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To Whom Concerned

2/27/2020

I sent you a copy of original
documentation your Dept sent
me back on 8-15-2002

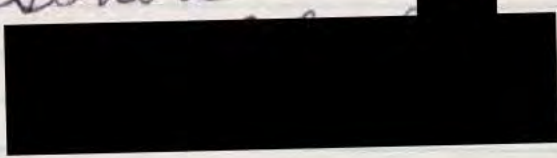
In your letter your Dept
suggested I consider retaining
an attorney well over these
many years & many letters
sent to many attorneys I've
gotten No Where !!! I

need your help directing me
to someone that could help
me. Why should Chrysler Corp
& Takata Corp get off the hook
the last thing I should've had
to worry about was a seatbelt
would fail when I would need
it. I always wore my seatbelt
regardless of any findings

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The Takata Seatbelt info I took off of Goggle clearly states upon impact the seatbelts may malfunction its clear in writing. At to lead to insult to injury how come the Chrysler Seat Belt Recall notice came after the NYS Statue of Limitations Passed how convenient to all except the victim here meaning me.

I had a Fractured jaw, scar on my chin, Fractured Pelvis broken Left Femur that had to have a Rod implanted in it. had the Shoulder Harness worked maybe my injuries wouldve been less severe.





U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

8-15-2002

400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Ref. # 565713

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Yaphank, NY [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence dated April 19, 2002, concerning the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) recall, Campaign Number 95V-103-003 (summary enclosed), of defective seat belt buckles in your model year (MY) 1987 Plymouth Colt. Due to limited resources we were not able to respond to you in a more timely manner. We regret any inconvenience our delay may have caused you.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain serious safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, sufficient data must exist to warrant the expenditure of agency resources. We cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. Each report is analyzed and compiled into a database to assist us in identifying potential recall inadequacies and safety defects to determine whether an investigation is warranted.

We sympathize with you concerning the injuries you received during a crash that occurred prior to receiving notice. We are sorry that we cannot assist you in your request for compensation of those injuries alleged to be caused by the failure of the seat belt. Our statute does not require manufacturers to reimburse owners for the cost of repairs or corrective action prior to initiating the recall or for any additional costs associated with a safety recall (such as lost wages, car rentals, repair performed by other than authorized dealership, damage caused by the defect, etc.). Nor does the statute 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. If you have not done so, you may consider retaining an attorney to proceed against the DaimlerChrysler Corporation under New York State law.



DOT AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE
888-DASH-2-DOT
888-327-4236

You can contact our toll-free DOT Auto Safety Hotline (Hotline) at 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236). One of our representatives may be able to assist you on matters concerning motor vehicle and motor vehicle equipment safety recalls or to report an alleged safety problem. You can also request safety information. If our telephones are busy, or you call during non-working hours, you can leave your name, telephone number, and a brief subject on our recording system. A DOT Hotline representative will return your call.

Additionally, we have an Internet Web site at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov> that you may want to visit. An electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ) is also available on this Web site at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. This form is for vehicle owners to report safety related problems about their motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment, e.g., child safety seats, jacks, tires, brake fluid, etc. The reports submitted are transferred to our database, and are used to identify safety related defect trends that require our attention. If you do not have access to the Internet, please use the enclosed VOQ to inform this agency of any future safety motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment problems you may experience. Summary listings of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc., can also be obtained at this Web site at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

If further assistance is needed please contact Mr. Freddie L. Richards, Editorial Specialist, Information Management Staff, Office of Defects Investigation, at (202) 366-5224.

Sincerely,



Alberto A. Jimenez, Chief
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Office of Defects Investigation
Safety Assurance

Enclosures

**IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE
TO REPLACE YOUR VEHICLE'S FRONT SEAT BELT BUCKLE RELEASE BUTTONS**

Dear Colt, Conquest, Raider or Ram 50 Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the defect provision requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Chrysler Corporation has determined that some front seat belt release buttons have broken in certain 1986 Dodge Colt, Conquest, Ram 50 and Power Ram 50 (equipped with bucket seats); Plymouth Colt and Conquest; and 1987 Dodge Colt and Raider; and Plymouth Colt vehicles, and that some release buttons may break in the future.

The Problem is...

The red plastic front seat belt buckle release buttons, marked 'PRESS', on your vehicle (identified on the enclosed form), may break. If this occurs, the pieces may fall into the buckle and cause the buckle to not operate properly, thereby creating a safety risk.

***What Chrysler and
your dealer will do...***

Chrysler will replace both front seat belt buckle release buttons on your vehicle free of charge (parts and labor) whether they are broken or not. The work will take about one-half hour to complete. However, additional time may be necessary depending on how dealer appointments are scheduled and processed.

Chrysler is also extending the warranty on the front seat belt components in your vehicle for the life of the vehicle. This means that if any conditions covered by the seat belt warranty are found at any time, now or in the future, your Dodge or Chrysler-Plymouth dealer will correct these conditions free of charge. Please keep this letter with your warranty materials.

***What you must do
to ensure your
safety...***

- It is very important that you schedule your vehicle for release button replacement as soon as possible. If your seat belt buckle does not operate properly, you might not be able to use it until it is repaired (seat belt use is required by law in most states). If you do not use your seat belt, and you are in a collision, your chances of being killed or seriously injured are much higher than if you are wearing your seat belt. Chrysler urges you to use your seat belt at all times, and to contact your Dodge or Chrysler-Plymouth dealer immediately to schedule a service appointment. Even if the buttons are not broken, they should be replaced. Ask the dealer to hold the parts for your vehicle or to order them before your appointment.
- Bring the enclosed Owner Notification Form with you to your dealer. It explains the required service to your dealer.

If you need help...

If you have trouble getting your vehicle repaired, please call the Chrysler Customer Center, toll free, at 1-800-853-1403. A representative will assist you in getting your vehicle repaired. If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590, or call the Toll Free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-800-424-9393. (Washington, D.C. area residents may call 366-0123.)

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

*Buckle up
for Safety* 

Customer Services Field Operations
Chrysler Corporation
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Takata Seat Belt Buckle

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On May 23, 1995, during "Buckle Up America Week", DOT Secretary Federico Pena and NHTSA Administrator Dr. Ricardo Martinez announced the second largest recall in the 30 year history of the Department of Transportation (DOT), affecting 8,428,402 predominantly Japanese vehicles made between 1986-91 with seat belts manufactured by the Takata Corporation of Japan. ([NHTSA Recall No. 95V-103](#).) In addition to the recalls, many of the individual Japanese automobile manufacturers agreed to issue life warranties for seatbelts in their vehicles.

The recall was prompted by an investigation (PE94-052) conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on Takata-equipped Honda vehicles, where their owners complained of seat belt buckles either failing to latch, latching and releasing automatically, or releasing in accidents. The Honda investigation revealed that Takata seat belts were not limited only to Honda vehicles, but to other Japanese imports as well. NHTSA opened up a second investigation on Takata seatbelts broadly (EA94-036) as well as individual investigations on the vehicle manufacturers using Takata seat belts to determine the magnitude of the defect.

The Takata investigation was only limited to the front seat belt buckles and to the 52X and A7X models.

Some Japanese auto manufacturers, asserted that the reason for the failure of the seat belts is not due to design, but the lifestyle of the user, i.e. contaminants such as water and soft drinks getting in to the button mechanism were the cause of the failure. The nine month investigation by NHTSA concluded that the cause of the defect was that the buckles were made of ABS plastic. Through exposure to ultraviolet light over a period of time, the plastic became brittle and pieces fell off, causing a jamming of the release button mechanism.

The manufacturers have agreed to conduct a voluntary recall. The completion rates for the Takata recall did not go well. Two years after Takata announced its recall of defective front seat belts, most of the vehicles involved were still awaiting repair. In a 1997 press release, NHTSA expressed concern about the low recall rate. Only 18% of the 8.9 million cars and trucks with the Takata belt buckle had been repaired.

In addition, NHTSA assessed a \$50,000 civil penalty against both Honda and Takata for failing to notify the agency about the seat belt defect in a timely manner. Honda was fined because NHTSA believed the company knew about the hazard at least five years before the recall, but never reported the problem to NHTSA nor offered to conduct a voluntary recall. The following is a summary of the action taken by each manufacturer.

CHRYSLER: Chrysler agreed to replace any buckles whether or not they are broken. A lifetime warranty applies to Chrysler automobiles for any seat belt malfunction that is not the result of an accident or user abuse.

DAIHATSU: Daihatsu will replace both front seatbelt buckle assemblies on 1990 and 1991 Daihatsu vehicles with assemblies that have release buttons made of POM plastic rather than ABS plastic.

FORD: Ford agreed to inspect and replace any damaged front seat belt buckle assemblies manufactured by Takata. Buckles with a certain date code will be fitted with a protective guide. If either or both release buttons are cracked, broken or do not operate properly, both buckle assemblies will be replaced. Ford will extend a lifetime warranty covering Takata seatbelt malfunction.

GENERAL MOTORS: GM agreed to replace the release button with spring and install a new buckle housing for all belt buckles. However any buckle assemblies which do not function properly will be replaced.

HONDA: Honda agreed to replace any damaged buckles or those buckles which fail to operate safely free of charge. If the front buckle assembly is in good condition, Honda will install a "Seat Belt Buckle Guide." A lifetime warranty applies to Honda automobiles for any seat belt malfunction that is not the result of an accident or user abuse.

ISUZU: Isuzu agreed to repair or replace all broken buckles and to modify undamaged buckles. On the Impulse and Stylus the dealer will install the "Takata Button kit" unless chips or dirt require heavy cleaning in which case the seat belt assembly will be replaced. On the Rodeo and Pickup Truck the dealer will install two "Takata Guide Plates" for both the driver and passenger seats. If a button is cracked or chipped a button will be installed. The seat belt assembly will be replaced only if the cracked button chips or dirt in the buckle would require heavy cleaning work.

MAZDA: Mazda agreed to replace any broken or damaged front seat belt assemblies with modified assemblies. If there was no sign of damage Mazda agreed to modify the seat belt assembly by installing a "Seat Belt buckle Guide" to prevent future breakage. A lifetime warranty will cover all components of the front seat belt assemblies manufactured by Takata.

MITSUBISHI: Mitsubishi agreed to replace any damaged buckles or those buckles which fail to operate safely. If the buckle shows no sign of damage owners will receive notification advising them to schedule an



5 Please present this notification card to your dealer to have the service described in the enclosed letter performed. This service will be provided free of charge for the car or truck whose Vehicle Identification Number is printed at the right. Please call the servicing dealer for an appointment before your visit for quicker service and convenience.

- When the service is completed, ask the dealer to enter the dealer name, dealer code and repair date on the card at the right, and then to give you the card for your record of repair.
- If you know that this service has already been performed—or if the vehicle is not in your possession—please complete the right side of this form. Detach it from this stub and mail the form. No postage is needed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Chrysler Corporation

83-005-0052 (10/96)

Figure 1

• Description: FRONT SEAT BELT BUCKLES

- Parts Return Requirement (Yes, No): **NO**
- When the service is completed, enter the dealer name, code and date on the card at right and provide it to the owner as a record of repair.
- For reimbursement, the claim must be submitted through the dealer's normal claim submission channel, (D.I.A.L. or paper).

OWNER/ADDRESSEE: COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS CARD ONLY
YOU KNOW THAT THE SERVICE HAS BEEN COMPLETED OR IF THE
VEHICLE IS NOT IN YOUR POSSESSION

- ☐ This service was previously performed (check one): ☐ Inspected ☐ repaired
☐ This vehicle was (check one): ☐ scrapped ☐ stolen ☐ exported
☐ This vehicle was sold. Please fill in the following information only sold to a retail buyer — **not** to a dealer:

● Date of Sale:

Mo.	Day	Yr.	

 (Example:

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• New Owner's Title (check one): 1. ☐ Mr. 2. ☐ Mrs. 3. ☐ Miss 4. ☐ Rev.
5. ☐ Dr. 6. ☐ Business 7. ☐ Ms. 8. ☐ Mr. & Mrs.

●New Owner's Name & Address (Please Type or Print Clearly):

INITIALS	LAST NAME
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STREET ADDRESS

STREET ADDRESS (CONTINUED)

CITY

STATE	ZIP CODE
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VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER S.O. or FLEET NO. NOTIFICATION

JP3BA24K9H

YAPHANK, NY

DEALER NAME

DEALER CODE _____

REPAIR DATE

Through investigation, it was determined that a total of 11 manufacturers are effected by the investigation. Japanese models sold in the United States by American Honda Motor Co., Isuzu Motors of America Inc., Mazda Motor of America Inc., Nissan North America, Daihatsu Motor Co., American , Mitsubishi Motor Sales of America Inc. and Subaru of America Inc. were also with the seat belt buckles. Moreover, Chrysler, General Motors and Ford all had various models manufactured by Japanese companies with the seat belt buckle, but sold under American names such as the Dodge Stealth and the Go series (except Prizm) under General Motors. Ford has vehicles such as the Probe manufactured by Mazda on its' MX-6 platform and the Festiva made by Kia in South Korea, but engineered by Mazda that have the seat belts. However, unlike Chrysler and General Motors, Ford did not admit that their seat belts could be defective.

The number of vehicle models affected by the recall are as follows:

Manufacturer Year/Make/Model	Number of Vehicles	NHTSA Recall Investigation
CHRYSLER	920,000	Recall 95V-103003
1986-91 Dodge Colt		PE94-093
1986-89 Conquest		
1990-91 Dodge Laser		
1990-91 Eagle Talon		
1987-89 Dodge Raider		
1986-91 Dodge Ram, Ram 50		
1991 Dodge Stealth		
1989-91 Eagle Summit		
FORD	265,000	Recall 95V-103011
1988-91 Ford Festiva		PE95-013
1987-89 Mercury Tracer		
GENERAL MOTORS	466,902	Recall 95V-103007
1989-91 Go Metro		EA95-014
1990-91 Go Storm		PE94-092
1989-91 Go Tracker		
HONDA	3,703,814	Recall 95V-103001
1986-91 Honda Civic		EA94-035
1986-91 Honda Prelude		PE94-052
1986-91 Acura Integra		
1986-90 Acura Legend		
1991 Acura SX		
ISUZU	89,902	Recall 95V-103009
1990-91 Isuzu Impulse		EA95-009
1990-91 Isuzu Pickup		PE94-085

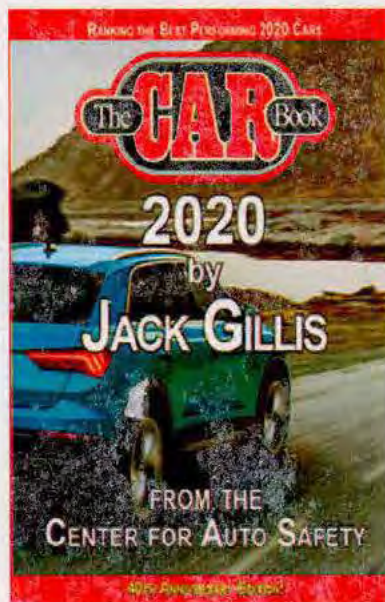
appointment with their dealer to have a "repair kit" installed. A lifetime warranty applies to Mitsubishi automobiles for any seat belt malfunction.

NISSAN: Nissan agreed to replace any buckles whether or not they are broken. The replacement button will be made of POM plastic. A lifetime warranty applies to Nissan automobiles (beginning in the 1989 model year).

SUBARU: Subaru agreed to replace the seat belt buckle assembly where the buckle is damaged. If there was no sign of buckle damage Subaru agreed to modify the seat belt assembly by installing a "Seat Belt Buckle Guide" to prevent future breakage. Subaru agreed to extend a lifetime warranty to all components of the front seat belt assemblies manufactured by Takata.

SUZUKI: Suzuki agreed to replace the red release button in all vehicles with the defective seat belt buckle. A lifetime warranty applies to Suzuki automobiles for any seat belt malfunction.

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DEFECT RECALL CAMPAIGNS

Campaign No	Date 573	Mfr Name	No.of Units	Owner Notified	
95V103 003	<u>23-MAY-1995</u>	DAIMLERCHRYSLER CORPORATION	920000	13-DEC-1995	
Make	Model	Ty/Yr/No	Mfr Camp No	Built From	To
PLYMOUTH	COLT	1990	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
PLYMOUTH	COLT	1991	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
EAGLE	SUMMIT	1989	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
EAGLE	SUMMIT	1990	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
EAGLE	SUMMIT	1991	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
DODGE TRUCK	RAM 50	1989	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
PLYMOUTH	LASER	1991	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
EAGLE	TALON	1990	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
EAGLE	TALON	1991	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
DODGE	STEALTH	1991	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
DODGE TRUCK	RAIDER	1987	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
DODGE TRUCK	RAIDER	1988	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
DODGE TRUCK	RAIDER	1989	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
DODGE TRUCK	RAM 50	1986	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
DODGE TRUCK	RAM 50	1987	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
DODGE TRUCK	RAM 50	1988	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
DODGE	CONQUEST	1986	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
DODGE TRUCK	RAM 50	1990	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
DODGE TRUCK	RAM 50	1991	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
PLYMOUTH	CONQUEST	1986	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
DODGE	COLT	1986	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
DODGE	COLT	1987	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
DODGE	COLT	1988	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
PLYMOUTH	LASER	1990	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
DODGE TRUCK	POWER RAM 50	1991	UNKNOWN		
DODGE TRUCK	POWER RAM 50	1990	UNKNOWN		
DODGE TRUCK	POWER RAM 50	1989	UNKNOWN		
DODGE TRUCK	POWER RAM 50	1988	UNKNOWN		
DODGE TRUCK	POWER RAM 50	1987	UNKNOWN		
DODGE TRUCK	POWER RAM 50	1986	UNKNOWN		
DODGE	COLT	1990	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
DODGE	COLT	1991	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
PLYMOUTH	COLT	1986	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
PLYMOUTH	COLT	1987	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
PLYMOUTH	COLT	1988	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91
DODGE	COLT	1989	UNKNOWN	01-JAN-86	01-DEC-91

System: INTERIOR SYSTEMS:ACTIVE RESTRAINTS:BELT BUCKLES

Defect Descr: THE FRONT SAFETY BELT BUCKLE RELEASE BUTTONS CAN BREAK. THESE RED PLASTIC RELEASE BUTTONS ARE MARKED "PRESS." IF A BUTTON BREAKS, PIECES CAN FALL INTO THE BUCKLE ASSEMBLY CAUSING THE BUCKLE TO OPERATE IMPROPERLY.

Defect Consequence: THE SAFETY BELTS WOULD NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION TO AN OCCUPANT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Corrective Action: OWNERS SHOULD PROMPTLY CHECK THE CONDITION AND OPERATION OF BOTH FRONT SAFETY BELT BUCKLES AND CAREFULLY INSPECT THE RED RELEASE BUTTON FOR ANY BREAKS OR CRACKS. THEY SHOULD ENSURE THAT BOTH BUCKLES ARE OPERATING PROPERLY BY

1991 Isuzu Rodeo		
1991 Stylus		
MAZDA	360,433	Recall 95V-103005
1988-89 Mazda 323		EA95-005
1988-89 Mazda 323 Wagon		PE94-081
1988-91 Mazda 929		
1988-89 Mazda MX-6		
1988-91 Mazda MPV		
MITSUBISHI	658,000	Recall 95V-103004
1991 Mitsubishi 3000GT		EA95-004
1986-88 Mitsubishi Cordia		PE94-080
1990-91 Mitsubishi Eclipse		
1986-87 Mitsubishi Galant		
1986-91 Mitsubishi Mirage		
1986-91 Mitsubishi Montero		
1986-91 Mitsubishi Pickup		
1988-90 Mitsubishi Sigma		
1986 Mitsubishi Starion		
1987-90 Mitsubishi Van/Wagon		
NISSAN	2,012,472	Recall 95V103002
1990-91 Infiniti Q45, M30		EA95-007
1987-88 Nissan 200SX		PE94-083
1989-91 Nissan 240SX		
1988-91 Nissan Pathfinder		
1987-91 Nissan Sentra		
1988-91 Nissan Truck (D21)		
1987-90 Nissan Van (C22)		
SUBARU	101,005	Recall 95V-103006
1987-91 Subaru Justy		EA95-008
1988-90 Subaru Loyale		PE94-084
SUZUKI	115,874	Recall 95V103008
1988-91 Suzuki Samari		EA95-006
1989-91 Suzuki Sidekick		PE94-082
1989-91 Suzuki Swift		
TOTAL:	8,700,917	

* Not included in recall, but contain Takata seatbelts



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