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Ref. No. 10181654

Thank you for your correspondence dated January 20, 2007 concerning the problem you encountered with your 1991 Dodge Caravan vehicle. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) received your correspondence on February 2, 2007. We regret any inconvenience our delay in response may have caused you.

NHTSA's authorizing statute requires manufacturers to reimburse owners for costs associated with a safety recall (e.g., lost wages while the vehicle is being repaired, car rentals, damage caused by the defect, etc.). The statute does not authorize the Federal government to reimburse vehicle owners for any costs associated with safety recalls or assist vehicle owners in obtaining reimbursements for costs associated with an alleged defect. However, federal regulations do require a manufacturer conducting a safety recall of motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment to reimburse owners who have paid to obtain a remedy for the problem within a reasonable time, which in many instances is one year, prior to the manufacturer's notification. Certain restrictions apply, including the need to submit certain documents to the manufacturer. Owners should follow the instructions in the recall notification letter to file a claim.

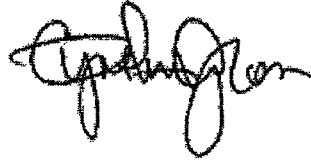
We sympathize with you concerning the reimbursement problem you reported; however, this does not fall under our jurisdiction. If you have not done so, you may consider contacting your local Consumer Protection Agency, Better Business Bureau, or the Florida State Office of the Attorney General regarding your problem(s). You may also ask your dealership for a meeting with the DaimlerChrysler district manager regarding your problem.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has jurisdiction over non-safety defects, paint, fraud or deception, warranty and dealership problems, remuneration matters, and fair trade practices. There are three ways you can contact the FTC: by toll free telephone at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357); by mail at Federal Trade Commission, CRC-240, Washington, DC 20580; and by using the Internet complaint form at <http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/complaint.htm>.



VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE
888-327-4236

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia Glass', with a stylized, cursive script.

Cynthia Glass, Acting Chief
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