heater, Ventilation)	88310 C6540	
Guide FR Seatback Pocket	88338 3F800QQK <u>(if needed)</u>	

# **\*** NOTICE

Refer to EPC for the latest applicable part number information using the VIN.

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### WARRANTY INFORMATION:

Claim Type	Causal P/N	Qty.	N Code	C Code	Repair Description	Labor Op Code	Op Time	Replacement P/N	Qty.
R	88310 C6100	0	N99	C99	(SC140) Driver Seatback Frame <u>Label</u> Inspection	161A34R0	0.4 M/H	N/A	0
R	88310 C6100	0	N99	C99	(SC140) Driver Seatback Frame <u>Label &amp;</u> <u>Weld</u> Inspection	161A34R1	0.6 M/H	N/A	0
R 88310 C6100		C99	(SC140) Driver Seatback Label & Weld Inspection, &	161A34R2	1.0 M/H	88310 C6220 2-Way Lumbar	1		
						88310 C6530 4-Way Lumbar	1		
					Frame Replacement			88310 C6540 4-Way Lumbar	1

Note: only one (1) labor operation may be claimed.

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