

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 19E-059

**Manufacturer Name :** Chrysler (FCA US LLC)

**Submission Date :** AUG 27, 2019

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 19E-059

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** V93



## 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 :** 648

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 100 %

## Equipment Information :

**Brand / Trade 1 :** Mopar

**Model :** Rear Step Kit

**Part No. :** 82215289AB

**Size :** NR

**Function :** Rear Step Kit

**Descriptive Information :** Some Mopar bed steps intended for Ram 1500 pickup trucks sold in calendar year 2018 and 2019 may change the load path through the frame during a rear impact.

The scope was determined by sales records of the suspect parts.

Similar bed steps not included in the recall were manufactured with a different bed step design.

The affected volume of part no. 82215289AB is 648.

**Production Dates :** JAN 22, 2018 - FEB 15, 2018

## Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** Installation of the suspect rear step kit can change the load path through the vehicle's frame during a rear impact event, and may cause the rear control arms to buckle, potentially resulting in unintended contact with the fuel tank.

**FMVSS 1 :** NR

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** Unintended contact of the fuel tank by the rear control arms during a rear impact event may damage the fuel tank, potentially resulting in a fuel leak, which in the presence of an ignition source, may lead to a vehicle fire,

increasing the risk of injury to occupants and persons outside the vehicle, as well as property damage.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

## Chronology :

- On June 4, 2019, the FCA US LLC ("FCA US") Vehicle Safety and Regulatory Compliance ("VSRC") organization opened an investigation as a result of testing and analysis of the bed step from Mopar Body Engineering.
- In July 2019, FCA US VSRC and Engineering met to review the issue, and understand the potential customer consequence, scope, and component and system test results.
- As of August 20, 2019, FCA US identified zero CAIRs, zero VOQs, and zero field reports related to this issue.
- As of August 20, 2019, total warranty is 0.0 c/1000.
- As of August 20, 2019, FCA US is not aware of any accidents or injuries potentially related to this issue.
- On August 22, 2019, FCA US determined, through the Vehicle Regulations Committee, to conduct a voluntary safety recall of the affected vehicles.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : FCA US will conduct a voluntary safety recall to replace the suspect bed step with a bed step of a different design.

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 : Part Name: Step Kit - Rear

Part Description: Rear Bed Step

Part Number: 82215289AB

Part Comment: None

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

### Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : \*\*08/27/2019: FCA US will notify dealers and begin notifying owners on or about 10/16/2019.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : OCT 16, 2019 - OCT 16, 2019

Planned Owner Notification Date : OCT 16, 2019 - OCT 16, 2019

### Purchaser Information :

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Company Phone : NR

\* NR - Not Reported