

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

January 23, 2023

Karen Blaesser Sr. Manager - Campaign Administration & Execution Chrysler (FCA US, LLC) 800 Chrysler Drive

Subject: Unexpected Engine Shutdown from Electrical Short

Dear Karen Blaesser:

Auburn Hills, MI 48326

This letter serves to acknowledge Chrysler (FCA US, LLC)'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-107DM

23V-010

### Makes/Models/Model Years:

CHRYSLER/PACIFICA/2017-2023

Mfr's Report Date: January 17, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V-010

## **Components:**

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: WIRING: CONNECTORS/PLUGS/RECEPTACLES HYBRID PROPULSION SYSTEM: INVERTER

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 67,118

#### **Problem Description:**

Chrysler (FCA US, LLC) is recalling certain 2017-2023 Pacifica Plug-In Hybrid Electric vehicles (PHEVs). An internal transmission wiring connector may short circuit, resulting in an unexpected engine shutdown.

## **Consequence:**

An unexpected engine shutdown can cause a loss of drive power, increasing the risk of a crash.

# Remedy:

Dealers will update the Power Inverter Module (PIM) software and, if necessary, update the instrument panel cluster (IPC) software, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed March 8, 2023. Owners may contact FCA US, LLC customer service at 1-800-853-1403. FCA US, LLC's number for this recall is 03A.

#### **Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.nhtsa.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:



You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of eight consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Chrysler (FCA US, LLC)'s contact for this recall will be DeMara Magruder who may be reached by email at demara.magruder@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement

