

## **New Safety Recall Advanced Communication – ZA6**

FCA US LLC (FCA US) has announced an equipment safety recall on certain Mopar aftermarket rear brake hoses, right rear 68371722AA, right rear 68371722AB, and left rear 68371723AB, intended for use on 2019 and 2020 Model Year (DP) Ram 4500/5500 Cab Chassis vehicles.

## REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL

Some of the above rear brake hoses manufactured and sold as aftermarket equipment may have been manufactured with an orifice diameter that is not within specification. A brake hose that does not meet constriction requirements may be more susceptible to hose assembly rupture. A ruptured brake hose could result in reduced braking performance, which may increase the risk of a crash without prior warning.

The condition described above does not comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 106 S5.3.1 Constriction requirement states: "Except for that part of an end fitting which does not contain hose, every inside diameter of any section of a hydraulic brake hose assembly shall be not less than 64 percent of the nominal inside diameter of the brake hose." Brake hoses that have an out of specification orifice diameter have an inside diameter that is less than the 64 percent requirement.

## SERVICE ACTION

FCA US will conduct a voluntary safety recall on rear brake hoses. If installed on a vehicle, FCA US will remove the affected hose and install a new hose. If not installed on a vehicle, FCA US will inspect the production date label to determine if the hose is affected and replace if needed. The remedy for this condition is not currently available. Dealers will be notified of the launch of this safety recall by way of established communication methods. This recall is estimated to launch in 4th Quarter of 2022.

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

# **IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL**

### **Rear Brake Hose**

## ZA6/NHTSA 22E-086

#### YOUR SCHEDULING OPTIONS

#### **1. RECOMMENDED OPTION**

Call your authorized Chrysler / Dodge / Jeep<sub>®</sub> / RAM Dealership

- 2. Call the FCA Recall Assistance Center at 1-800-853-1403. An agent can confirm part availability and help schedule an appointment
- 3. Visit recalls.mopar.com or download the Mopar Owner's Companion App.

Get access to recall notifications, locate your nearest dealer, and more through this website or Mopar Owner's Companion App. You will be asked to provide your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) to protect and verify your identity.

**DEALERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS** 

Please reference Safety Recall ZA6.

#### Dear [Name],

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

FCA US has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain Mopar aftermarket rear brake hoses, right rear 68371722AA, right rear 68371722AB, and left rear 68371723AB, intended for use on 2019 and 2020 Model Year (DP) Ram 4500/5500 Cab Chassis vehicles fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 106 - Brake hoses. Constriction requirement states, "Except for that part of an end fitting which does not contain hose, every inside diameter of any section of a hydraulic brake hose." Brake hoses that have an out of specification orifice diameter have an inside diameter that is less than the 64 percent requirement.

#### WHY DOES MY ITEM OF EQUIPMENT NEED REPAIRS?

FCA records indicate that you may have had a rear brake hose replaced or purchased for your vehicle <sup>[1]</sup>. Some rear brake hose assemblies may have an out of specification orifice diameter. A brake hose that does not meet constriction requirements may be more susceptible to hose assembly rupture. A ruptured brake hose could result in reduced braking performance, which may increase the risk of a crash without prior warning.

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

The remedy for this condition is not currently available. We are making every effort to finalize the remedy 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 is available. Once you receive your follow-up notice, simply contact your Chrysler, Jeep<sub>®</sub>, 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.