

**EMISSION RECALL**  
NORTH AMERICA  
**Catalytic Converter Efficiency**



Reference: Z98

FCA US LLC

**DODGE**  Remedy available for

2016-2017 (JC) Dodge Journey

Template Version 1.0

| Revision | Edition     | Detail           |
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| 0        | August 2026 | Initial Version. |

## SYMPTOM DESCRIPTION

About 68,312 of the above vehicles may exceed emission standards for Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) because of a loss of catalytic converter efficiency.

## SCOPE

This recall applies only to the above front wheel drive vehicles equipped with a 2.4L engine (sales code ED3) and 4 speed transmission.

NOTE: Some vehicles above may have been identified as not involved in this recall and therefore have been excluded from this recall.

IMPORTANT: Some of the involved vehicles may be in Dealer vehicle inventory. Dealers should complete this campaign on these vehicles before retail delivery. Dealers should also perform this campaign on vehicles in for service. Involved vehicles can be determined by using the VIP inquiry process.

## REPAIR TO BE PERFORMED

Replace the catalytic converter and update the Powertrain Control Module (PCM) software.

**NOTE: Perform the Inspection Procedure to confirm that the last eight digits of the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) matches the engine identification number before proceeding with the Service Procedure. If the engine has been replaced (numbers do not match) do not perform the Z98 recall, unless it is a certified MOPAR engine built specifically for this vehicle application. Updating the PCM software on a vehicle with an incorrect replacement engine will result in a no-start condition which cannot be undone. Z98 cannot be completed on a vehicle with an incorrect replacement engine until the vehicle is returned to the original equipment configuration.**

## ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION

Dealers should proactively minimize customer inconvenience while the recall repair is being performed. Reference the Goodwill Alternate Transportation Guidelines warranty bulletin link within Recall Central on DealerCONNECT for options to support the customer while their vehicle is in service.

## COMPLETION REPORTING / REIMBURSEMENT

Claims for vehicles that have been serviced must be submitted on the DealerCONNECT Claim Entry Screen located on the Service tab. Claims paid will be used by FCA to record recall service completions and provide dealer payments.

Use the following labor operation numbers and time allowances:

| Labor Description                                                                                                                         | Number      | Hrs |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----|
| Inspection: Compare Engine Identification Number to VIN                                                                                   | 11-Z9-8L-81 | 0.2 |
| Replace the Catalytic Converter and Inspect PCM Software Level                                                                            | 11-Z9-81-82 | 1.1 |
| Replace the Catalytic Converter and Reprogram PCM with New Software up to \$3 reimbursement per vehicle for cutting supplies, bill as NPN | 11-Z9-81-83 | 1.2 |

| Related Operation                         | Number      | Hrs |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|-----|
| Remove pipe from catalyst for core return | 11-Z9-81-50 | 0.1 |

**Add the cost of the recall parts plus applicable dealer allowance to your claim.**

**NOTE: See the Warranty Administration Manual, Recall Claim Processing Section, for complete recall claim processing instructions.**

For Mobile Service Reimbursement, dealer to include standard dealer entry and mark-up for parts, standard dealer entry and labor rate for service, as well as the special services code for mobile allowance. The special services LOP will only be paid once per VIN and may NOT be used in coordination with any Alternate Transportation claims.

For additional details, reference the Mobile Service Warranty Bulletin - for convenience, a copy has been linked within Recall Central on DealerCONNECT.

### PARTS INFORMATION

| Part No.                                        | Qty. | Part Name                                |
|-------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------|
| CEZGU671AA                                      | 1    | Campaign Kit                             |
| Campaign kit contains the following components: |      |                                          |
|                                                 | 1    | Gasket, Catalytic Converter              |
|                                                 | 4    | Nut, Manifold to Converter - M8x1.25x8.0 |
|                                                 | 1    | Authorized Modification Label            |
|                                                 | 2    | O2 Sensor - Upstream and Downstream      |

| Part No.   | Qty. | Part Name           |
|------------|------|---------------------|
| CEZGU672AA | 1    | Catalytic Converter |

### PARTS RETURN

Return the Catalyst to the Mopar Core Return Center for core credit.

Refer to Section E under Service Procedure for proper Core Return preparation.

### SPECIAL TOOLS

| Number | Description              |
|--------|--------------------------|
| NPN    | wiTECH MicroPod II / MDP |
| NPN    | Laptop Computer          |
| NPN    | wiTECH Software          |

### DEALER NOTIFICATION

To view this notification on DealerCONNECT, select "Global Recall System" on the Service tab, then click on the description of this notification.

### OWNER NOTIFICATION / SERVICE SCHEDULING

All involved vehicle owners known to FCA are being notified of the service requirement by first class mail. They are requested to schedule appointments for this service with their dealers. A generic copy of the owner letter is attached.

### VEHICLE LISTS, GLOBAL RECALL SYSTEM, VIP AND DEALER FOLLOW UP

All involved vehicles have been entered into the DealerCONNECT Global Recall System (GRS) and Vehicle Information Plus (VIP) for dealer inquiry as needed.

GRS provides involved dealers with an updated VIN list of their incomplete vehicles. The owner's name, address and phone number are listed if known. Completed vehicles are removed from GRS within several days of repair claim submission.

To use this system, click on the "Service" tab and then click on "Global Recall System." Your dealer's VIN list for each recall displayed can be sorted by: those vehicles that were unsold at recall launch, those with a phone number, city, zip code, or VIN sequence.

**Dealers must perform this repair on all unsold vehicles before retail delivery.** Dealers should also use the VIN list to follow up with all owners to schedule appointments for this repair.

*Recall VIN lists may contain confidential, restricted owner name and address information that was obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles of various states. Use of this information is permitted for this recall only and is strictly prohibited from all other use.*

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this action, please contact your Service and Parts District Manager.

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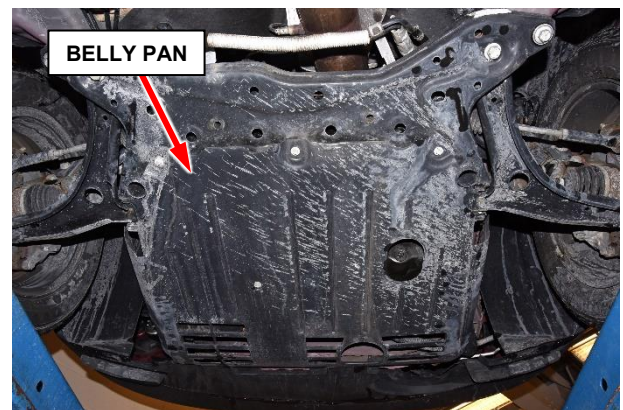
## INSPECTION PROCEDURE

**NOTE: 2.4L engines ONLY**, confirm that the last eight digits of the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) matches the engine identification number before proceeding with the Service Procedure. If the engine has been replaced (numbers do not match) do not perform the Z98 recall, unless it is a certified MOPAR engine built specifically for this vehicle application. Updating the PCM software on a vehicle with an incorrect replacement engine will result in a no-start condition which cannot be undone. Z98 cannot be completed on a vehicle with an incorrect replacement engine until the vehicle is returned to the original equipment configuration.

1. Raise and support the vehicle.
2. **If equipped:** Remove the engine compartment belly pan (Figure 1).
3. Compare the engine identification number to the last eight digits of the VIN (Figure 2).

**NOTE: The engine identification number is stamped on the bottom rear of the engine near the transmission.**

4. Does the engine identification number match the last eight digits of the VIN?
  - **YES:** If numbers match, leave the belly pan off if removed, lower the vehicle, then continue with the Service Procedure.
  - **NO:** If numbers do not match, do not perform the Service Procedure. Install the belly pan if removed then lower the vehicle. Claim the inspection LOP.



**Figure 1 – Engine Compartment Belly Pan**



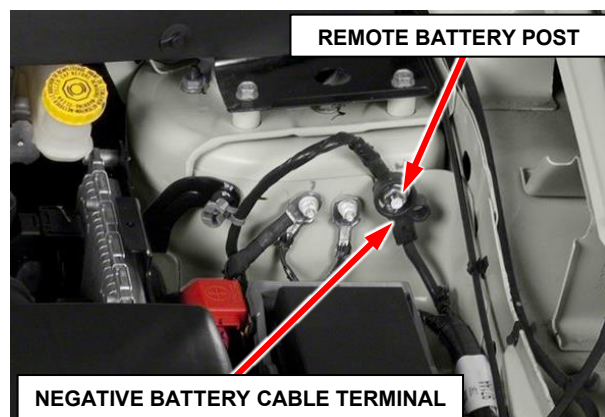
**Figure 2 – Engine Identification Number**

## SERVICE PROCEDURE

### A. Replace Catalytic Converter:

**WARNING:** The normal operating temperature of the exhaust system is very high. Therefore, never work around or attempt to service any part of the exhaust system until it is cooled. Special care should be taken when working near the catalytic converter. The temperature of the converter rises to a high level after a short period of engine operation time.

1. Open the engine compartment hood.
2. Remove the engine cover if equipped.
3. Disconnect and isolate the negative battery cable terminal from the remote battery post (Figure 3).
4. Disconnect the upstream oxygen sensor electrical connector (Figure 4).
5. Disconnect the downstream oxygen sensor electrical connector (Figure 4).
6. Raise and support the vehicle.



**Figure 3 – Negative Battery Cable Terminal Remote Battery Post**



**Figure 4 – Oxygen Sensor Electrical Connectors**



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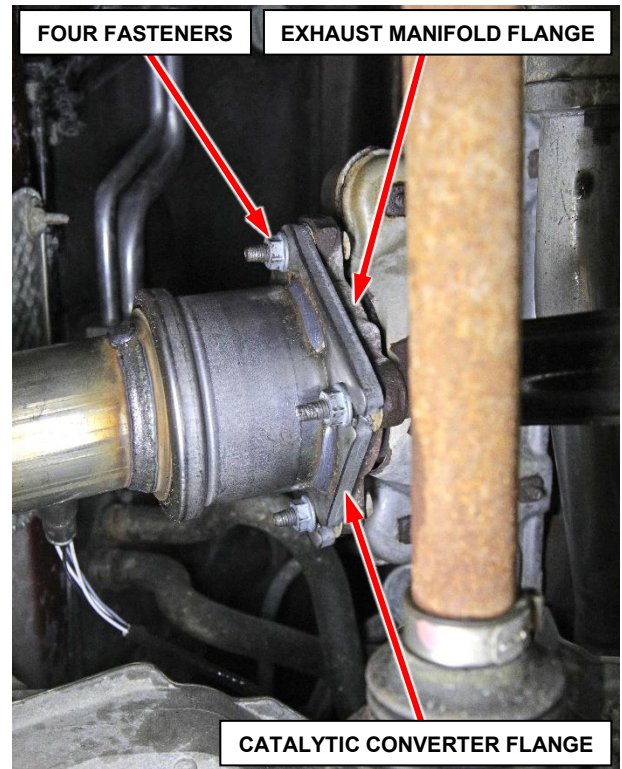
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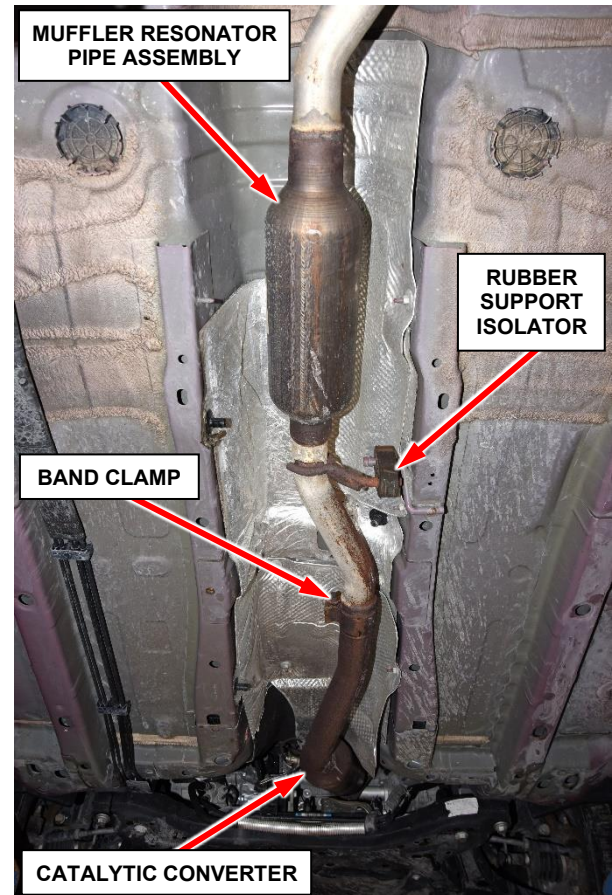
7. Apply penetrating oil to the fasteners that connect the catalytic converter to the exhaust manifold. Allow time for penetration while removing the muffler resonator pipe assembly (Figure 5).
8. Apply penetrating oil to the band clamp between the catalytic converter and the muffler resonator pipe inlet (Figure 6).



**Figure 5 – Catalytic Converter to Exhaust Manifold Fasteners**

9. If equipped, remove the ground strap from the exhaust system.
10. Loosen the band clamp between the catalytic converter and the muffler resonator pipe inlet (Figure 6).
11. Support the muffler resonator pipe assembly.

**CAUTION:** Do not use any tools to remove the rubber support isolators, remove by hand only. Soapy water or silicone based lubricant spray may be used to assist with removal and installation of isolators. DO NOT use a petroleum based lubricant on the isolators, as damage to the rubber material can occur.



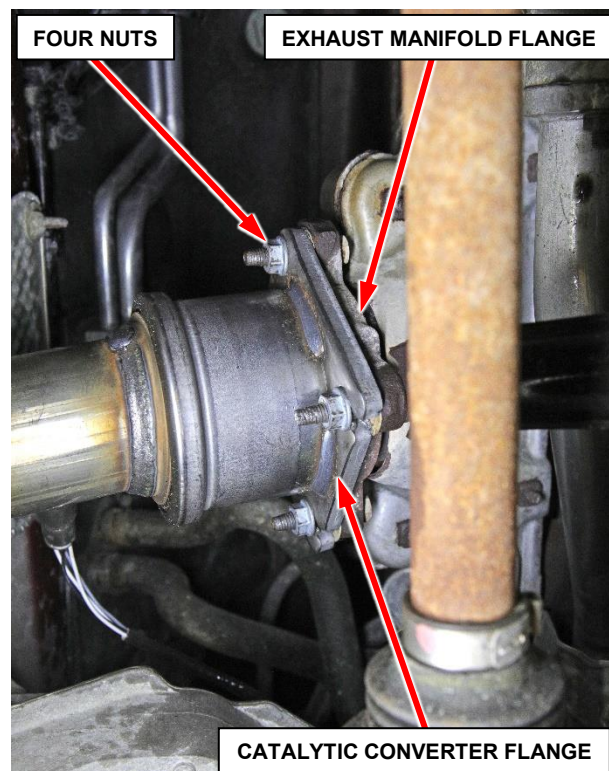
**Figure 6 – Exhaust System**  
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12. Disconnect the rubber support isolators from the muffler resonator pipe assembly supports (Figures 6 and 7).
13. Remove the muffler resonator pipe as an assembly.

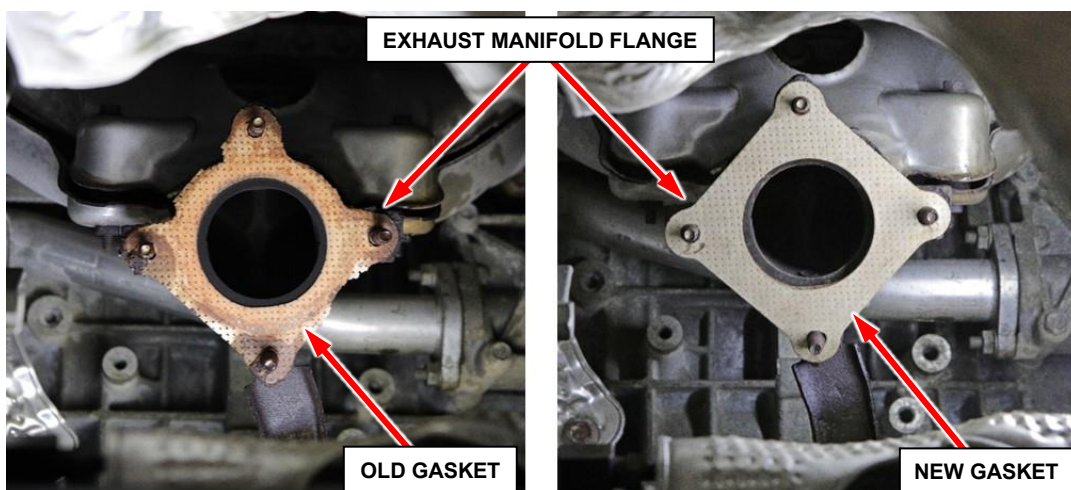


**Figure 7 – Exhaust System**

14. Remove and discard the catalytic converter flange nuts at the exhaust manifold flange (Figure 8).
15. Remove the catalytic converter with oxygen sensors and retain for core return.
16. Remove and discard the catalytic converter to exhaust manifold gasket (Figure 9).
17. Clean the exhaust manifold flange gasket sealing surface (Figure 9).
18. Position a new gasket onto the exhaust manifold studs (Figure 9).



**Figure 8 – Catalytic Converter to Exhaust Manifold Fasteners**



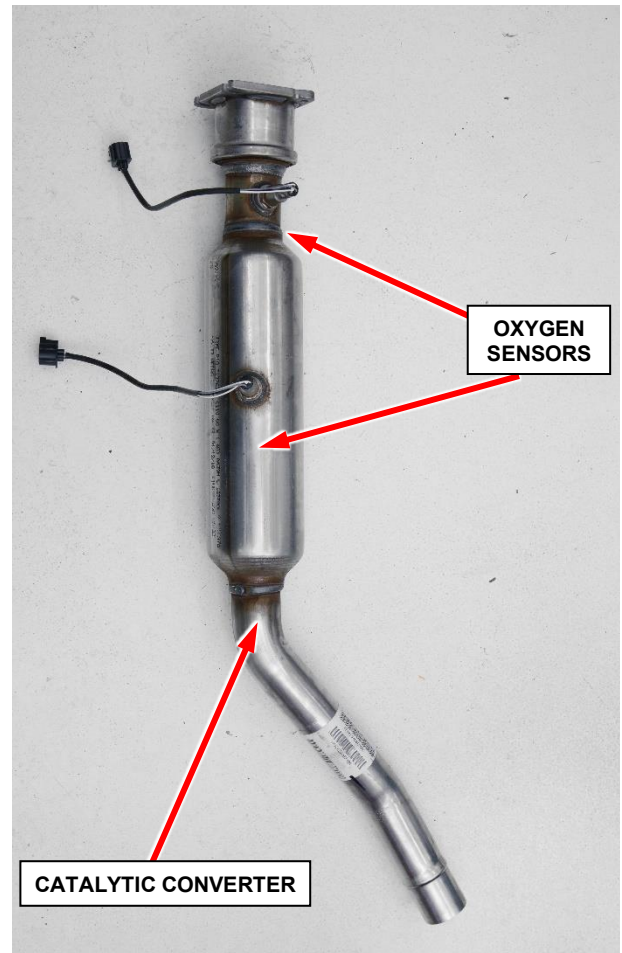
**(Remove Gasket and Clean Flange)**

**(Install New Gasket)**

**Figure 9 – Replace Gasket - Catalytic Converter to Exhaust Manifold**



19. Install the new upstream and downstream oxygen sensors into the new catalytic converter. Tighten the new oxygen sensors to 41 N·m (30 ft. lbs.) (Figure 10).
20. Loosely attach the new catalytic converter with oxygen sensors installed to the exhaust manifold using new nuts, but do not tighten the nuts at this time (Figure 8).
21. Loosely install the muffler resonator pipe assembly to the catalytic converter.
22. Install the rubber support isolators to the muffler resonator pipe supports (Figures 6 and 7).
23. Align the exhaust system to maintain position and proper clearance with underbody parts. All support isolators should have equal load on them. Tighten the new catalytic converter flange nuts to 28 N·m (21 ft. lbs.) (Figure 8).
24. Tighten the muffler resonator pipe assembly band clamp to 54 N·m (40 ft. lbs.) (Figure 6).



**Figure 10 – Catalytic Converter with Oxygen Sensors Installed**



25. If equipped, connect the ground strap to the exhaust system.
26. Check the exhaust system for contact with the body panels. Make the necessary adjustments, if needed .
27. Position any disconnected oxygen sensor wire harness connectors toward the engine compartment for easier reach to connect within the engine compartment after the vehicle is lowered.
28. Lower the vehicle.
29. Connect the downstream oxygen sensor electrical connector (Figure 4).
30. Connect the upstream oxygen sensor electrical connector (Figures 4).
31. Connect the negative battery cable terminal to the remote battery post. Tighten the nut to 28 N·m (18 ft. lbs.) (Figure 3).
32. Install the engine cover if equipped.
33. Proceed to **Section B. Update the PCM Software Level.**

## **B. Update the PCM Software Level:**

**NOTE: The wiTECH scan tool must be used to perform this recall. If the reprogramming flash for the PCM is aborted or interrupted, repeat the procedure.**

1. Install a battery charger and verify that the charging rate provides 13.0 to 13.5 volts. Do not allow the charger to time out during the flash process. Set the battery charger timer (if so equipped) to continuous charge.

**NOTE: Use an accurate stand-alone voltmeter. The battery charger volt meter may not be sufficiently accurate. Voltages outside of the specified range will cause an unsuccessful flash. If voltage reading is too high, apply an electrical load by activating the park or headlamps and/or HVAC blower motor to lower the voltage.**

2. Connect the wiTECH micro pod II to the vehicle data link connector.
3. Place the ignition in the **"RUN"** position.
4. Open the wiTECH 2.0 website.
5. Enter your **"User id"** and **"Password"** and your **"Dealer Code"**, then select **"Sign In"** at the bottom of the screen. Click **"Accept"**.
6. From the **"Vehicle Selection"** screen, select the vehicle to be updated.
7. From the **"Action Items"** screen, select the **"Topology"** tab.

**NOTE: The PCM must be at the latest software calibration level after completing this recall.**

8. From the **"Topology"** tab, select the **"PCM"** module icon.
9. From the **"Flash"** tab, compare the **"Current Electronic Control Unit (ECU) Part Number"** with the **"New ECU Part Number"** listed.
  - If the **"Current ECU part Number"** is the same as the **"New Part Number"**, proceed to **Step 15**.
  - If the **"Current ECU part Number"** is NOT the same as the **"New Part Number"**, continue with **Step 10**.
10. From the PCM tab, select the PCM flash part number. Read the flash special instructions page. Select **"OK"** to continue.
11. From the flash ECU agreement page, agree to terms by checking the box.
12. Select **"Flash ECU"** and then follow the wiTECH screen instructions to complete the flash.
13. Confirm the software is at the latest available calibration level.
14. Cycle the ignition to the **"OFF"** position for 30 seconds then back to the **"RUN"** position before clearing any DTCs that may have been set in any module during the flash process. Click **"View DTCs"**, select **"Clear All DTCs"**, click **"Continue"** and then click **"Close"**.

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15. Place the ignition in the **"OFF"** position and then remove the wiTECH micro pod II device from the vehicle.
  16. Remove the battery charger from the vehicle.
  17. Start the engine and inspect for catalytic converter exhaust leaks. Correct any leaks as necessary.
  18. Proceed to **Section C. Install the Authorized Modifications Label.**



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### C. Install the Authorized Modifications Label:

1. Type or print (with a ballpoint pen) the necessary information shown in (Figure 11) onto the authorized modifications Label.
2. Remove the paper backing from the clear film on the front of the authorized modifications label then carefully apply the clear film over the front of the authorized modifications label (Figure 12).

**NOTE: The Authorized Modifications Label should be located near the Vehicle Emission Control Information (VECI) label (Figure 13).**

3. Locate the VECI label on the underside of the engine compartment hood (Figure 13).

**NOTE: For vehicles missing a VECI label, locate a flat protected area on the underside of the hood to apply the authorized modifications label.**

4. Clean the surface near the VECI label with isopropyl alcohol or equivalent and a soft cloth.
5. Remove the authorized modifications label from its paper backing.
6. Apply the authorized modifications label next to the VECI label (Figure 13).
7. Firmly press and smooth the authorized modifications label to ensure good adhesion.
8. Close the engine compartment hood.
9. Complete the Proof of Correction Form for California Residents, **Section D**.
10. Prepare removed catalyst for core return, **Section E**.

Figure 11 – Authorized Modifications Label

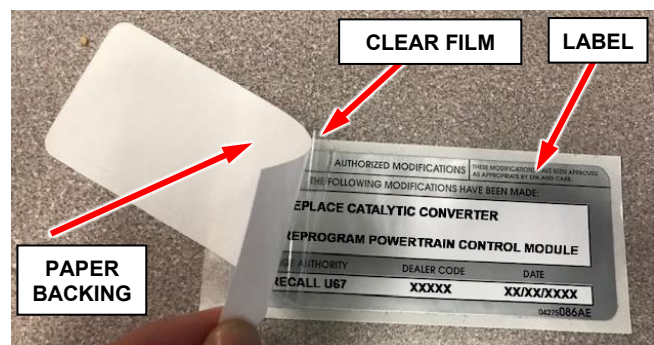


Figure 12 – Apply Clear Film

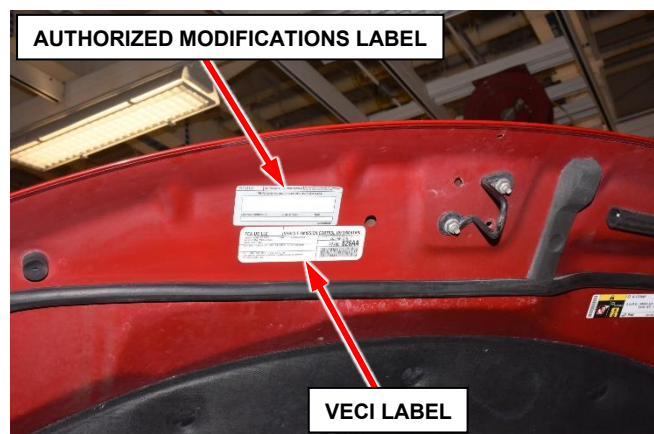


Figure 13 – Apply Authorized Modifications Label Near VECI Label

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**D. Complete Proof of Correction Form for California Residents:**

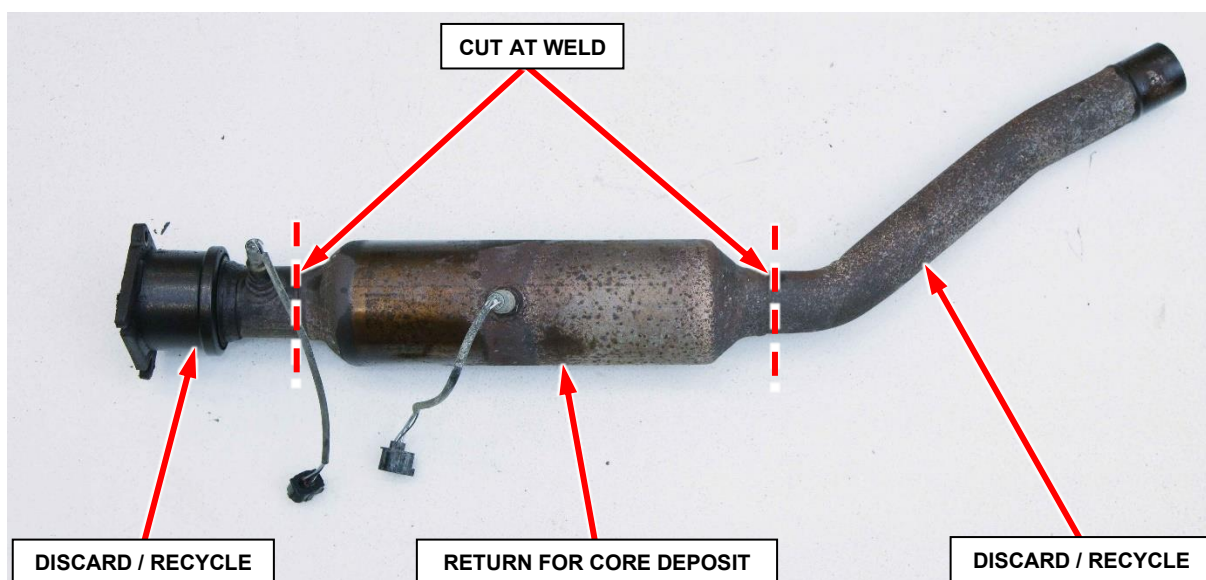
This recall is subject to the **State of California Registration Renewal/Emissions Recall Enforcement Program**. Complete a Vehicle Emission Recall Proof of Correction Form (**Form No. 81-016-1053**) and **supply it to vehicle owners residing in the state of California** for proof that this recall has been performed when they renew the vehicle registration.

**E. Prepare Catalyst for Core Return:**

**NOTE:** Catalytic converter catalyst must be intact, and all pipes must be completely removed prior to core return. It is not necessary to remove Oxygen (O2) sensors for catalyst core return.

**NOTE:** Mopar® will reimburse only 50% of the core deposit on returns that do not comply with the above requirement.

1. Cut the inlet and outlet pipes off of the catalyst as close to the pipe weld as possible (Figure 17).
2. Return only the catalyst section for core deposit credit. Discard / recycle the pipes cut off of the catalyst section (Figure 14).



**Figure 14 – Remove Pipes from Catalyst for Core Return**

**For any questions relating to Core Returns**

Please call GCRS Customer Service Toll-Free at 866-254-2940  
or

Submit your inquiry on Dealer Connect under Parts>Contact Global Core Returns

This notice applies to your vehicle,

[Model Year and Model]

VIN XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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VEHICLE PICTURE

#### YOUR SCHEDULING OPTIONS

**1. RECOMMENDED OPTION**

Call your authorized Chrysler /  
Dodge / Jeep® / RAM Dealership

**2. Call the FCA Recall Assistance  
Center at 1-800-853-1403. An  
agent can confirm part availability  
and help schedule an appointment**

**3. Visit recalls.mopar.com, scan the  
QR code below, or download the  
Mopar Owner's Companion App.**

QR Code

Get access to recall notifications, locate your nearest dealer, and more through this website or Mopar Owner's Companion App. You will be asked to provide your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) to protect and verify your identity. The last eight characters of your VIN are provided above.

#### DEALERSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

Please reference Emissions Recall

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## Catalytic Converter Efficiency

Dear [Name],

FCA US LLC, has determined that certain [2016 and 2017 Model Year (JC) Dodge Journey] vehicles equipped with a 2.4L engine and 4 speed transmission may release air pollutants which exceed emission standards.

#### WHY DOES MY VEHICLE NEED REPAIRS?

The Catalytic Converter on your vehicle <sup>[1]</sup> may exceed emission standards for Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) because of a loss of Catalytic Converter efficiency.

#### HOW DO I RESOLVE THIS IMPORTANT EMISSIONS ISSUE?

FCA US LLC will repair your vehicle free of charge (parts and labor). To do this, your dealer will replace the Catalytic Converter and update the software level on the Powertrain Control Module (PCM). In addition, your dealer will require your vehicle for proper check-in, preparation, and check-out during your visit. Your time is important to us; please be aware that these steps may require more time. The estimated repair time is two hours. We recommend that you schedule a service appointment to minimize your inconvenience. Please bring this letter with you to your dealership.

**TO SCHEDULE YOUR FREE REPAIR,  
CALL YOUR CHRYSLER, DODGE, JEEP OR RAM DEALER TODAY**

#### CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS

The State of California requires the completion of emission recall repairs prior to vehicle registration renewal. Your dealer will provide you with a Vehicle Emission Recall Proof of Correction Form after the Emission Recall service is performed. Be sure to save this form since the California Department of Motor Vehicles may require that you supply it as proof that the Emission Recall has been performed.

In order to ensure your full protection under the emissions warranty provisions, it is recommended that you have your vehicle serviced as soon as possible. Failure to do so could be determined as lack of proper maintenance of your vehicle.

#### WHAT IF I ALREADY PAID TO HAVE THIS REPAIR COMPLETED?

If you have already experienced this specific condition and have paid to have it repaired, you may visit [www.fcarecallreimbursement.com](http://www.fcarecallreimbursement.com) to submit your reimbursement request online. <sup>[2]</sup> Once we receive and verify the required documents, reimbursement will be sent to you within 60 days. If you have had previous repairs performed and/or already received reimbursement, you may still need to have the recall repair performed.

We apologize for any inconvenience, but are sincerely concerned about your safety. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Customer Assistance/Field Operations  
FCA US LLC





**Mr. Mrs. Customer**  
**1234 Main Street**  
**Hometown, MI 48371**

[1] If you no longer own this vehicle, please help us update our records. Call the FCA Recall Assistance Center at 1-800-853-1403 to update your information.

[2] You can also mail in your original receipts and proof of payment to the following address for reimbursement consideration: FCA Customer Assistance, P.O. Box 21-8004, Auburn Hills, MI 48321-8007, Attention: Recall Reimbursement.