



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Ms. Jennifer Shute  
Sr Mgr Safety Recall Execution  
Chrysler (FCA US LLC)  
800 Chrysler Drive  
CIMS 482-00-91  
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

NEF-150SM  
17V-824

**Subject:** Fire Extinguisher May Be Clogged or Inoperable

Dear Ms. Shute:

This letter serves to acknowledge Chrysler (FCA US LLC)'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

CHRYSLER/PACIFICA/2018  
CHRYSLER/TOWN AND COUNTRY/2014-2016  
DODGE/CALIBER/2007  
DODGE/CHALLENGER/2009  
DODGE/CHARGER/2016  
DODGE/DART/2015-2016  
DODGE/DURANGO/2004  
DODGE/GRAND CARAVAN/2014-2016  
DODGE/JOURNEY/2014  
JEEP/CHEROKEE/2014-2016  
JEEP/COMPASS/2017  
JEEP/PATRIOT/2011  
RAM/1500/2012, 2015  
RAM/2500/2013-2018  
RAM/3500/2012-2018  
RAM/4500/2012-2018  
RAM/5500/2012-2018  
RAM/PROMASTER/2014-2017  
RAM/PROMASTER CITY/2015-2017

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 21, 2017

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 17V-824

**Components:**  
EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 62,042

**Problem Description:**

Chrysler (FCA US LLC) is recalling various Dodge, Chrysler, and RAM vehicles equipped with Kidde Plastic-Handle or Push Button 'Pindicator' Fire Extinguishers. A list of the affected trailer models is available at: <https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/rcl/2017/RMISC-17V824-0103.pdf>. These extinguishers may become clogged, preventing the extinguisher from discharging as expected or requiring excessive force to activate the extinguisher. Additionally, in certain models, the nozzle may detach from the valve assembly with enough force that it could cause injury and also render the product inoperable. For a full list of the affected fire extinguisher models visit: <https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/rcl/2017/RMISC-17E062-5427.pdf>

**Consequence:**

If the fire extinguisher does not function properly, it can increase the risk of injury in the event of a fire.

**Remedy:**

Chrysler will notify owners instructing them to contact Kidde for a replacement fire extinguisher, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin February 9, 2018. Owners may contact Chrysler customer service at 1-800-853-1403 or Kidde customer service service toll-free at 1-855-271-0773, or online at [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com) and click on "Product Safety Recall" for more information. Chrysler's number for this recall is T82.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

We understand that you intend for Kidde to supply the required six quarterly recall completion rate reports.

Your contact for this recall will be Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-7401, or by email at [sarah.mcshane@dot.gov](mailto:sarah.mcshane@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Office of Defects Investigations  
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