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Statement: Moisture Shield Upgrade

December 18, 2015, Auburn Hills, Mich. - FCA US LLC is voluntarily recalling an estimated 32,784 SUVs in the U.S. to install improved shields that better protect their power liftgate control modules, and related components, from moisture.

Shields used for vehicles produced after Feb. 18, 2015, functioned as a moisture barrier for the bottom sections of liftgate control modules. The intent was to protect the modules from the most likely sources of moisture exposure, a condition that may lead to short-circuit, creating a fire hazard.

But two complaints involving vehicles in this population led to an FCA US investigation. The probe determined improved shields developed for a June recall affecting vehicles produced before Feb. 18, provide greater protection.

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FCA US is unaware of any related injuries or accidents. This latest campaign affects certain model-year 2015 and 2016 Jeep Cherokee SUVs, but is limited to vehicles equipped with power liftgates.

An estimated 10,138 customers are affected in Canada, along with an estimated 924 in Mexico and 11,841 outside the NAFTA region.

All affected customers will be advised when they may schedule service. If the modules show signs of water exposure, they will be replaced. All recall-related work will be performed free of charge.

In the interim, the cargo areas of 2015 Cherokees equipped with power liftgates should be monitored and kept dry. Customers with questions may call the FCA US Customer Information Center at 1-800-853-1403.

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