

LEASE AGREEMENT

The DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Owner of the vehicle noted below, hereafter identified as "lessor," and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as lessee, hereafter called the "NHTSA," agree:

1. That the NHTSA will pay lessor \$250.00 per week for the use of a manufacturer-plate ("M-plate") vehicle:

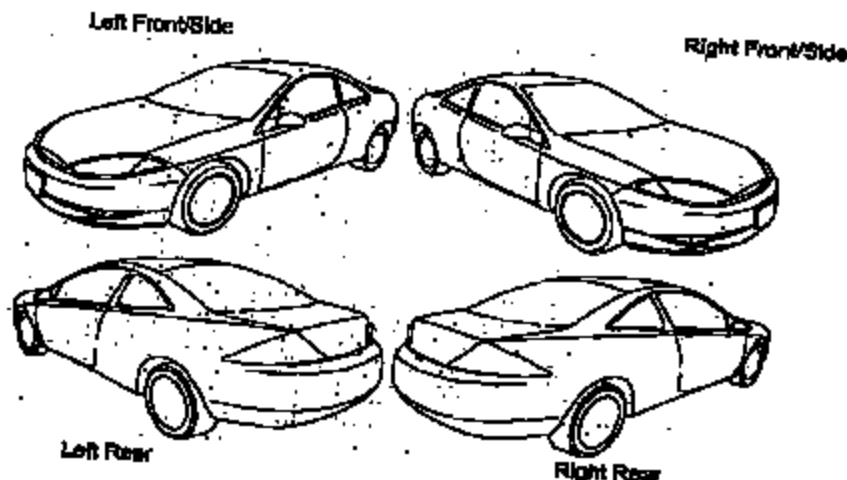
2003	Dodge Durango SLT+	1D8HS58N33F500022
(Model Year)	(Manufacturer/Model)	(Vehicle Identification Number)

for approximately two weeks beginning on or about July 15, 2004 and ending no later than July 30, 2004.

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5. That the NHTSA is under no obligation to repair any pre-existing damage, defects or wear in the vehicle, but it may with the owner's permission and at its own expense effect such repairs as are required for the successful performance of the tests.
6. That lessor will maintain insurance on the vehicle throughout the period of the lease to cover damages to the vehicle incurred as a result of the testing herein described.
7. That, except for damages to the vehicle (see paragraph 6, above), the NHTSA is responsible for any damages caused by its use of the vehicle pursuant to, and to the extent authorized by, the provisions of the Federal Tort Claims Act.
8. That lessor must give written notice within seven (7) days of termination of this lease to the Chief Counsel, NHTSA, in the event that any claim or action arises that may be covered by this agreement. After seven days,

lessor hereby completely releases the NHTSA and all its contractors and subcontractors from any and all claims, demands, or complaints arising in connection with its use of the vehicle.

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I agree that the Condition of the Vehicle as shown is accurate.

(Initials of Lessor's agent)

(Initials of Lessee's agent)

(To be Initialed by both parties at time of delivery)

In Witness Whereof, the parties hereto cause this agreement to be signed this 14th day of July in the year 2004

Robert E. Norton II
Lessor

Kathleen C. Demeter
Lessee

Print Name: Robert E. Norton II
Address: Senior Staff Counsel
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U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Lease Amount: \$ 500.00

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People Saving People

For Official Use Only
US Government Tax Exempt

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DATE July 15, 2004 68-17810

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Daimler Chrysler Corp. \$ 500.00
Five Hundred 00/100 DOLLARS

Not Valid For More Than \$2,500.00

Bank of America

Bank of America, N.A. (USA)
Payable through
Bank of America, N.A.
Richmond, Virginia

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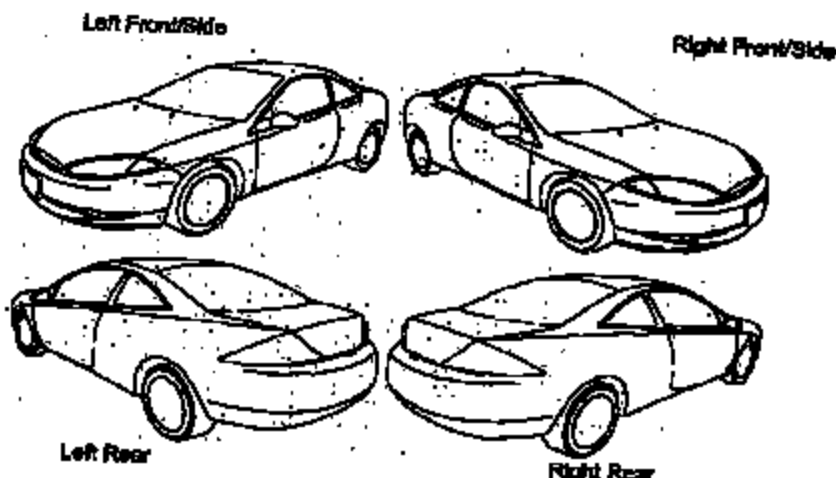
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