



## **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.

<u>IMPORTANT:</u> 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.

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