Dealer Service Instructions for:

Safety Recall S61

**Occupant Restraint Controller**

*NONE: Revised Owner Letter (page 31)*

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**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 Occupant Restraint Controller (ORC) on about 268,000 of the above vehicles may experience a loss of air bag and seat belt pretensioner deployment capability during a crash due to a shorting condition resulting in a negative voltage transient that travels to the Occupant Restraint Controller via the front impact sensor wires. The loss of air bag and seat belt pretensioner deployment capability during a crash may increase the risk of injury or death.
The Occupant Restraint Controller (ORC) must be replaced.

**Parts Information**

**Sales Code Descriptions:**
- **CJ1**  SUPPLEMENTAL FRT SEAT SIDE AIR BAGS
- **CJ2**  SUPP. SIDE CURTAIN FRT/RR AIR BAGS
- **CJ4**  SUPP. SIDE CURTAIN FRT/RR AIR BAGS

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**Parts Return**

No parts return required for this campaign.

**Special Tools**

The following special tools are required to perform this repair:

- NPN wiTECH micro pod II
- NPN Laptop Computer
- NPN wiTECH Software
A. Replace Occupant Restraint Controller

WARNING: To avoid serious or fatal injury on vehicles equipped with airbags, disable the Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) before attempting any steering wheel, steering column, airbag, seat belt tensioner, impact sensor or instrument panel component diagnosis or service. Disconnect and isolate the battery negative (ground) cable, then wait two minutes for the system capacitor to discharge before performing further diagnosis or service. This is the only sure way to disable the SRS. Failure to take the proper precautions could result in accidental airbag deployment.

WARNING: To avoid serious or fatal injury, never strike or drop the Occupant Restraint Controller (ORC), as it can damage the impact sensor or affect its calibration. The ORC contains the impact sensor, which enables the system to deploy the SRS components. If an ORC is accidentally dropped during service, the module must be scrapped and replaced with a new unit. Failure to observe this warning could result in accidental, incomplete, or improper SRS component deployment.

NOTE: Several different Occupant Restraint Controllers (ORC) are available for these vehicles. For vehicles equipped with the optional side curtain or seat airbags the ORC contains a second bi-directional safing sensor.

- For 2010 JS model vehicles, continue with Section B. Replace Occupant Restraint Controller (2010 JS)

- For 2011-2014 JS model vehicles, continue with Section C. Replace Occupant Restraint Controller (2011-2014 JS)

- For 2010-2012 PM, P3 model vehicles, continue with Section D. Replace Occupant Restraint Controller (2010-2012 PM/P3)

- For 2010-2014 MK model vehicles, continue with Section E. Replace Occupant Restraint Controller (2010-2014 MK)
B. Replace Occupant Restraint Controller (2010 JS)

1. Disconnect and isolate the negative cable from the battery. Wait two minutes for the system capacitor to discharge before further service.

**WARNING:** Wait two minutes for the system reserve capacitor to discharge before servicing any airbag components. Failure to do this may result in serious or fatal injury.

2. Remove the center console.
   a. Pull up on shifter knob and remove (Figure 1).

   b. Using trim stick C-4755 or equivalent, pry up on bezel and remove from shifter pod (Figure 1).

   c. Using trim stick C-4755, remove center console bezel and storage bin (Figure 2).
d. Remove and save the two screws in the front of the console (Figure 3).

e. Remove and save the four screws inside the console compartment (Figure 4).

f. Disconnect the center console electrical connector (Figure 3).

g. Pull the parking brake lever rearward.

h. Remove the center console from the vehicle.
3. Remove the left-side instrument panel closeout panel (Figure 4).

4. Remove the left-side rear seat floor duct (Figure 6).
Service Procedure (Continued)

5. Remove the right-side hush panel (Figure 7).

6. Remove the right-side rear seat floor duct (Figure 6).

7. Remove the three Occupant Restraint Controller (ORC) mounting nuts (Figure 8).

8. Disconnect the two ORC connectors (Figure 8).

9. Remove ORC from vehicle.
10. Connect the two ORC connectors to the NEW ORC and ensure that the connectors are engaged.

11. Position the NEW ORC (arrow pointing forward) on the console floor bracket and mounting studs (Figure 9).

12. Install the three ORC retaining nuts and tighten to 80 in. lbs. (9 N·m).

13. Install the right-side rear seat floor duct.

14. Install the right-side hush panel.

15. Install the left-side rear seat floor duct.

16. Install the left-side instrument panel closeout panel.

17. Install the center console. Tighten the six screws securely.

18. Connect the center console electrical connector.

19. Install the center console bezel.

20. Install the shift bezel and shift knob.

21. Do not connect the negative cable to the battery at this time. The Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) Verification Test procedure should be performed following service of any SRS component. Continue with Section F. Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) Verification Test.
C. Replace Occupant Restraint Controller (2011-2014 JS)

1. Disconnect and isolate the negative cable from the battery. Wait two minutes for the system capacitor to discharge before further service.

WARNING: Wait two minutes for the system reserve capacitor to discharge before servicing any airbag components. Failure to do this may result in serious or fatal injury.

NOTE: Chrysler 200 shown, Dodge Avenger similar

2. Remove the center console.
   a. Using trim stick C-4755 or equivalent, remove and disconnect the HVAC controls (Figure 10).
   b. Using trim stick C-4755 or equivalent, remove the shifter trim bezel.
   c. Using trim stick C-4755 or equivalent, remove the console front storage bin and disconnect the USB connector from the bin if equipped (Figure 11).
d. Open the console bin lid and remove the console bin mat/liner.

e. Remove the four bolts located inside the console bin (Figure 12).

f. Remove the two front console bolts (Figure 13).

g. Pull the parking brake lever rearward.

h. Disconnect the electrical connector then lift up on the rear of the center console, and remove the center console (Figure 13).
3. Remove the left-side instrument panel closeout panel (Figure 14).

4. Remove the left-side rear seat floor duct (Figure 15).
Service Procedure (Continued)

5. Remove the right-side hush panel (Figure 16).

6. Remove the right-side rear seat floor duct (Figure 15).

7. Remove the three Occupant Restraint Controller (ORC) mounting nuts (Figure 17).

8. Disconnect the two ORC connectors (Figure 17).

9. Remove ORC from vehicle.
10. Connect the two ORC connectors to the **NEW** ORC and ensure that the connectors are engaged.

11. Position the **NEW** ORC (arrow pointing forward) on the console floor bracket and mounting studs (Figure 18).

12. Install the three ORC retaining nuts and tighten to 80 in. lbs. (9 N·m).

13. Install the right-side rear seat floor duct.

14. Install the right-side hush panel.

15. Install the left-side rear seat floor duct.

16. Install the left-side instrument panel closeout panel.

17. Install the center console. Tighten the six screws securely.

18. Connect the center console electrical connector.

19. Install the front storage bin.

20. Install the center console bezel.

21. Connect the HVAC controls and install the controls.

22. Do not connect the negative cable to the battery at this time. The Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) Verification Test procedure should be performed following service of any SRS component. **Continue with Section F. Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) Verification Test.**

**Figure 18 – Arrow Orientation**

- **ARROW ON TOP OF ORC MODULE WILL POINT TO THE FRONT OF THE VEHICLE**
D. Replace Occupant Restraint Controller (2010-2012 PM/P3)

1. Disconnect and isolate the negative cable from the battery. Wait two minutes for the system capacitor to discharge before further service.

2. Pull back on parking brake lever to the upright position.

3. Open the console door and remove the two screws fastening the console to the rear floor bracket (Figure 19).

4. Carefully pry up on the rear of the center console until the retainers disengage from the center console to front floor bracket.

5. Disconnect center console wire connector to instrument panel connector.

6. Remove the console from vehicle.
7. Remove the center console shifter bezel and pod from the top of the floor panel transmission tunnel.

   a. For automatic transmission vehicles, pull up on shifter knob and remove (Figure 20).

   **NOTE:** Shifter knob removal is not required for manual transmission.

   b. If equipped with a manual transmission, using trim stick C-4755 or equivalent, pry up on the shifter boot bezel and position the bezel to the side.

   c. If equipped with an automatic transmission, using trim stick C-4755 or equivalent, pry up on bezel and remove from shifter pod.

8. Using trim stick C-4755 or equivalent, release the retaining clips and separate the accessory switch bank assembly from the console (Figure 21).

9. Disconnect the electrical connectors.
Service Procedure (Continued)

10. Remove the two rear screws and remove the front console shifter housing (Figure 22).

11. If equipped, lift, but do not remove, the jute covered panel over the Occupant Restraint Controller (ORC) between the dash panel and the gearshift mechanism as necessary to access the ORC connections and fasteners.

12. Remove the three nuts that secure the ORC to the three studs on the ORC mount welded onto the top of the floor panel transmission tunnel (Figure 23).
13. Unlatch and disconnect the two instrument panel wire harness connectors from the ORC connector receptacles located on the rearward facing side of the module. To disconnect the wire harness connectors from the ORC, depress the release tab and lift the lever arm on each connector (Figure 24).

14. Remove the ORC from the ORC mount.

15. If equipped, lift, but do not remove, the jute covered panel over the ORC mount between the dash panel and the gearshift mechanism as necessary to install the NEW ORC, its connections and fasteners.

**CAUTION:** If equipped, be certain that the jute covered panel over the ORC is restored to its original installed position following ORC service. Failure to do so may result in the setting of a false Diagnostic Trouble Code (DTC) and illumination of the airbag indicator. This cover protects the ORC from the gearshift selector cables vibrating against or striking the top of the ORC housing, which could be falsely interpreted as a vehicle impact pulse by the sensors within the ORC.

16. Carefully position the NEW Occupant Restraint Controller (ORC) onto the three studs of the ORC mount on the floor panel transmission tunnel. When the ORC is correctly positioned, the bottom of the housing will fit flush with the mount and the orientation arrow on the label on top of the housing will be pointed forward in the vehicle (Figure 25 on next page).
17. Connect the two instrument panel wire harness connectors to the ORC connector receptacles located on the rearward facing side of the module. Be certain that the latches on the connectors are each fully engaged.

18. Install and tighten the three nuts that secure the ORC to the studs of the ORC mount. Tighten the nuts to 80 in. lbs. (9 N·m).

19. If equipped, restore the jute covered panel to its proper position over the ORC between the dash panel and the gearshift mechanism.

20. Install the front console shifter housing.

21. Install the accessory switch bank assembly to the console.

22. Insert the shifter bezel locator to the shifter pod.

23. Apply hand pressure until the clips are seated.

24. If removed, snap the shifter knob onto the shifter shaft.

25. Pull up on the knob to verify seated correctly.

26. Install the center console.

27. Do not connect the negative cable to the battery at this time. The Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) Verification Test procedure should be performed following service of any SRS component. **Continue with Section F. Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) Verification Test.**
E. Replace Occupant Restraint Controller (2010-2014 MK)

1. Disconnect and isolate the negative cable from the battery. Wait two minutes for the system capacitor to discharge before further service.

2. Pull back on parking brake lever to the upright position.

3. Remove the two screws from the console bin (Figure 26).

4. Lift the console up at the front from underneath right hand and left hand sides of console base at the same time and release the front clips.

5. Lift console from rear and release the rear clips.

6. Disconnect the electrical connector.

7. Remove the console from vehicle.
8. Remove the center console shifter bezel and pod from the top of the floor panel transmission tunnel.

   a. Pull up on the shifter knob and remove (Figure 27).

   b. Using trim stick C-4755 or equivalent, pry up on the shifter boot and separate from the bezel, if equipped with a manual transmission.

   c. Using trim stick C-4755 or equivalent, pry up on bezel and remove from the shifter pod (Figure 27).

9. Remove the shifter housing lower screws (Figure 28).

10. Remove the shifter housing upper screws and remove the shifter housing (Figure 28).
11. If equipped, lift but do not remove, the jute covered panel over the Occupant Restraint Controller (ORC) between the dash panel and the gearshift mechanism as necessary to access the ORC connections and fasteners.

12. Remove the three nuts that secure the ORC to the three studs on the ORC mount welded onto the top of the floor panel transmission tunnel (Figure 29).
13. Unlatch and disconnect the two instrument panel wire harness connectors from the ORC connector receptacles located on the rearward facing side of the module. To disconnect the wire harness connectors from the ORC, depress the release tab and lift the lever arm on each connector (Figure 30).

14. Remove the ORC from the ORC mount.

15. If equipped lift but do not remove, the jute covered panel over the ORC mount between the dash panel and the gearshift mechanism as necessary to install the NEW ORC, its connections and fasteners.

CAUTION: If equipped, be certain that the jute covered panel over the ORC is restored to its original installed position following ORC service. Failure to do so may result in the setting of a false Diagnostic Trouble Code (DTC) and illumination of the airbag indicator. This cover protects the ORC from the gearshift selector cables vibrating against or striking the top of the ORC housing, which could be falsely interpreted as a vehicle impact pulse by the sensors within the ORC.
16. Carefully position the **NEW Occupant Restraint Controller (ORC)** onto the three studs of the ORC mount on the floor panel transmission tunnel. When the ORC is correctly positioned, the bottom of the housing will fit flush with the mount and the orientation arrow on the label on top of the housing will be pointed forward in the vehicle (Figure 31).

17. Connect the two instrument panel wire harness connectors to the ORC connector receptacles located on the rearward facing side of the module. Be certain that the latches on the connectors are each fully engaged.

18. Install and tighten the three nuts that secure the ORC to the studs of the ORC mount. Tighten the nuts to 80 in. lbs. (9 N·m).

19. If equipped, restore the jute covered panel to its proper position over the ORC between the dash panel and the gearshift mechanism.

20. Install the front console shifter housing.
21. Insert shifter bezel locator to shifter pod.

22. Apply hand pressure until the clips are seated.

23. Snap the shifter knob onto the shifter shaft.

24. Pull up on the knob to verify it is seated correctly.

25. Install the center console.

26. Do not connect the negative cable to the battery at this time. The Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) Verification Test procedure should be performed following service of any SRS component. Continue with Section F. Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) Verification Test.
F. 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. The wiTECH software is required to be at the latest release level before performing this procedure.

1. Connect the wiTECH micro pod II 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 2 website.
5. Enter your “User id”, “Password” and “Dealer Code” then select “Sign in”.
6. Starting at the “Vehicle Selection” screen, select the appropriate vehicle and Device Name.
7. From the “Action Items” screen select the “All DTCs” tab.
8. Clear all DTC’s in all modules.

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”.

Service Procedure (Continued)
9. 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.

- 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.

10. Close the hood, remove the wiTECH micro pod II.

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 paid will be used by FCA to record recall service completions and provide dealer payments.

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

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NOTE: See the FCA International Warranty Policy and Procedure Manual, Claim Entry Section – Recall Claims for claim processing instructions.

Owner Notification and Service Scheduling

All involved vehicle owners should be notified of the service requirement by their Dealer. Owners are requested to schedule appointments for this service. A sample copy of the owner notification letter is attached.

Vehicle Lists, Global Recall System, VIP and Distributor/Dealer Follow Up

All involved vehicles have been entered into the 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. Completed vehicles are removed from GRS within several days of repair claim submission.

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.
Additional Information

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

Global Service & Parts - International
Fiat Chrysler Automobiles
IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

This notice applies to your vehicle (VIN: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx).

Dear Jeep/Dodge/Chrysler Owner:


The problem is... The Occupant Restraint Controller (ORC) on your vehicle may experience a loss of air bag and seat belt pretensioner deployment capability during a crash due to a shorting condition resulting in a negative voltage transient that travels to the Occupant Restraint Controller via the front impact sensor wires. The loss of air bag and seat belt pretensioner deployment capability during a crash may increase the risk of injury or death.

What your dealer will do... FCA will repair your vehicle free of charge (parts and labor). To do this, your dealer will replace the ORC. The work will take about one hour to complete. However, additional time may be necessary depending on service schedules.

What you must do to ensure your safety... Simply contact your Chrysler, Jeep, or Dodge dealer right away to schedule a service appointment. Ask the dealer to hold the part for your vehicle or to order it before your appointment. Please bring this letter with you to your dealer.

If you need help... If you have trouble getting your vehicle serviced, please contact the dealer nearest your location. A representative will assist you in getting your vehicle serviced. This information can be found in the Customer Assistance section of your Owner's Manual.

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

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