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Dealer Service Instructions for:

Safety Recall R37 / NHTSA 15V-444 Driver Airbag Inflator



2008-2010 (LC) Dodge Challenger

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

Subject

The driver airbag inflator housing on about 88,000 of the above vehicles may rupture, due to excessive internal pressure, during normal airbag deployment events. This condition is more likely to occur if the vehicle has been exposed to high levels of absolute humidity for extended periods of time. An inflator rupture, during airbag deployment events, could result in metal fragment(s) striking and potentially seriously injuring the vehicle occupant(s).

Repair

The driver airbag inflator must be replaced.

Parts Information

NOTE: <u>Do not destroy the original airbag packaging, it will be used to return</u> <u>the original inflator to the supplier.</u>

Part Number

Description

CBXZP812AA Inflator Kit, Driver Airbag (TRW)

Each kit contains the following components:

Quantity Description

Inflator

Parts Return

1

Shipping/return instructions are provided with each inflator kit.

For Continental US 48 States use the procedure on page 3 to package the original airbag inflator in the replacement kit box and return. Shipping/return instructions are also provided with each inflator kit.

All International, Mexico, Canada, Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and US Virgin Islands dealers MUST contact the following Takata/Menlo USA representative directly for shipping instructions:

Miguel Prigadaa - Tel #: 210-250-5078 or

Email: MLGTakataRestraints_International@menloworldwide.com.

NOTE: For Continental US 48 State dealerships, please follow steps 1-8 below.

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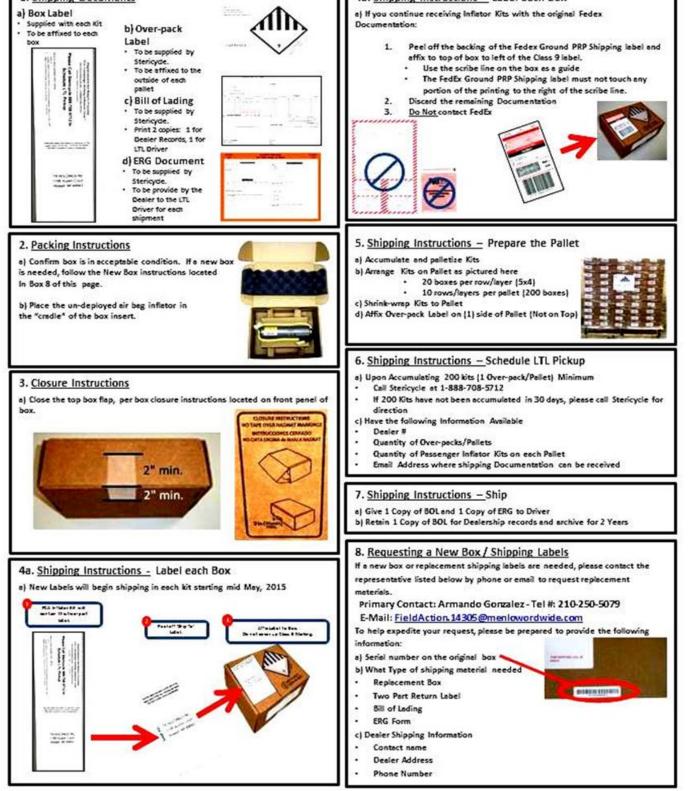
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Specific to Step 4 below:

 Follow step 4a if you receive the updated NON-FedEx label. Proceed to step 5.
 Follow step 4b if you receive the FedEx label. Proceed to step 5.

 Shipping Documents

 a) Box Label
 Supplied with each Kit
 b) Over-pack



Special Tools

The following special tools are required to perform this repair:

NPN wiTECH VCI Pod Kit
NPN Laptop Computer
NPN wiTECH Software

Service Procedure

A. Replace Driver Airbag Inflator

WARNING: To avoid serious or fatal injury on vehicles equipped with airbags, disable the Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) before performing this service procedure.

Disconnect and isolate the battery negative (ground) cable, then wait two minutes for the system capacitor to discharge before performing this procedure. This is the only sure way to disable the SRS. Failure to take the proper precautions could result in accidental airbag deployment.

At no time should any source of electricity be permitted near the



Figure 1 - Driver Airbag Screw Location

inflator on the back of a non-deployed airbag. When carrying a non-deployed airbag, the trim cover or airbag cushion side of the unit should be pointed away from the body to minimize injury in the event of an accidental deployment.

- 1. Use this procedure to replace the driver airbag inflator.
- 2. Disconnect and isolate the negative battery cable. Wait two minutes for the system capacitor to discharge before further service.
- 3. Remove and save the two screws that secure the driver airbag assembly to the steering wheel armature from the underside of the steering wheel (Figure 1).

CAUTION: Do not pull on the horn switch feed pigtail wire to disengage the connector from the driver airbag housing or to disconnect the horn switch to steering wheel wire harness connection. Improper pulling on this pigtail wire or connection can result in damage to the horn switch membrane or feed circuit.

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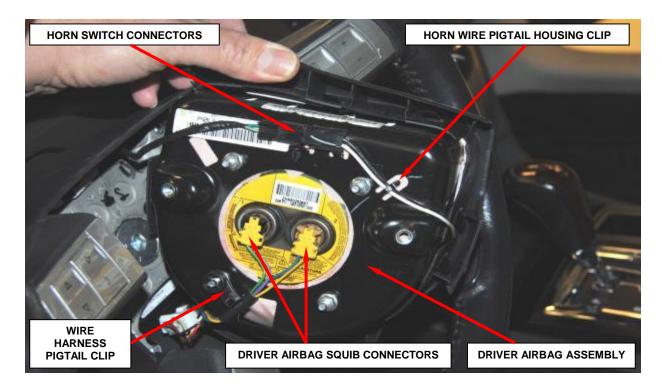


Figure 2 – Electrical Connectors

- 4. Pull the driver airbag assembly away from the steering wheel far enough to access the three electrical connections on the back of the airbag housing (Figure 2).
- 5. Disconnect the steering wheel wire harness connector for the horn switch from the horn switch feed pigtail wire connector, which is located on the back of the driver airbag housing (Figure 2).

CAUTION: Do not pull on the clockspring pigtail wires or pry on the connector insulator to disengage the connector from the driver airbag inflator connector receptacle. Improper removal of these pigtail wires and their connector insulators can result in damage to the airbag circuits or connector insulators.

- 6. Disconnect the driver airbag squib connectors. Depress the latches on each side of the connector insulator and pull the insulators straight out from the airbag inflator to disconnect them from the connector receptacles (Figure 3).
- 7. Disengage the wire harness pigtail clip from the housing (Figure 4).
- 8. Remove the driver airbag assembly from the steering wheel.

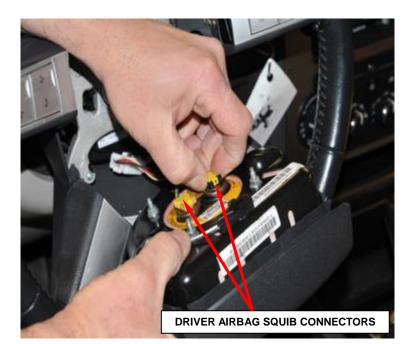


Figure 3 – Airbag Squib Connectors

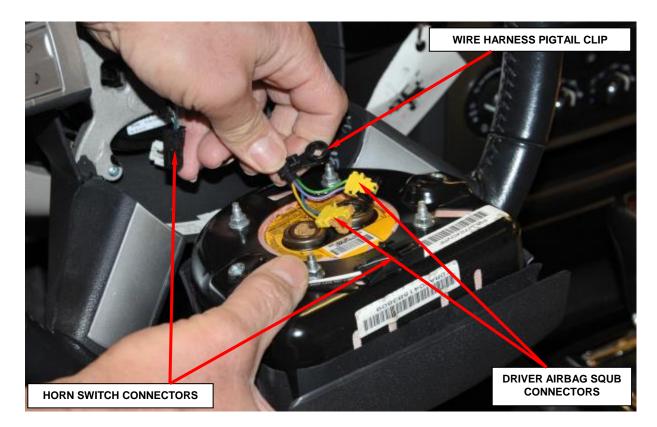


Figure 4 – Wire Harness Pigtail Clip

- 9. Place the driver airbag on a soft surface to prevent damage using the foam block provided with the inflator kit.
- 10. Remove the horn switch connector from the housing (Figure 5).
- 11. Remove the horn wire pigtail from the housing clip (Figure 5).
- 12. Remove the driver airbag cover starting with the left side by pressing down on the driver airbag housing until the hooks unsnap from the windows (Figure 6).

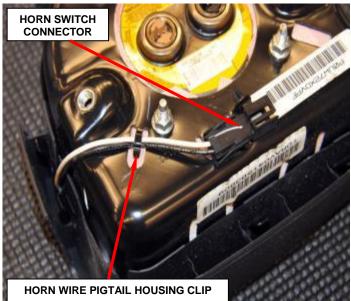


Figure 5 – Horn Connector

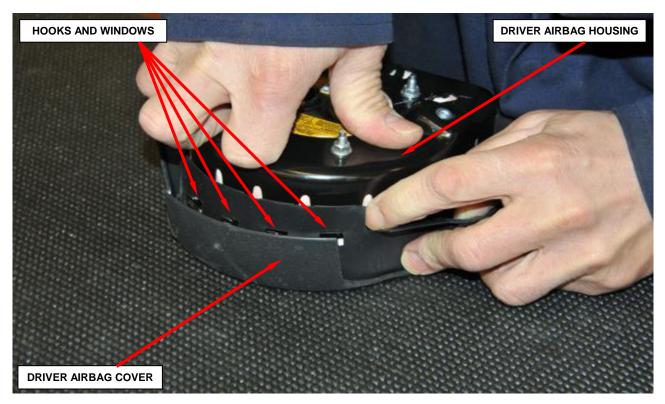


Figure 6 – Driver Airbag Cover

- 13. Unsnap the bottom hooks by pressing down on the housing until the hooks unsnap from the cover.
- 14. Unsnap the right side hooks by pressing down on the housing until the hooks unsnap from the cover.
- 15. Gently pull the housing up slowly making sure that the hooks are clear from the windows on all sides.
- 16. Disengage the old inflator assembly from the driver airbag cover and set aside for shipping.
- 17. Install the new inflator assembly to the original driver airbag cover by first inserting the top hooks into the windows (Figure 7).

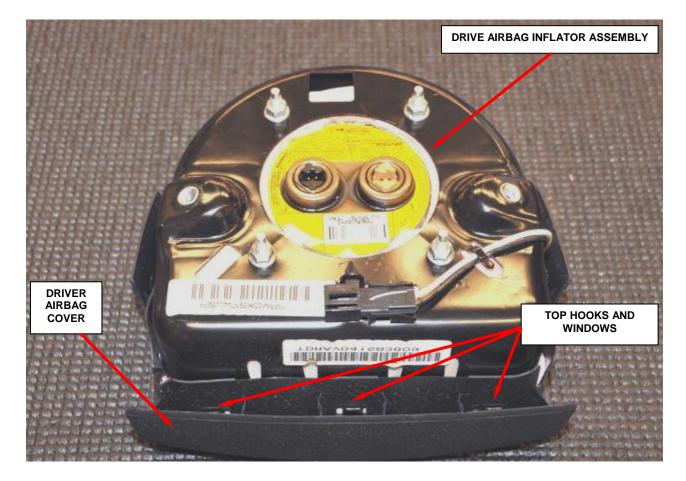


Figure 7 – Driver Airbag Inflator Assembly to Cover

- 18. Snap the remaining hooks in the windows on all sides into place.
- 19. Pull on the driver airbag inflator assembly to fully engage the hooks and windows on all sides of the driver airbag cover (Figure 8).

NOTE: Visually inspect and verify that all the hooks are fully engaged with the windows on all sides.

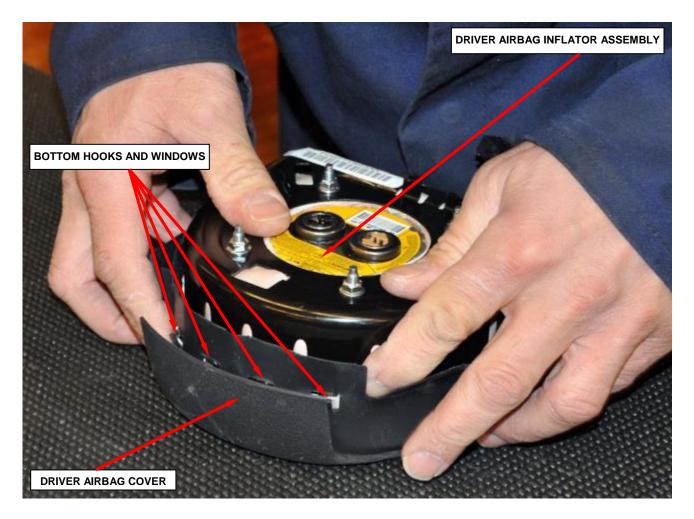


Figure 8 - Verify Hook and Window Engagement

- 20. Clip the horn switch connector to the driver airbag housing bracket (Figure 9).
- 21. Engage the horn switch wire harness pigtail to the driver airbag housing clip (Figure 9).
- 22. Driver airbag retrofit is complete (Figure 9).

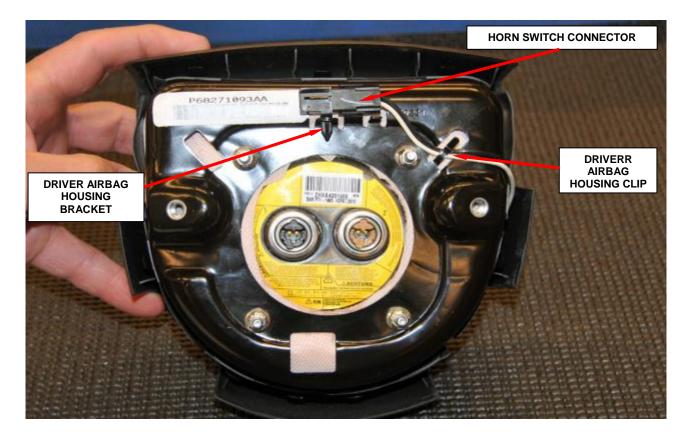


Figure 9 – Horn Switch Connector

- 23. Position the driver airbag to the steering wheel to connect the three electrical connections on the back of the airbag housing.
- 24. Connect the two driver airbag squib connectors to the airbag inflator connector receptacles by pressing straight in on the connector. Be certain to engage each keyed and color-coded connector to the matching connector receptacle. Be certain that each connector is fully engaged in its receptacle by listening carefully for a distinct, audible click as the connector latches snap into place (Figure 10).

NOTE: The squib connector receptacle locations on the driver airbag inflators are switched between the original Takata inflator and the TRW replacement inflator kits. Squib connectors are keyed and color coded for error proofing (Figure 2).

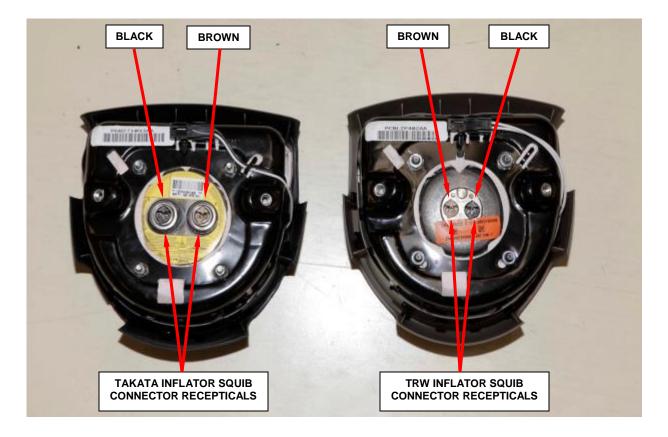


Figure 10 - Squib Connector Receptacles

- 25. Connect the steering wheel wire harness connector for the horn switch to the horn switch connector which is located on the back of the driver airbag housing and clip the wire harness pigtail to the housing (Figure 4).
- 26. Carefully position the driver airbag in the steering wheel. Be certain that the clockspring pigtail wires and the steering wheel wire harness in the steering wheel hub area are not pinched between the driver airbag and the steering wheel armature.
- 27. Install and tighten the two screws that secure the driver airbag assembly to the steering wheel armature. Tighten the screws to 90 in. lbs. (10 N·m) (Figure 1).
- 28. Continue with Section B. Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) Verification Test.

B. Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) Verification Test

NOTE: During the following test, the negative battery cable remains disconnected and isolated during steps 1 and 2 of the Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) Verification Test.

NOTE: The wiTECH scan tool must be used to perform this recall. This procedure must be performed with software release level 15.04 or higher.

- 1. Connect the wiTECH VCI pod to the vehicle data link connector located under the steering column.
- 2. Turn the ignition switch to the "ON" position and exit the vehicle and close the doors.
- 3. Check to be certain that nobody is in the vehicle, then connect the battery negative cable(s).
- 4. Open the wiTECH Diagnostic application.
- 5. Starting at the "Select Tool" screen, select the row/tool for the wiPOD device you are using, then select "Next".
- 6. Enter your "User id" and "Password", then select "Finish".

NOTE: If wiTECH is unable to identify the connected vehicle, click on the Launch DRB III button and use the DRB III Emulator tool.

7. Clear all DTC's in all modules using either the wiTECH or the DRB III mode.

NOTE: Any active Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTC's) may require an additional key cycle from "ON" to "OFF" to change DTC status from "active" to "stored".

- 8. Turn the ignition switch to the "OFF" position for about 15 seconds, and then back to the "ON" position. Observe the airbag indicator in the instrument cluster.
 - The airbag indicator in the instrument cluster should illuminate for six to eight seconds, and then go out. This indicates that the SRS is functioning normally and that the repairs are complete. Turn the ignition to the "OFF" position, remove the wiPOD and return the vehicle to the customer.
 - If the airbag indicator fails to light or the light and stays ON, there is still an active SRS fault or malfunction. Refer to the appropriate diagnostic information to diagnose the problem.
- 9. Close the hood, remove the wiTECH VCI pod.
- 10. Use the procedure on pages 4 and 5 to return the original inflator kit.
- 11. Return the vehicle to the customer.

Completion Reporting and Reimbursement

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

Use one of the following labor operation numbers and time allowances:

	Labor Operation	Time
	<u>Number</u>	Allowance
Replace Driver Airbag Inflator and Conduct		
Supplemental Restraint System Verification		
Test	08-R3-71-82	0.5 hours

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

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 and Service Scheduling

All involved vehicle owners known to FCA US LLC 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.

Enclosed with each owner letter is an Owner Notification postcard to allow owners to update our records if applicable.

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 <u>updated</u> VIN list of <u>their incomplete</u> 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 <u>must</u> perform this repair on all unsold vehicles <u>before</u> 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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