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Incident Details

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Who You Are: Consumer

Incident Description: I have a 2008 Dodge Caliber. We were driving the car home at Christmas time going 70 mph down the interstate when suddenly the power went out and the car was decelerating at the same time. I had the cruise control on at the time and just as I was trying to pull to the side of the road the power came back and the car took off trying to get back to 70 mph that the cruise was set on. Ever since this happened the car "cuts out" while accelerating. I have had the car checked at our mechanic and he couldn't find the problem. When I was driving home the other day it cut out again and a light went on. When I got the book out, it says that the light indicates a problem with the "electronic throttle control". My car is back at the mechanic now and he has tried cleaning it but after taking it for a drive, its still cutting out. Naturally, I'm scared to death not knowing what the problem is and how much this is going to cost. My mechanic told me that he has heard of numerous problems regarding the same issue with this car. He said they had trouble with the same thing on the 2007 models. After all of this, I have been researching on the internet and I am astounded at all the people complaining about the exact same problem I am having with the electronic throttle control. I feel dodge needs to issue a recall on this. This is going to result in someone getting hurt or killed as this is extremely dangerous. Luckily when this happened to us on the interstate it was very early in the morning and hardly any traffic. I hate to think what could have happened.

Incident Date: 12/26/2012

Incident Location: Street or Highway - Interstate 380, Waterloo, Iowa, United States

Victim Details

First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Injury Information: Incident, No Injury

Victim is of Hispanic/Latino origin? No

Race: White

Other Race/Ethnicity:

My Relationship to Victim: Self

Gender: Female

Age when incident occurred: 52 Years

Address: [REDACTED] Clinton, Illinois, [REDACTED] United States

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Product Details

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Product 2008 Dodge Caliber
Description:

Product car
Category:

Product Type:

Brand Name: Caliber

Manufacturer / Dodge

Importer /

Private Labeler

Name:

Model Name or

Number:

Serial Number:

Date

Manufactured:

Manufacturer

Date Code:

Manufacturer Not specified

Address:

Manufacturer

Website URL:

Manufacturer

Phone Number:

Retailer:

Retailer State:

Additional Details

Purchase Date:

I still have the Yes
product in my
possession.

The product No
was damaged
before the
incident.

The product No
was modified
before the
incident.

Have you No
contacted the
manufacturer?

If not, do you Yes
plan to contact
them?

Explanation: I intend to let Dodge know what happened with this car

Your Contact Information

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First Name: [REDACTED]

Last Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], Clinton, Illinois, [REDACTED] United States

E-mail [REDACTED]

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Consent

May we include your Report, including any documents or photographs that you have attached to your Report, but without your name and contact information, in CPSC's Public Database? Yes, you may include my Report with any attachments on SaferProducts.gov.

May we release your name and contact information to the product manufacturer / importer / private labeler identified in your Report? Yes, you may release my name and contact information to the product manufacturer / importer / private labeler.

I certify that I have reviewed the Report and that the information provided in this Report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. Yes

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