

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 23V-716

**Manufacturer Name :** Chrysler (FCA US, LLC)**Submission Date :** OCT 26, 2023**NHTSA Recall No. :** 23V-716**Manufacturer Recall No. :** A7A**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Chrysler (FCA US, LLC)

Address : 800 Chrysler Drive  
CIMS 482-00-91 Auburn Hills MI  
48326-2757

Company phone : 1-800-853-1403

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 97,066

Estimated percentage with defect : 1 %

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle 1 : 2022-2024 Jeep Wagoneer/Grand Wagoneer

Vehicle Type :

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** Some 2022-2024 MY Jeep Wagoneer and Jeep Grand Wagoneer vehicles may have been built with third-row seat belt buckles that are inaccessible or damaged.

The suspect period began on February 24, 2021, when 2022 MY vehicle production began, and ended on September 11, 2023, when the vehicle production process was updated. The suspect period was determined using vehicle production records.

Similar vehicles not included in this recall were built after the suspect vehicle production period.

Production Dates : FEB 24, 2021 - SEP 11, 2023

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential

## Description of Noncompliance :

Description of the Noncompliance : Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard ("FMVSS") No. 571.208 Occupant crash protection. S7.2 Latch mechanism. states that "...each seat belt assembly installed in any vehicle shall have a latch mechanism that complies with the requirements specified in S7.2(a) through (d), [about accessibility and function for release]...". FMVSS No. 571.209 Seat belt assemblies. S4.4 Requirements for assembly performance. ...(b) states "Type 2 seat belt assembly. ... a Type 2 seat belt assembly including webbing, straps, buckles, adjustment and attachment hardware, and retractors shall comply with the following requirements when tested by the procedure specified in S5.3(b): (1) The structural components in the pelvic restraint shall withstand ... 11,120 N." Suspect vehicles may not allow occupants to properly access or fasten the seat belt to the buckle.

FMVSS 1 : 208 - Occupant crash protection

FMVSS 2 : 209 - Seat belt assemblies

Description of the Safety Risk : The buckle may be inaccessible or damaged, and the occupant is unable to fasten the seat belt. If this warning is not heeded, an unfastened seat belt may increase the risk of injury to occupants during certain types of crashes.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : The buckle is inaccessible or damaged, and the occupant is unable to fasten the seat belt.

## Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Rear Seat Belt Buckle - Third Row

Component Description : Please see attached supplement information titled "FCA US LLC Recall Part Numbers-A7A-WS Third Row Seat Belt Buckle-10262023.pdf"

Component Part Number : See attached document referenced above for the third-row seat belt buckle part numbers.

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

Name : AUTOLIV NORTH AMERICA INC

Address : 1320 PACIFIC DR  
AUBURN HILLS Michigan 48326-1569  
Country : United States

## Chronology :

- On October 20, 2022, the FCA US LLC ("FCA US") Technical Safety and Regulatory Compliance ("TSRC") organization was notified of a potential issue related to third-row seat belt buckles being damaged or scratched in some 2022 MY Jeep Wagoneer and Jeep Grand Wagoneer vehicles.
- From October 2022, through January 2023, FCA US TSRC analyzed warranty claims, customer records, and vehicle history to identify incidents of third-row seat belt buckles being damaged during assembly. In parallel, FCA US TSRC held initial meetings with FCA US Restraints Engineering and Manufacturing to review the issue, understand the part design, assembly process, and failure mode.
- From January 2023, through June 2023, FCA US TSRC held initial meetings with FCA US Interior Engineering, and ongoing meetings with FCA US Restraints Engineering and Manufacturing to continue to review the issue and understand the potential consequence.
- From June 2023, through September 2023, FCA US TSRC finalized discussions with FCA US Restraints Engineering, Interior Engineering, and Manufacturing and determined the suspect population.
- On September 27, 2023, the FCA US TSRC organization recognized a vehicle build issue existed on certain vehicles related to third-row seat belt buckles being inaccessible or damaged, potentially resulting in a noncompliance with FMVSS No. 208 Occupant Crash Protection and FMVSS No. 209 Seat Belt Assemblies.
- On October 19, 2023, FCA US determined, through the Vehicle Regulations Committee, to conduct a voluntary safety recall of the affected vehicles.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : FCA US will conduct a voluntary safety recall on all affected vehicles to inspect and, if necessary, replace the third-row seat belt buckle.

FCA US has a longstanding policy and practice of reimbursing owners who have incurred the cost of repairing a problem that subsequently becomes the subject of a field action. To ensure consistency, FCA US, as part of the owner letter, will request that customers send the original receipt and/or other adequate proof of payment to the company for confirmation of the expense.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :

This recall is not related to a part defect but rather an assembly issue where the vehicle may have been built with third-row seat belt buckles that are inaccessible or damaged. The remedy will be to inspect and, if necessary, replace the third-row seat belt buckle.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

### Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule :

\*\*10/26/2023: FCA US will notify dealers and begin notifying owners on or about 12/15/2023.

Planned Dealer Notification Date :

DEC 15, 2023 - DEC 15, 2023

Planned Owner Notification Date :

DEC 15, 2023 - DEC 15, 2023

\* NR - Not Reported