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Statement: Bracket in "Salt-belt" Vehicles

March 15, 2018, Auburn Hills, Mich. - FCA US LLC is voluntarily recalling an estimated 270,254 older-model trucks in the U.S. to reinforce a fuel-tank bracket.

A Company investigation has discovered a bracket in certain trucks may corrode and cause a vehicle's fuel tank to sag, though FCA US testing indicates the remaining structural components would help prevent separation.

The Company is unaware of any related incidents of injury, accident, fire, fuel leak or separation of the tank, which is made of high-density polyethylene (HDPE). However, FCA US is launching this campaign out of an abundance of caution and urges affected customers to heed the instructions in their recall notices.

The recall is limited to vehicles operated in regions where road crews use salt to mitigate icy road conditions.

Affected are certain 2009-2012 Ram 1500 pickups that are, or have been, registered in the District of Columbia and the following 20 states, known colloquially as "the salt-belt": Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin and West Virginia.

Customers will be advised when they may schedule service, which will be provided free of charge.

If the condition occurs in the interim, customers may hear a noise or observe a hanging fuel-tank strap or lowered fuel tank. In such cases, customers are advised to contact their dealers.

Those with additional concerns may also contact their dealers or call the FCA US Recall Information Center at (800)-853-1403.

Additional populations of these vehicles are also being recalled in Canada (est. 26,676); Mexico (est. 1,063) and certain markets outside the NAFTA region (ext. 5,269).

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