This notice applies to your vehicle,

## T80/NHTSA 17V-820

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# **VEHICLE PICTURE**

#### YOUR SCHEDULING OPTIONS

- 1. Visit <u>recalls.mopar.com</u> to sign up for email or SMS notifications for when remedy parts become available. You will be asked to provide your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), provided above
- **2.** Scan below using your smartphone or tablet to sign up to be notified when remedy parts become available



- **3. Wait for FCA US to contact you** again, by mail, with a follow-up recall notice when remedy parts are available
- 4. Call the FCA Recall Assistance Center at 1-800-853-1403. An agent can sign you up to be notified when remedy parts become available, or answer any other questions you may have

**DEALERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS** Please reference Safety Recall T80.

# **IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL**

#### **Heated Seats**

#### Dear [Name],

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

FCA has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain [2005 (ND) Dodge Dakota] vehicles equipped with heated seats.

#### WHY DOES MY VEHICLE NEED REPAIRS?

The driver or passenger seat cushion or seat back on your truck <sup>[1]</sup> may experience overheating due to fatigue failures in the heater pad. Fatigue failures of the heater pad can cause hot spots to develop which can propagate into burn holes in the seat cushion or open flames in the interior of the vehicle. The heated seat control system used in these vehicles cannot detect these hot spots that cause thermal damage to the seat and will not shut down automatically. **Any of these consequences may increase the risk of occupant injury or cause a fire in the vehicle.** 

#### HOW DO I RESOLVE THIS IMPORTANT SAFETY ISSUE?

The remedy for this condition is not currently available. We are making every effort to finalize a remedy and obtain parts as quickly as possible, and will service your vehicle free of charge (parts and labor).

FCA US will contact you again, by mail, with a follow-up recall notice when the remedy and/or parts are available. Once you receive your follow-up notice, simply contact your Chrysler,  $Jeep_{\oplus}$ , Dodge or RAM dealer right away to schedule a service appointment <sup>[2]</sup>. Additional options for your next steps are included on the left side of this notification. We appreciate your patience.

#### WHAT IF I ALREADY PAID TO HAVE THIS REPAIR COMPLETED?

If you have already experienced this specific condition and have paid to have it repaired, you may visit <u>www.fcarecallreimbursement.com</u> to submit your reimbursement request online <sup>[3]</sup>. Once we receive and verify the required documents, reimbursement will be sent to you within 60 days. If you have had previous repairs performed and/or already received reimbursement, you may still need to have the recall repair performed.

We apologize for any inconvenience, but are sincerely concerned about your safety. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Customer Assistance/Field Operations FCA US LLC



Mr. Mrs. Customer 1234 Main Street Hometown, MI 48371

[1] If you no longer own this vehicle, please help us update our records. Call the FCA Recall Assistance Center at 1-800-853-1403 to update your information.

[2] If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, DC 20590, or you can call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to safercar.gov.

[3] You can also mail in your original receipts and proof of payment to the following address for reimbursement consideration: FCA Customer Assistance, P.O. Box 21-8004, Auburn Hills, MI 48321-8007, Attention: Recall Reimbursement.

Note to lessors receiving this recall notice: Federal regulation requires that you forward this recall notice to the lessee within 10 days.



## **New Safety Recall Advanced Communication – T80**

FCA US LLC (FCA US) has announced a safety recall on certain 2005 model year (ND) Dodge Dakota Pickups equipped with heated seats (Sales Code JPM).

VINs identified as being involved in this campaign are currently live and searchable. Stop sale is in effect for the above-identified vehicles.

**IMPORTANT:** Some of the involved vehicles may be in dealer new vehicle inventory. Federal law requires you to complete this recall service on these vehicles before retail delivery. Violation of this requirement by a dealer could result in a civil penalty of up to \$21,000 per vehicle. Involved vehicles can be determined by using the VIP inquiry process.

## REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL

Some of the above vehicles equipped with heated seats may experience overheating of the driver or passenger seat cushion or seat back due to fatigue failures in the carbon element. Fatigue failures of the carbon element can cause hot spots to develop which can propagate into burn holes in the seat cushion or open flames in the interior of the vehicle. The heated seat control system used in these vehicles cannot detect these hot spots that cause thermal damage to the seat and will not shut down automatically. Any of these consequences may increase the risk of occupant injury.

### SERVICE ACTION

FCA US will conduct a Voluntary Safety Recall on all affected vehicles. The remedy for this item is currently under development. Dealers will be notified of the launch of this safety recall by way of established communication methods. This recall is estimated to launch in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2018.

We ask that you please take the time to ensure that your personnel are aware of this communication and are prepared to execute a customer friendly process for inquiries regarding involved vehicles.

Customer Services Field Operations FCA US LLC