



September 7, 2011

Mr. Claude Harris  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attn: Early Warning Division (NVS-217)  
Room: W48-336  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R 579.11 as it applies to a determination by Chrysler Group LLC ("Chrysler") that a safety defect involving Chrysler Grand Voyager vehicles in a foreign country that are substantially similar to Chrysler Town & Country and Dodge Grand Caravan vehicles sold in the U.S., Chrysler submits the following information concerning a foreign safety recall that will be conducted in International Market.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David D. Dillon".

David D. Dillon

Enclosure: Defect Information Report for Chrysler Group LLC Recall L26

## 579 Defect Information Report for Chrysler Group LLC Recall L26

### 573.6(c)(1): Manufacturer's Name, Brand Name

Chrysler Group LLC

### 573.6(c)(2): Identification of Affected Vehicles

Make(s)	Model(s)	Model Year(s)	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture
Chrysler	Grand Voyager	2011	January 3, 2011 to June 7, 2011

### 573.6(c)(2)(iv): Component manufacturer name, address, telephone number, and country of origin:

#### Front brake linings:

**ITT Industries Friction Products**

**Via San Martino, 87**

**12032 Barage, Italy**

**(+39)0175 347120**

**Country of origin: Italy**

#### Rear brake linings:

**Fras-le SA**

**Rodovia RS 122**

**Km 66 # 10945**

**95010550 Caxias do Sul, Grande do Sul, Brazil**

**(+11)5554 3289 1955**

**Country of origin: Brazil**

### 573.6(c)(3): Potentially Affected Vehicle Population

867 (estimated)

### 573.6(c)(5): Description of Defect or Noncompliance

Some vehicles may have been built with incorrect front and rear brake linings that result in a non-compliance with ECE13R for the international market.

### 573.6(c)(6): Chronology of Principal Events Leading to Determination of a Safety Defect

- A new brake lining material had been planned to be launched for the international market for the 2011 MY (model year) Chrysler Grand Voyager.
- Prior to 2011 MY start of production, testing revealed that the new brake lining material did not pass European standard ECE13R certification testing.

- As a corrective action, in December 2010, an engineering bulletin was issued to build the international vehicles with the carry over 2010 MY international Chrysler Grand Voyager linings.
- As a result, a change notice was required to build 2011 MY Chrysler Grand Voyager vehicles with the 2010 MY carry over international market brake linings instead of the previously planned international market brake linings, but due to a system issue it was not issued until May 12, 2011.
- On May 16, 2011, it became apparent due to an inventory discrepancy between production control and the international market brake lining supplier that the international market Chrysler Grand Voyager vehicles were being built the wrong brake linings.
- As a result, Windsor Assembly plant initiated a yard hold to repair forty-four non-conforming vehicles by installing the 2010 MY Chrysler Grand Voyager carryover international market brake linings.
- On June 7, 2011, the change notice was implemented at Windsor Assembly Plant, which initiated a clean point for the international market Chrysler Grand Voyager vehicles.
- This information was presented to the Vehicle Regulations Committee on August 30, 2011, who decided to conduct a safety recall.
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- These vehicles are built for and sold exclusively in markets outside the United States.

**573.6(c)(8): Description of Remedy**

Chrysler will conduct a voluntary safety recall on all affected international market vehicles to replace the brake linings with the 2010 MY international market Chrysler Grand Voyager carry over brake linings. None of the vehicles are located in the United States.