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**8** RECALLS | INVESTIGATIONS **2**  
COMPLAINTS **760**

Not been rated  
**OVERALL SAFETY RATING**

June 25, 2019 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11222390

**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11222390

Incident Date October 31, 2018

Consumer Location WILLIAMSBURG, IA

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXEG7JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	FRAME WELDS HAVE POROSITY, LACK OF PENETRATION AND RUST.
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

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June 12, 2019 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11219370

**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11219370

Incident Date June 11, 2019

Consumer Location VANDALIA, OH

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXDG3JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	THE FRAME WELDS ON SOME OF THE WRANGLERS ARE OUTSIDE OF THE ACCEPTABLE QUALITY. THERE ARE A PLETHORA OF PORES, CRACKS, INCOMPLETE WELDS, AND SLAG. I HAVE ATTACHED MULTIPLE IMAGES OF MY JEEPS WELD ISSUES. NOTICE HOW SEVERE THE WELDS ARE. THERE IS ONE SPECIFIC ONE WITH A TON OF PORES AND CRACKS ON THE FRAME RAIL JUST BEHIND THE FRONT WHEEL. IF I WERE TO FULLY ARTICULATE, THE FRAME WOULD LIKE FAIL CATASTROPHICALLY. THESE JEEPS SHOULD BE BOUGHT BACK AND REPLACED IN ORDER TO PREVENT CATASTROPHIC FAILURES.
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

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May 31, 2019 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11217080

**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11217080

Incident Date May 1, 2019

Consumer Location ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXFG1JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	TL* THE CONTACT OWNS A 2018 JEEP WRANGLER. UPON RESEARCHING THE NHTSA.GOV WEBSITE, THE CONTACT NOTICED NHTSA ACTION NUMBER: DP18004. THE CONTACT STATED THAT THE FRAME WELD HAD POROSITY SPOTS AND DISCOLORATION AND WAS EXPERIENCING THE SAME FAILURES LISTED IN THE ACTION NUMBER. THE CONTACT CALLED PREMIER CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM OF BUENA PARK (LOCATED AT 7301 ARTESIA BLVD, BUENA PARK, CA 90621) AND NOTIFIED THEM OF THE FAILURE. THE MANUFACTURER WAS NOT NOTIFIED. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 20,000.
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

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December 13, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11161243

**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11161243

Incident Date February 13, 2018

Consumer Location HERNDON, VA

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXFG6JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	FRAME WELD DEFICIENCIES ON 2018 JL JEEP WRANGLER RUBICON 4DR BUILT 01/31/18
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	SUMMARY
DEATHS	0	A DEFECT PETITION WAS RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF DEFECTS INVESTIGATION (ODI) REQUESTING A FORMAL INVESTIGATION OF MODEL YEAR 2018JL JEEP WRANGLER VEHICLES FOR THE EXISTENCE OF WELD RELATED SAFETY DEFECTS LOCATED ON THE VEHICLE FRAME. THE PETITIONER ALLEGES WIDESPREAD WELD DEFECTS ACROSS "NEARLY ALL" 2018 JEEP WRANGLER (SPECIFICALLY JL FAMILY CODE) VEHICLE FRAMES. THE PETITION DESCRIBES A BROAD LIST OF FRAME WELD DEFICIENCIES, INCLUDING POROUS WELDS, EXCESSIVE SLAG, LACK OF WELD PENETRATION, OVER PENETRATION OF WELDS, OVERWELD OR WELD DRIP, AND WELD SPLASH. THE WELD DEFECTS ARE ALLEGEDLY LOCATED AT A VARIETY OF LOCATIONS ON THE FRAME ASSEMBLY INCLUDING THE TRACK BAR BRACKET WELDS THAT HAVE

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INCLUDING THE TRACK BAR BRACKET WELDS THAT HAVE

BROKEN AND RESULTED IN STEERING CONCERNS (SEE NHTSA SAFETY RECALL 18V-675). THE PETITIONER ALLEGES THAT THE EXISTENCE OF THE DESCRIBED WELD DEFECTS COULD RESULT IN "CATASTROPHIC FAILURE."

THIS DEFECT PETITION HAS BEEN OPENED TO EVALUATE THE ISSUE AND DETERMINE WHETHER TO GRANT OR DENY THE PETITIONER'S REQUEST. THE COMPLAINTS (VOQ REPORTS) CITED ABOVE CAN BE REVIEWED AT NHTSA.GOV UNDER THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE (ODI)

NUMBERS: 11140057, 11076098.

NOTE: WE HAVE THE SAME ISSUE! WE OPENED 2 FCA CASES # 35210825 09/25/18) AND # 7245792 ON 10/22/18 (ALL ARE WITH THE FCA PREMIUM PREMIER TEAM CASE MANAGER. THE DEALERSHIP HAS NOT FOLLOWED UP - WE ESCALATED AND THEY ARE TO SCHEDULE A FCA REP TO COME TO THE DEALERSHIP. NO RESPONSE FROM DEALERSHIP SINCE 11/27/18 AFTER MUTIPLE PHONE CALLS OR E-MAILS. WILL HAVE TO SHOW UP IN PERSON AGAIN. UNBELIEVABLE IN 2018 - THERE IS NO QUALITY CONTROL ON THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE VEHICLE - THE FRAME. NO OTHER REPUTABLE MANUFACTURER WOULD ALLOW THIS - JEEP NEEDS TO CORRECT, REFUND (BUY BACK THE VEHICLES) , OR REPLACE WITH NEW ONES CORRECTLY MANUFACTURED.

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November 21, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11153044

**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11153044

Incident Date July 16, 2018

Consumer Location MOUNT HOPE, WV

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXFG9JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	VEHICLE HAS VERY UNSAFE WELDS AT NUMEROUS LOCATIONS ON FRAME. MOST ALL WELDING POINTS SHOW SLAG, POROSITY, SPLATTER WITH SOME ACTUALLY NOT EVEN COMPLETE. I DO NOT FEEL SAFE DRIVING THIS JEEP AND REFUSE TO LET ANYONE OTHER THAN MYSELF RIDE IN OR DRIVE IT.
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

WHILE FCA (JEEP) HAS ISSUED A RECALL ADDRESSING POOR WELDS AT THE TRACK BAR MOUNTING BRACKET LOCATION ON A LIMITED NUMBER OF 2018-2019 JEEP WRANGLER'S (MINE WAS NOT INVOLVED, EVEN THOUGH THE WELDS ARE INSUFFICIENT), THEY NEED TO FURTHER ADDRESS THE ALL OF THE WELDING DEFICIENCIES LOCATED THROUGHOUT THIS VEHICLES FRAME.

I PRAY THE NHTSA TAKES MY (AS WELL AS OTHERS I'M SURE) COMPLAINT(S) REGARDING THIS ISSUE IN ALL SERIOUSNESS AND INVESTIGATES FURTHER BEFORE PEOPLE START GETTING HURT OR EVEN KILLED. THANK YOU.

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October 29, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11143617



**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11143617

Incident Date October 28, 2018

Consumer Location CHANTILLY, VA

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXFG2JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	BRAND NEW 2018 JEEP WRANGLER JLU, ONLY 400 MILE, DUE TO THE RECENT RECALL ON THE TRACK BARD WELD ISSUE, I WENT OVER THE VEHICLE AND INSPECTED THE WELDS ON OTHER AREAS OF MY VEHICLE AND NOTICE THAT THE WELDING ON THE REAR LOWER CONTROL ARM BRACKET WAS NOT PROPERLY WELDED. THE WELD WAS MOSTLY ON THE FRAME RATHER THAN ON THE SEAM BETWEEN THE FRAME AND THE CONTROL ARM BRACKET, BY COMPARING THE DRIVER SIDE REAR LOWER CONTROL ARM BRACKET, IT WAS CLEARLY APPARENT THAT THERE WAS A WELDING ERROR. ADDITIONALLY, (REFER TO ATTACHED PDF DOCUMENT) THE ROBOTIC WELDER NOT ONLY MISSED THE SEAM BUT STOPPED WELDING AFTER ABOUT 1.5" (UP TO THE WHITE LINE MARKED BY QC) THE A PERSON WELDED FROM RIGHT TO LEFT (UP TO THE WHITE LINE WHERE THE ROBOT STOPPED) BUT ALSO MISSED THE SEAM AND WELDED MOSTLY ON THE FRAME. CHRYSLER HAD TO HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THE ISSUE BECAUSE A PERSON DID WELD WHERE THE ROBOT STOPPED. HOWEVER, THE IMPROPER WELDING WAS PERFORMED AND THIS ISSUE CAN POTENTIALLY CAUSE A FATAL ACCIDENT
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

THIS ISSUE CAN POTENTIALLY CAUSE A FATAL ACCIDENT BEING THAT THIS VEHICLE IS A OFF-ROAD CAPABLE VEHICLE AND UNLIKE REGULAR VEHICLE, THIS VEHICLE WILL MORE LIKELY BE USED IN EXTREME CONDITIONS FURTHER PLACING STRESS ON THE IMPROPERLLY WELDED COMPONENTS.

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October 24, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11142426

**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11142426

Incident Date October 4, 2018

Consumer Location YULEE, FL

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXEG3JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	TL* THE CONTACT OWNS A 2018 JEEP WRANGLER. THE CONTACT STATED THAT THE SUBFRAME WELDING WAS RUSTED, CORRODED, MISALIGNED, AND DID NOT MEET THE MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATIONS RELATED TO SPACING. THE VEHICLE WAS TAKEN TO THE LOCAL DEALER (BENNETT JEEP, 149 HWY 40 EAST, KINGSLAND, GA) TO BE DIAGNOSED, BUT THE CAUSE OF THE FAILURES COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT REPAIRED. THE MANUFACTURER WAS NOTIFIED, BUT NO SOLUTION WAS OFFERED. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 5,000.
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

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October 23, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11142138

**Components: STRUCTURE, ENGINE**

October 17, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11141035

**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11141035

Incident Date October 17, 2018

Consumer Location MADEIRA BEACH, FL

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXCG5JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	ON 9-26-18 I PURCHASED A NEW 2018 JEEP WRANGLER RUBICON. A FRIEND OF MINE TOLD ME TO DO A DATA SEARCH FOR AN UPCOMING RECALL CONCERNING THE FRONT TRACK BAR BRACKET. I SEE THAT 18V-675 DATED 9-28-18 WAS ISSUED. FCA RECALL #UA5. MINE IS ONE OF THE RECALLED JEEPS. HOWEVER, I PROCEEDED TO INSPECT THE TRACK BAR WELDING AND IDENTIFY WHAT THE PROBLEM IS AND CHECK FOR SEPARATED WELDS NO WELDS, ETC. WHILE UNDER THE JEEP I DISCOVERED OTHER ISSUES THAT WILL CAUSE FUTURE SIGNIFICANT SAFETY ISSUES WITH THE VEHICLE. SUCH AS FRAME FAILURE OR OTHER COMPONENTS ATTACHED TO THE FRAME FAILING DUE TO POOR WELDING TECHNIQUES AS WELL AS PREMATURE CORROSION. THESE POTENTIAL FAILURES MAY RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT INJURIES TO THE OCCUPANT(S) OF THE VEHICLE. ON THE FRAME, MANY WELDS
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

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OCCUPANT(S) OF THE VEHICLE. ON THE FRAME, MANY WELDS APPEAR TO BE INFERIOR, SUCH AS PERFORATED WELDS, MISSING WELDS, WELDS THAT ARE NOT COMPLETE LEAVING GAPS BETWEEN THE EDGES OF THE FRAME. ADDITIONALLY, IN MANY AREAS OF THE FRAME, THE PAINT HAS FLAKED OFF OF THE WELDS AND IS NOW STARTING TO RUST. I HAVE HAD THIS VEHICLE FOR 3 WEEKS WITH 500 MILES ON IT. IT HAS BEEN STREET DRIVEN ONLY. WITH THE CURRENT RECALL FOR THE TRACK BAR, THE DEALER ADVISED NOT TO TAKE IT OFF ROAD. ON 10-17-18 I EMAILED PICTURES TO THE DEALER AS WELL AS PAID THEM A VISIT. I HAVE SUPPLIED THE DEALER WITH PICTURES AND HAVE AN APPOINTMENT ON 11-6-18 FOR THEM TO LOOK AT IT. I AM EXTREMELY CONCERNED THAT THE DEALER MAY ATTEMPT TO WELD THESE AREAS. AND THAT IF ATTEMPTED, WOULD ONLY BLISTER OFF ANY PAINT ON THE INSIDE OF THE FRAME THAT COULD NOT BE SEEN OR PRIMED AND REPAINTED PROPERLY. AS THIS IS A BOX FRAME AND I BELIEVE IT HAS TO BE DIPPED TO BE PRIMED AND PAINTED ON THE INNER SIDE OF THE FRAME. ANY OTHER METHOD THAT MAY BE UTILIZED WOULD NOT BE THE SAME NOR WOULD IT OFFER THE SAME AMOUNT OF CORROSION PROTECTION AS WHAT THE FACTORY METHODOLOGY UTILIZES.

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October 14, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11140262

**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11140262

Incident Date September 29, 2018

Consumer Location GILBERTS, IL

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXCG2JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	BRAND NEW 2018 JL WRANGLER RUBICON 2 DR OWNED FOR 2 WEEKS FRAME APPEARS TO BE SPRAY PAINTED ALL WELDS ARE RUSTED. NEVER BEEN IN THE RAIN OR EVEN WASHED. JEEP HAS 16 MILES ON IT. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS FOR ANY NEW VEHICLE. JEEP SHOULD HAVE ADDRESSED THIS ISSUE INSTEAD OF TRYING TO COVER IT UP WITH SPRAY PAINT THAT ISN'T STICKING ANYMORE.
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

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October 12, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11140057

**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11140057

Incident Date October 12, 2018

Consumer Location FORT WORTH, TX

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXDG8JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	FRAME WELD DISCONTINUITIES WITH POROSITY SPOTS, INCOMPLETE FUSION SPOTS AND RUST.
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	THE CONSUMER STATED THE INVESTIGATION OF THE 2018 JEEP WRANGLER JL 2 AND 4 DOOR MODELS NEEDED TO BE ACCELERATED.*JS
DEATHS	0	

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October 11, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11139866

**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11139866

Incident Date September 15, 2018

Consumer Location ENTERPRISE, AL

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXDG4JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	POOR FRAME WELDS AT CRITICAL POINTS. I HAVE WELDS THAT YOU CAN STICK YOUR FINGER NAILS BEHIND. HAVE POOR WELD AT TRACK BAR AND SHOCK MOUNTS. SLAG AND POOR PENETRATION. HAVE SPOTS WHERE BURN THROUGH OCCURS AND RUSTS. VEHICLE CLICKS AND POPS DURING TURNS. STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY IS COMPROMISED..
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

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October 10, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11139467

**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11139467

Incident Date October 10, 2018

Consumer Location WHITEWRIGHT, TX

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXFG0JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	THE WELDS ON THE FRAME OF MY JL WRANGLER ARE NOT OF ACCEPTABLE QUALITY FOR WELDING STANDARDS. WELD SPLATTER, SLAG, POROSITY, SHOWING SIGNS OF CORROSION, INSUFFICIENT PENETRATION. I NOTICE THESE DEFICIENCIES WHEN LOOKING AT MY TRACK BAR BRACKET WELD. THIS WELD WHICH IS ON A RECALL HAS AN X ON IT LIKE IT WAS NOTICED BUT NOT CHANGED. MANUFACTURED 6-18
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

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October 10, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11139436

**Components: STRUCTURE, UNKNOWN OR OTHER**

NHTSA ID Number: 11139436

Incident Date October 6, 2018

Consumer Location SPRINGDALE, AR

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXDG2JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	JEEP HAS BAD WELDS THROUGHOUT THE FRAME POSING SIGNIFICANT SAFETY RISK NOT ONLY WHILE DRIVING THE VEHICLE BUT EVEN MORE SO IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH. A LARGE MAJORITY OF BAD WELDS ARE IN STRUCTURAL AREAS. SOME ARE OFF SEAM, POROSE WELDS, WELDS THAT APPEAR TO HAVE LITTLE TO NO PENETRATION, WELD JOINTS WITH LITTLE TO NO WELD MATERIAL IN THE JOINT AND OFF SEAM. ALSO MANY OF THE WELDS SHOW SINES OF HEAVY CONTAMINATION IN THE WELD MATERIAL.*DT*JB
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

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October 8, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11138974

**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11138974

Incident Date September 25, 2018

Consumer Location EASTOVER, NC

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXEG8JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	VERY SERIOUS SAFETY ISSUE WITH THE MAJORITY OF ALL WELDS THAT CONNECT PARTS/FRAME/BODY. THEY ARE EXTREMELY POROUS WHICH WILL CAUSE THE WELDS TO FAIL OVER TIME DUE TO RUSTING FROM THE INSIDE OUT, SOME ARE VERY VERY THIN WHICH WILL CAUSE FAILURE JUST FROM EVERY DAY USE, AND SOME ARE NOT EVEN CONNECTING THE PART TO THE FRAME/BODY WHICH WILL CAUSE DEADLY FAILURE WHEN THE PART COMES OFF FROM SHEARING. I DO NOT FEEL SAFE IN THIS VEHICLE, AND THIS IS THE ONLY MODE OF TRANSPORTATION I HAVE. I HAVE A 3 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER WHO ALSO HAS TO RIDE IN THIS VEHICLE. IT IS NOT OKAY THAT OUR LIVES ARE BEING PUT AT RISK ANY TIME WE HAVE TO DRIVE THIS VEHICLE WITH KNOWING THESE WELDS COULD FAIL AT ANY TIME. I HAVE CONTACTED SEVERAL FCA REPS, AND THE DEALERSHIP AND HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE IS NOTHING THEY CAN DO. I HAVE MULTIPLE, MULTIPLE PICTURES OF THESE WELDS, HOWEVER I WILL ATTACH A FEW TO THIS SO YOU CAN GET AN IDEA. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE, AND IT SHOULD NOT REQUIRE SOMEONE DYING BEFORE ANYTHING GETS DONE ABOUT THIS. *BF.....
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	



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October 6, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11138757

**Components: STRUCTURE, STEERING, UNKNOWN OR OTHER**

NHTSA ID Number: 11138757

Incident Date October 5, 2018

Consumer Location CINCINNATI, OH

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXFG1JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	HELLO.THIS IS REGARDING MY 2018 JEEP WRANGLER JL RUBICON. I HAVE BEEN READING EXTENSIVELY ABOUT THE FRAME WELDING RECALL (ISSUED 10/5/18) THAT UNFORTUNATELY DOES INCLUDE MY VEHICLE.
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	WE SPENT OVER FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ON THIS JEEP, AND ARE EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED IN THE BUILD QUALITY. JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT THE WELDS ARE BAD, I LOOKED UNDER THE JEEP AND SEVERAL EXTREMELY IMPORTANT WELDS (SOME INVOLVING THE STEERING BRACKET) WERE NOT DONE PROPERLY, AND WILL FAIL. ALSO, SOME OF THE WELDS HAVE SEVERAL POCKS IN THEM AND WILL DEVELOP RUST. IF A WELD ISN'T DONE PROPERLY (OR REPAIRED) PROPERLY, IT WILL FAIL AND THAT FOR FCA TO RELEASE A VEHICLE, IN THIS CONDITION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS DISGUSTING.
DEATHS	0	

I HAVE A WIFE AND A BABY ON THE WAY □ MY WIFE NO LONGER FEELS SAFE IN OUR NEW JEEP. I AM WRITING YOU TO



LONGER FEELS SAFE IN OUR NEW JEEP. I AM WRITING YOU TO VOICE MY CONCERN AND WARN OTHERS ABOUT THIS UNSAFE VEHICLE.

WE NO LONGER DRIVE THE JEEP AND IT SITS IN OUR DRIVEWAY. I CANNOT DRIVE A VEHICLE THAT MAY FAIL STRUCTURALLY AND INJURE OR KILL US.

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September 27, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11132030

**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11132030

Incident Date September 25, 2018

Consumer Location NORTH ATTLEBORO, MA

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXEGXJW\*\*\*\*

### Summary of Complaint

CRASH	No	MISSING AND FAILED WELDS ON FRONT CHASSIS WHERE TRACK BAR AND EVERYTHING ELSE MEET. *DT *TR
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

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September 16, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11129738

**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11129738

Incident Date May 18, 2018

Consumer Location WINTER PARK, FL

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXDG8JW\*\*\*\*

### Summary of Complaint

CRASH	No	UNPAINTED AND EXPOSED WELD SLAGS ON ENTIRE FRAME. WELD SLAGS WILL FLAKE OFF AND EXPOSE RAW METAL THEN RUST THREW AND WEAKEN FRAME. WEAKNESS OF FRAME WILL BE CATASTROPHIC IN AN ACCIDENT AND FCA SHOULD INSPECT, REPLACE ALL VEHICLES WITH THIS LIFE THREATENING DEFECT IMMEDIATELY.
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

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August 16, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11120232

**Components: STRUCTURE, SUSPENSION**

NHTSA ID Number: 11120232

Incident Date August 16, 2018

Consumer Location FENTON, MO

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXDG8JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	WELDS ON TRACK BAR MOUNT NOT LINED UP CORRECTLY. THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE FRAME, LOTS OF SLAG, MISALIGNED WELDS, BAD PENETRATION, MALFORMED WELD CAPS, SPATTER, AND POROSITY. *DT *TR
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

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August 13, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11119676

**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11119676

Incident Date July 28, 2018

Consumer Location WATERLOO, IL

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXDG0JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	I LOOKED UNDER MY BRAND NEW WRANGLER JL AFTER HEARING PEOPLE COMPLAIN ABOUT BAD WELDS. SURE ENOUGH, MY WELDS ARE AWFUL. A JEEP SERVICE TECHNICIAN TOLD ME THERE IS NO WAY THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LEAVE THE FACTORY. AS OF RIGHT NOW, JEEP HAS NOT DONE ANYTHING FOR ME. FEEL VERY UNSAFE IN THIS VEHICLE. I HOPE JEEP HAS A RECALL SOON. I AM NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH THIS ISSUE.
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

**1 Affected Product**

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COMPLAINTS 760

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**OVERALL SAFETY RATING**

August 12, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11119450

**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11119450

Incident Date June 1, 2018

Consumer Location BERWICK, ME

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXDG0JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	BAD AND INCOMPLETE RUSTING WELDS.
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

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COMPLAINTS 760

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**OVERALL SAFETY RATING**

August 12, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11119454

**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11119454

Incident Date August 12, 2018

Consumer Location FORT STEWART, GA

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXDG1JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	MANY WELDS ON THE FRAME TO INCLUDE THE TRACK BAR ARE EXTREMELY POROUS. IF/WHEN THE TRACK BAR WELD GIVES THE VEHICLE WILL RESULT IN A TOTAL LOSS OF STEERING. MAKING IT A HIGH RISK FOR ACCIDENT AND INJURY. *DT *TR
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

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COMPLAINTS 760

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**OVERALL SAFETY RATING**

July 23, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11113029

**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11113029

Incident Date June 12, 2018

Consumer Location FARMERSBURG, IN

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXDG5JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	FRAME WELDS DOES NOT PASS YOUR SAFETY STANDARDS AND JEEP ADMITTED THAT IT WAS BAD AND THEY WAS GOING TO SWITCH JEEPS BUT ALL THE NEW JLS ARE BAD AND STARTING TO RUST THEY HAVE POROSITY REAL BAD ALL OVER. *DT *TR
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

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COMPLAINTS **760**

Not been rated  
**OVERALL SAFETY RATING**

July 19, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11112515



**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11112515

Incident Date July 16, 2018

Consumer Location GARNER, NC

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXFG8JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	JEEP WRANGLER JL HAS POOR WELDS ON THE FRAME AROUND MAJOR COMPONENTS THAT WILL APPEAR TO FAIL. 2 WELDS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN POORLY REPAIRED DURING MANUFACTURE AND ARE RUSTING AT MAJOR CONNECTION POINTS TO SUSPENSION COMPONENTS. THIS WILL LEAD TO CATASTROPHIC FAILURE WHILE DRIVING UNDER NORMAL DRIVING CONDITIONS. RECOMMEND INVESTIGATION BY NHTSA AND RECALL. I AM CURRENTLY PURSUING LEMON LAW IN NORTH CAROLINA.
FIRE	No	
<b>INJURIES</b>	0	
DEATHS	0	

- POOR TRACK BAR BRACKET WELDS THAT HAVE BROKEN AND WILL CAUSE COMPLETE LOSS OF STEERING.
- POROUS WELDS EXCEEDING SAFETY STANDARDS THAT COULD LEAD TO CATASTROPHIC FAILURE.
- SLAG ON NEARLY EVERY WELD ON THE FRAME WHICH PAINT WILL NOT ADHERE TO. THIS WILL EVENTUALLY CAUSE RUSTING OF THE FRAME AT THE WELDS LEADING TO POTENTIAL CATASTROPHIC FAILURE.

RECALLS | COMPLAINTS **760**

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RUSTING OF THE FRAME AT THE WELDS LEADING TO POTENTIAL CATASTROPHIC FAILURE.

- LACK OF PENETRATION ON SOME WELDS THAT COULD LEAD TO CATASTROPHIC FAILURE
- OVER PENETRATION ON SOME WELDS THAT COULD LEAD TO CATASTROPHIC FAILURE
- OVERWELD OR WELD DRIP ON SEVERAL WELDS
- WELD SPLASH ON VARIOUS PART OF THE FRAME THAT WILL RESULT IN LACK OF LONG TERM PAINT ADHERENCE AND INCREASED LIKELIHOOD OF RUSTING OF THE FRAME.

**1 Affected Product** ▾

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COMPLAINTS **760**

Not been rated  
**OVERALL SAFETY RATING**

July 10, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11110583

**Components: STEERING, STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11110583

Incident Date July 6, 2018

Consumer Location ROLESVILLE, NC

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXFG6JW\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	TRACK BAR BRACKET AND OTHER WELDS ARE VERY POORLY DONE, WHICH CAN LEAD TO SERIOUS MALFUNCTION OR INJURY. WELDS HAVE POOR POROSITY WITH PINHOLES, SLAG INCLUSIONS, LACK OF FUSION, UNDERFILL, ETC. THE WELDS ON MY NEW 2018 JEEP RUBICON JLU THAT COST \$52,000 ARE ALL MALFORMED. I DON'T SEE HOW THERE COULD HAVE BEEN AN INSPECTION PASS ON THESE WELDS, AS THEY ARE DANGEROUS. I'VE HAD THEM INSPECTED BY TWO PROFESSIONAL WELDERS WITH A COMBINED 45 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND THEY BOTH IMMEDIATELY AGREED.
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

ONE USER ON THE JL WRANGLER FORUMS WITH VERY SIMILAR WELDS HAD A COMPLETE FAILURE OF THE TRACK BAR BRACKET AT A HIGHER RATE OF SPEED (HIGHWAY POSTED SPEEDS) AND WAS SOMEHOW ABLE TO GET THE VEHICLE TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD WITHOUT KILLING HIMSELF OR ANYONE ELSE. THIS POST CAN BE FOUND ON JL WRANGLER FORUMS DOT COM, SEARCH FOR "TRACK BAR SHEARED OFF AT THE WELD"

WRANGLER FORUMS DOT COM, SEARCH FOR "TRACK BAR SHEARED OFF AT THE WELD"

THE TRACK BAR BRACKET WELD ON MY JEEP DOESN'T COVER THE TOP OF THE BRACKET BUT INSTEAD THE WELD SITS ALMOST ON TOP OF THE BRACKET EDGE AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE ADDED PICTURES. THE SIDE WELDS ARE SIMPLY WELD BLOBS AND DO NOT FOLLOW ANY WELD STANDARDS. THIS IS SIMPLY DANGEROUS AND SHOWS THAT THE VEHICLE WAS NOT INSPECTED WHEN LEAVING THIS STAGE OF THE BUILD FROM FCA. JUST TO NOTE, MOST ALL OTHER WELDS THAT WERE VISUALLY INSPECTED ARE JUST AS POORLY DONE. \*TR

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**OVERALL SAFETY RATING**



May 10, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11093172

**Components: STRUCTURE**

NHTSA ID Number: 11093172

Incident Date May 10, 2018

Consumer Location MENIFEE, CA

Vehicle Identification Number 1C4HJXEG6JW\*\*\*\*

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**8** RECALLS | INVESTIGATIONS **2**  
COMPLAINTS **760**

Not been rated  
**OVERALL SAFETY RATING**

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	FRAME HAS WELDS THAT ARE SUBSTANDARD ON THE PASSENGER SIDE. ESPECIALLY AROUND THE CONTROL ARM BRACKET. LARGE AREAS OF POROSITY, AND SLAG ALL OVER THE FRAME. TOOK TO DEALERSHIP, AND SERVICE ADVISOR IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFIED WHICH WELDS WERE NOT UP TO SPECS. AFTER 4 DAYS, DEALERSHIP TURNED BACK VEHICLE, SITING I WOULD NEED TO GO TO ANOTHER DEALERSHIP SINCE THEY DO NOT HAVE PROPER FACILITIES TO REPAIR FRAME WELDS. WENT TO DEALERSHIP #2 WHICH WAS REFERRED BY DEALERSHIP #1. AFTER 4 DAYS, I RECEIVED A CALL THAT ENGINEERS HAD MECHANIC LOOK AT OTHER WELDS, AND SAID IF THEY ARE THE SAME, THEY ARE GOOD WELDS.
FIRE	No	
<b>INJURIES</b>	0	
DEATHS	0	

HOW CAN A MECHANIC WHO IS UNTRAINED IN WELDING IDENTIFY OVER THE PHONE WHAT A SUBSTANDARD WELD IS OR IS NOT ? I HAVE HAD MY VEHICLE INSPECTED BY 2 PROFESSIONAL WELDERS, AND BOTH HAVE IDENTIFIED WELDS THAT ARE NOT UP TO SPECIFICATIONS, AND NEED ATTENTION.

WELDS THAT ARE NOT UP TO SPECIFICATIONS, AND NEED ATTENTION.

OTHER VEHICLES OF THIS SAME MAKE MODEL AND YEAR HAVE HAD ISSUES WITH CONTROL ARM BRACKETS FAILING DUE TO INSUFFICIENT WELDS IN THE SAME LOCATION, WHY IS FCA NOT DOING ANYTHING, AND WHY HAS THE NHTSA NOT FORCED A RECALL ? THIS IS HIGHLY UNSAFE, AND NEEDS IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

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COMPLAINTS 760

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**OVERALL SAFETY RATING**

March 3, 2018 NHTSA ID NUMBER: 11076098

**Components: UNKNOWN OR OTHER**

NHTSA ID Number: 11076098

Incident Date February 25, 2018

Consumer Location CLARKSTON, MI

Vehicle Identification Number N/A

**Summary of Complaint**

CRASH	No	SENT TO TOWER IN PLYMOUTH MI TO WELD JEEP FRAMES THAT ROBOT WAS NOT WELDING CORRECTLY. TOLD TO JUST COVER THEM UP AND THEY WILL JUST PAINT FRAMES. TOLD THEY HAVE TO MEET THEIR PRODUCTION NUMBERS. I WOULD NOT DRIVE OR WANT ANYONE ELSE TO DRIVE ONE OF THESE.
FIRE	No	
INJURIES	0	
DEATHS	0	

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**OVERALL SAFETY RATING**

November 16, 2018 NHTSA ACTION NUMBER: DP18004 **OPEN INVESTIGATION**

**Frame Weld Deficiencies**

NHTSA Action Number: DP18004

Components STRUCTURE

Opened From: November 16, 2018–Present

**Summary**

A defect petition was received by the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) requesting a formal investigation of model year (MY) 2018 Jeep Wrangler vehicles for the existence of weld related safety defects located on the vehicle frame.

The petitioner alleges widespread weld defects across "nearly all" 2018 Jeep Wrangler (specifically JL family code) vehicle frames. The petition describes a broad list of frame weld deficiencies, including porous welds, excessive slag, lack of weld penetration, over penetration of welds, overweld or weld drip, and weld splash. The weld defects are allegedly located at a variety of locations on the frame assembly including the track bar bracket welds that have broken and resulted in steering concerns (see NHTSA safety recall 18V-675). The petitioner alleges that the existence of the described weld defects could result in "catastrophic failure."

This defect petition has been opened to evaluate the issue and determine whether to grant or deny the petitioner's request.

The complaints (VOQ reports) cited above can be reviewed at NHTSA.gov under the following reference (ODI) numbers: 11140057, 11076098.

**1 Affected Product**

**3 Associated Documents**

