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Statement: Air-Bag Inflators

December 3, 2014, Auburn Hills, Mich. - Chrysler Group is voluntarily replacing front passenger-side air-bag inflators in an estimated 149,150 older-model pickup trucks in seven U.S. states and five territories to address concerns about improper air-bag deployment.

The Company is unaware of any related injuries or accidents involving these inflators in the affected vehicles. Nor has Chrysler Group observed failures in laboratory testing of its air-bag modules.

However, these inflators have been linked to two failures in vehicles produced by other auto makers. In these incidents, which occurred in Puerto Rico and southern Florida, air-bag deployment was accompanied by component ruptures.

The pickups are among nine vehicle lines subject to an earlier regional field action to replace inflators in certain cars and trucks purchased or registered in Florida, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands – areas where persistent, high absolute humidity and high temperatures may adversely affect component performance.

Chrysler continues to study this issue with great urgency. At this time, data analysis indicates the front passenger-side inflators in the affected pickups represent the only additional risk outside the above-mentioned areas. The inflators are of a type that is not used in any of the other vehicles affected by Chrysler Group's regional field action.

This new action undertaken by the Company covers model-year 2003 Ram 1500, 2500 and 3500 pickups sold or ever registered in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Saipan, and the Virgin Islands.

Chrysler Group plans to notify affected customers beginning Jan. 19, 2015. Letters will advise when they may schedule service, which will be provided at no charge.

Customers who have questions in the interim may call 1-800-853-1403.

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