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Statement: Fuel-Tank Transfer Tube

April 8, 2013, Auburn Hills, Mich. - Chrysler Group LLC will recall approximately 30,000 model-year 2012 SUVs to improve fuel flow when the vehicles are subject to certain driving conditions.

The campaign stems from a worldwide material shortage that forced a design change to the vehicles' fuel-tank transfer tubes. The shortage forced a material substitution.

Following an investigation by Chrysler Group engineers, it was discovered that tubes made with the new material and a corresponding new process did not readily maintain the required shape. As a result, fuel flow can be restricted, creating the potential for engine stall in operating conditions such as extreme high temperatures, high altitudes and the use of fuel with high vapor pressure.

Chrysler Group is aware of one related accident, but no injuries.

Affected are Jeep Compass and Patriot models assembled between Oct. 18, 2011 and May 7, 2012. Customers will be notified and their vehicles will be fitted with new fuel-tank transfer tubes at no cost.

Approximately 20,500 vehicles are in the U.S.; 2,300 are in Canada; 50 are in Mexico and 7,400 outside the NAFTA region.

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