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SUBJECT:

Replacement Seat Covers And Seat Cover Repairs

OVERVIEW:

This bulletin involves FCA US LLC position in regard to replacement seat covers and seat cover repairs.

DISCUSSION:

FCA US LLC vehicles, systems and components are engineered, tested and manufactured to help protect vehicle occupants based upon government mandated and internal corporate requirements relative to durability, noise vibration & harshness, occupant protection, and vehicle safety. Supplemental Seat-Mounted Side Air Bags provide enhanced protection to help protect an occupant during a side impact. When the seat-mounted side air bag deploys, it opens the seam between the front and side of the seat's trim cover. Modifications to the seat system, including the seat cover, may change the way the air bag deploys, which could adversely affect the performance of the Supplemental Seat-Mounted Side Air Bag causing serious injury.

"Modifications" include:

- Any change to the seat back cover such as material, thread, stitch design, and alterations or misplacement of the features which guide the deploying air bag into position.
- Any non-approved seat-cover replacements. Only Authentic Mopar Repair Parts, and approved Mopar accessories such as leather seat covers, are designed, engineered, manufactured and tested to the FCA US LLC internal and government mandated standards. The use of parts not specifically designed and tested by FCA US LLC may compromise the integral balance between these safety systems. FCA US LLC only approves of repairs or modifications to the supplemental seat-mounted side air bag system, including the seat system or seat cover, where Authentic Mopar Repair Parts or Mopar Accessories are used for Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, RAM and Fiat vehicles. Any unapproved repairs or modifications performed not using Mopar parts, or not following FCA US LLC approved published repair guidelines and procedures, may increase the risk of injury to current or future vehicle owners and occupants.

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