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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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

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**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Stephen J. Speth, Director  
DaimlerChrysler Corporation  
800 Chrysler Drive  
Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2757

NVS-212jfa  
PE04-054

Dear Mr. Speth:

This letter is to inform you that the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has opened a Preliminary Evaluation (PE04-054) to investigate allegations of unwanted opening of the power liftgate in certain Chrysler Town & Country and Dodge Grand Caravan vehicles manufactured by DaimlerChrysler Corporation, and to request certain information.

This office has received nine consumer complaint on the 2003 subject vehicles alleging the power liftgate opened, without command, as the vehicles were being driven. Copies of each of the complaints are enclosed for your information.

Unless otherwise stated in the text, the following definitions apply to these information requests:

- **Subject vehicles:** all 2003 Chrysler Town & Country and Dodge Grand Caravan, and all other DaimlerChrysler vehicles equipped with the same power liftgate system as the 2003 model year vehicles, manufactured for sale or lease in the United States.
- **DaimlerChrysler:** DaimlerChrysler Corporation, all of its past and present officers and employees, whether assigned to its principal offices or any of its field or other locations, including all of its divisions, subsidiaries (whether or not incorporated) and affiliated enterprises and all of their headquarters, regional, zone and other offices and their employees, and all agents, contractors, consultants, attorneys and law firms and other persons engaged directly or indirectly (e.g., employee of a consultant) by or under the control of DaimlerChrysler (including all business units and persons previously referred to), who are or, in or after January 1, 1999, were involved in any way with any of the following related to the alleged defect in the subject vehicles:
  - a. Design, engineering, analysis, modification or production (e.g. quality control);
  - b. Testing, assessment or evaluation;



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888-327-4296

- c. Consideration, or recognition of potential or actual defects, reporting, record-keeping and information management, (e.g., complaints, field reports, warranty information, part sales), analysis, claims, or lawsuits; or
  - d. Communication to, from or intended for zone representatives, fleets, dealers, or other field locations, including but not limited to people who have the capacity to obtain information from dealers.
- **Alleged defect:** shall refer to any unwanted opening of the power liftgate.
  - **Document:** "Document(s)" is used in the broadest sense of the word and shall mean all original written, printed, typed, recorded, or graphic matter whatsoever, however produced or reproduced, of every kind, nature, and description, and all non-identical copies of both sides thereof, including, but not limited to, papers, letters, memoranda, correspondence, communications, electronic mail (e-mail) messages (existing in hard copy and/or in electronic storage), faxes, mailgrams, telegrams, cables, telex messages, notes, annotations, working papers, drafts, minutes, records, audio and video recordings, data, databases, other information bases, summaries, charts, tables, graphics, other visual displays, photographs, statements, interviews, opinions, reports, newspaper articles, studies, analyses, evaluations, interpretations, contracts, agreements, jotings, agendas, bulletins, notices, announcements, instructions, blueprints, drawings, as-builts, changes, manuals, publications, work schedules, journals, statistical data, desk, portable and computer calendars, appointment books, diaries, travel reports, lists, tabulations, computer printouts, data processing program libraries, data processing inputs and outputs, microfilms, microfiches, statements for services, resolutions, financial statements, governmental records, business records, personnel records, work orders, pleadings, discovery in any form, affidavits, motions, responses to discovery, all transcripts, administrative filings and all mechanical, magnetic, photographic and electronic records or recordings of any kind, including any storage media associated with computers, including, but not limited to, information on hard drives, floppy disks, backup tapes, and zip drives, electronic communications, including but not limited to, the Internet and shall include any drafts or revisions pertaining to any of the foregoing, all other things similar to any of the foregoing, however denominated by DaimlerChrysler, any other data compilations from which information can be obtained, translated if necessary, into a usable form and any other documents. For purposes of this request, any document which contains any note, comment, addition, deletion, insertion, annotation, or otherwise comprises a non-identical copy of another document shall be treated as a separate document subject to production. In all cases where original and any non-identical copies are not available, "document(s)" also means any identical copies of the original and all non-identical copies thereof. Any document, record, graph, chart, film or photograph originally produced in color must be provided in color. Furnish all documents whether verified by the manufacturer or not. If a document is not in the English language, provide both the original document and an English translation of the document.
  - **Other Terms:** To the extent that they are used in these information requests, the terms "claim," "consumer complaint," "dealer field report," "field report," "fire," "fleet," "good will," "make," "model," "model year," "notice," "property damage," "property damage

claim," "rollover," "type," "warranty," "warranty adjustment," and "warranty claim," whether used in singular or in plural form, have the same meaning as found in 49 CFR 579.4.

In order for my staff to evaluate the alleged defect, certain information is required. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30166, please provide numbered responses to the following information requests. Insofar as DaimlerChrysler has previously provided a document to ODI, DaimlerChrysler may produce it again or identify the document, the document submission to ODI in which it was included and the precise location in that submission where the document is located. When documents are produced, the documents shall be produced in an identified, organized manner that corresponds with the organization of this information request letter (including all individual requests and subparts). When documents are produced and the documents would not, standing alone, be self-explanatory, the production of documents shall be supplemented and accompanied by explanation.

Please repeat the applicable request verbatim above each response. After DaimlerChrysler's response to each request, identify the source of the information and indicate the last date the information was gathered.

1. State, by model and model year, the number of subject vehicles, that DaimlerChrysler has manufactured for sale or lease in the United States. Separately, for each vehicle manufactured to date by DaimlerChrysler, state the following:
  - a. Vehicle identification number (VIN);
  - b. Model;
  - c. Model Year;
  - d. Date of manufacture;
  - e. Date warranty coverage commenced; and
  - f. The State in the United States where the vehicle was originally sold or leased (or delivered for sale or lease).

Provide the information in Microsoft Access 2000, or a compatible format, entitled "PRODUCTION DATA." See Enclosure 1, Data Collection Disc, for a pre-formatted table which provides further details regarding this submission.

2. State the number of each of the following, received by DaimlerChrysler, or of which DaimlerChrysler is otherwise aware, which relate to, or may relate to, the alleged defect in the subject vehicles:
  - a. Consumer complaints, including those from fleet operators;
  - b. Field reports, including dealer field reports;
  - c. Reports involving a crash, injury, or fatality, based on claims against the manufacturer involving a death or injury, notices received by the manufacturer alleging or proving that a death or injury was caused by a possible defect in a subject vehicle, property damage claims, consumer complaints, or field reports;

- d. Reports involving a fire, based on claims against the manufacturer involving a death or injury, notices received by the manufacturer alleging or proving that a death or injury was caused by a possible defect in a subject vehicle, property damage claims, consumer complaints, or field reports;
- e. Property damage claims;
- f. Third-party arbitration proceedings where DaimlerChrysler is or was a party to the arbitration; and,
- g. Lawsuits, both pending and closed, in which DaimlerChrysler is or was a defendant or codefendant.

For subparts "a" through "g" state the total number of each item (e.g., consumer complaints, field reports, etc.) separately. Multiple incidents involving the same vehicle are to be counted separately. Multiple reports of the same incident are also to be counted separately (i.e., a consumer complaint and a field report involving the same incident in which a crash occurred are to be counted as a crash report, a field report and a consumer complaint).

In addition, for items "c" through "g" provide a summary description of the alleged problem and causal and contributing factors and DaimlerChrysler's assessment of the problem, with a summary of the significant underlying facts and evidence. For items f and g, identify the parties to the action, as well as the caption, court, docket number, and date on which the complaint or other document initiating the action was filed.

3. Separately, for each item (complaint, report, claim, notice, or matter) within the scope of your response to Request No. 2, state the following information:
  - a. DaimlerChrysler's file number or other identifier used;
  - b. The category of the item, as identified in Request No. 2 (i.e., consumer complaint, field report, etc.);
  - c. Vehicle owner or fleet name (and fleet contact person), address, and telephone number;
  - d. Vehicle's VIN;
  - e. Vehicle's model and model year;
  - f. Vehicle's mileage at time of incident;
  - g. Incident date;
  - h. Report or claim date;
  - i. Whether a crash is alleged;
  - j. Whether a fire is alleged;
  - k. Whether property damage is alleged;
  - l. Number of alleged injuries, if any; and
  - m. Number of alleged fatalities, if any.

Provide this information in Microsoft Access 2000, or a compatible format, entitled "REQUEST NUMBER TWO DATA." See Enclosure 1, Data Collection Disc, for a pre-formatted table which provides further details regarding this submission.

4. Produce copies of all documents related to each item within the scope of Request No. 2. Organize the documents separately by category (i.e., consumer complaints, field reports, etc.) and describe the method DaimlerChrysler used for organizing the documents.
5. State, by model and model year, a total count for all of the following categories of claims, collectively, that have been paid by DaimlerChrysler to date that relate to, or may relate to, the alleged defect in the subject vehicles: warranty claims; extended warranty claims; claims for good will services that were provided; field, zone, or similar adjustments and reimbursements; and warranty claims or repairs made in accordance with a procedure specified in a technical service bulletin or customer satisfaction campaign.

Separately, for each such claim, state the following information:

- a. DaimlerChrysler's claim number;
- b. Vehicle owner or fleet name (and fleet contact person) and telephone number;
- c. VIN;
- d. Repair date;
- e. Vehicle mileage at time of repair;
- f. Repairing dealer's or facility's name, telephone number, city and state or ZIP code;
- g. Labor operation number;
- h. Problem code;
- i. Replacement part number(s) and description(s);
- j. Concern stated by customer; and
- k. Comment, if any, by dealer/technician relating to the claim and/or repair.

Provide this information in Microsoft Access 2000, or a compatible format, entitled "WARRANTY DATA." See Enclosure 1, Data Collection Disc, for a pre-formatted table which provides further details regarding this submission.

6. Describe in detail the search criteria used by DaimlerChrysler to identify the claims identified in response to Request No. 5, including the labor operations, problem codes, part numbers and any other pertinent parameters used. Provide a list of all labor operations, labor operation descriptions, problem codes, and problem code descriptions applicable to the alleged defect in the subject vehicles. State, by make and model year, the terms of the new vehicle warranty coverage offered by DaimlerChrysler on the subject vehicles (i.e., the number of months and mileage for which coverage is provided and the vehicle systems that are covered). Describe any extended warranty coverage option(s) related to the alleged defect that DaimlerChrysler offered for the subject vehicles and state by option, model, and model year, the number of vehicles that are covered under each such extended warranty.
7. Produce copies of all service, warranty, and other documents that relate to, or may relate to, the alleged defect in the subject vehicles, that DaimlerChrysler has issued to any dealers, regional or zone offices, field offices, fleet purchasers, or other entities. This includes, but is not limited to, bulletins, advisories, informational documents, training documents, or other documents or communications, with the exception of standard shop manuals. Also include

the latest draft copy of any communication that DaimlerChrysler is planning to issue within the next 120 days.

8. Describe all assessments, analyses, tests, test results, studies, surveys, simulations, investigations, inquiries and/or evaluations (collectively, "actions") that relate to, or may relate to, the alleged defect in the subject vehicles that have been conducted, are being conducted, are planned, or are being planned by, or for, DaimlerChrysler. For each such action, provide the following information:
  - a. Action title or identifier;
  - b. The actual or planned start date;
  - c. The actual or expected end date;
  - d. Brief summary of the subject and objective of the action;
  - e. Engineering group(s)/supplier(s) responsible for designing and for conducting the action; and,
  - f. A brief summary of the findings and/or conclusions resulting from the action.

For each action identified, provide copies of all documents related to the action, regardless of whether the documents are in interim, draft, or final form. Organize the documents chronologically by action.

9. State the number of all parts and assemblies related to the alleged defect (including any kits that have been released, or developed, for use in service repairs) that DaimlerChrysler has sold for use in the subject vehicles to date by component name, part number (both service and engineering/production), model and model year of the vehicle in which it is used and month/year of sale, including the cut-off date for sales, if applicable.

For each component part number, provide the supplier's name, address, and appropriate point of contact (name, title, and telephone number) Also identify by make, model and model year, any other vehicles of which DaimlerChrysler is aware that contain the identical component, whether installed in production or in service, and state the applicable dates of production or service usage.

10. Describe all modifications or changes made by, or on behalf of, DaimlerChrysler in the design, material composition, manufacture, quality control, supply, or installation of all components, from the start of production to date, which relate to, or may relate to, the alleged defect in the subject vehicles. For each such modification or change, provide the following information:
  - a. The date or approximate date on which the modification or change was incorporated into vehicle production;
  - b. A detailed description of the modification or change;
  - c. The reason(s) for the modification or change;
  - d. The part numbers (service and engineering) of the original component;
  - e. The part number (service and engineering) of the modified component;

- f. Whether the original unmodified component was withdrawn from production and/or sale, and if so, when;
- g. When the modified component was made available as a service component; and,
- h. Whether the modified component can be interchanged with earlier production components.

Also, provide the above information for any modification or change that DaimlerChrysler is aware of which may be incorporated into vehicle production within the next 120 days.

11. Furnish DaimlerChrysler's assessment of the alleged defect in the subject vehicle, including:

- a. The causal or contributory factor(s);
- b. The failure mechanism(s);
- c. The failure mode(s);
- d. The risk to motor vehicle safety that it poses;
- e. What warnings, if any, the operator and the other persons both inside and outside the vehicle would have that the alleged defect was occurring or subject component was malfunctioning; and
- f. The reports included with this inquiry.

This letter is being sent to DaimlerChrysler pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30166, which authorizes NHTSA to conduct any investigation that may be necessary to enforce Chapter 301 of Title 49 and to request reports and the production of things. It constitutes a new request for information. DaimlerChrysler's failure to respond promptly and fully to this letter could subject DaimlerChrysler to civil penalties pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30165 or lead to an action for injunctive relief pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30163. (Other remedies and sanctions are available as well.) Please note that maximum civil penalties under 49 U.S.C. § 30165 have increased as a result of the recent enactment of the Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability, and Documentation (TREAD) Act, Public Law No. 106-414 (signed November 1, 2000). Section 5(a) of the TREAD Act, codified at 49 U.S.C. § 30165(b), provides for civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per day, with a maximum of \$15 million for a related series of violations, for failing or refusing to perform an act required under 49 U.S.C. § 30166. This includes failing to respond to ODI information requests.

If DaimlerChrysler cannot respond to any specific request or subpart(s) thereof, please state the reason why it is unable to do so. If on the basis of attorney-client, attorney work product, or other privilege, DaimlerChrysler does not submit one or more requested documents or items of information in response to this information request, DaimlerChrysler must provide a privilege log identifying each document or item withheld, and stating the date, subject or title, the name and position of the person(s) from, and the person(s) to whom it was sent, and the name and position of any other recipient (to include all carbon copies or blind carbon copies), the nature of that information or material, and the basis for the claim of privilege and why that privilege applies.

DaimlerChrysler's response to this letter, in duplicate, together with a copy of any confidentiality request, must be submitted to this office by September 17, 2004. Please refer to

PE04-054 in DaimlerChrysler's response to this letter. If DaimlerChrysler finds that it is unable to provide all of the information requested within the time allotted, DaimlerChrysler must request an extension from me at (202) 366-5218 no later than five business days before the response due date. If DaimlerChrysler is unable to provide all of the information requested by the original deadline, it must submit a partial response by the original deadline with whatever information DaimlerChrysler then has available, even if an extension has been granted.

If DaimlerChrysler claims that any of the information or documents provided in response to this information request constitute confidential commercial material within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), or are protected from disclosure pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1905, DaimlerChrysler must submit supporting information together with the materials that are the subject of the confidentiality request, in accordance with 49 CFR Part 512, to the Office of Chief Counsel (NCC-113), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5219, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. DaimlerChrysler is required to submit two copies of the documents containing allegedly confidential information (except only one copy of blueprints) and one copy of the documents from which information claimed to be confidential has been deleted.

If you have any technical questions concerning this matter, please call Mr. John Abbott of my staff at (202) 366-5221.

Sincerely,



Thomas Z. Cooper, Chief  
Vehicle Integrity Division  
Office of Defects Investigation

Enclosure 1, one CD ROM titled Data Collection Disc containing three files  
Enclosure 2, nine Vehicle Owner Questionnaires: 10009295, 10047215, 10079611, 10072251,  
10038513, 10042895, 10060233, 10080137, and 10044040.





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**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name

Address

City

SALINE

State

MI

Zip Code

48176

Evening Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle?  YES  NO  
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side

2C4GP44L23R

Make

CHRYSLER

Model

TOWN AND COUNTRY

Model Year

2003

Date Purchased

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:

No. Cylinders

Fuel Type:

Original Owner

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

Cruise Control

Vehicle Component Code

174200 LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES:HATCHBACK/LIFTGATE:LOCK

Multiple Failure: 1

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Incident Date(s)

Failure Mileage

12853

Failure Speed

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM15ABC036)

Original Equipment  
 Prior Repair

Failure Location:

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE**

Make:

Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type:

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part:

**APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION**

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash

Yes  No

Fire

Yes  No

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

N

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

REAR LIFTGATE HATCH OPENS ON ITS OWN. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT LIFTGATE OPENED WHEN ENGINE IS ON OR OFF. DEALER HAS BEEN CONTACTED. \*AK

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.



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Date Received

06-MAY-2004

Repository Reference No.  
10072251**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name

Address

City

MARION

State IN

Zip Code 46952

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle?  YES  NO  
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1/1

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number located at bottom of windshield on driver's side

2C4GP54LA3R2

Make

CHRYSLER

Model

TOWN AND COUNTRY

Model Year

2003

Date Purchased

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:

No. Cylinders

Fuel Type:

Original Owner

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

 Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

 Cruise Control

Vehicle Component Code

171100 LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES: DOORS: LATCH

Multiple Failure: 1

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Incident Date(s)

Failure Mileage

8000

Failure Speed

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM15ABC036)

 Original Equipment  
 Prior Repair

Failure Location:

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE**

Make:

Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type:

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part:

**APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION**

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash

 Yes  No

Fire

 Yes  No

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

N

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

AT HIGHWAY SPEEDS DRIVER'S SIDE SLIDING DOOR WILL OPEN BY ITSELF. ALSO, THE REAR HATCH WILL DO LIKEWISE. ONCE THE DOORS OPEN, THEY WILL NOT CLOSE MANUALLY OR AUTOMATICALLY FOR AT LEAST 45 MINUTES. \*AK

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

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The Privacy Act of 1974—Public Law 93-502 This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a Manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.



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**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name: [Redacted]  
Address: [Redacted]  
City: JUPITER State: FL Zip Code: [Redacted]  
Daytime Telephone Number: [Redacted] E-mail Address: [Redacted]  
Evening Telephone Number: [Redacted]

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle?  YES  NO  
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.  
Signature of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 3/1/04

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: 2D4GP44L53[Redacted]  
Make: DODGE Model: GRAND CARAVAN Model Year: 2003  
Date Purchased: 25-DEC-03 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: JUPITER DODGE MAZDA 561-743-0411 Engine: No. Cylinders: 6 Fuel Type: Gas  
Original Owner:  Dealer's City: JUPITER State: FL Zip Code: 33458  
Transmission Type: AUTOMATIC  Antilock Brakes Powertrain: FRONT WHEEL DRIVE  
 Cruise Control Vehicle Component Code: 173100 LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES:TAILGATE:LATCH  
Multiple Failure: 1

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Incident Date(s): 22-FEB-2004 Failure Mileage: 6989 Failure Speed: 5

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Tire Model (Name or Number): \_\_\_\_\_ Tire Size (Example P215/65R15): \_\_\_\_\_  
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036): \_\_\_\_\_  Original Equipment  Prior Repair Failure Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tire Component Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Tire Failure Type: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE**

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Manufactured: \_\_\_\_\_ Model No./Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seat Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Installation System: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child Seat Component Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Failed Part: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION**

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash:  Yes  No Fire:  Yes  No  
Number of Persons Injured: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Deaths: \_\_\_\_\_ Reported to Police: N

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).  
Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

ERRATICALLY, THE REAR TAILGATE DOES NOT LOCK PROPERLY AND OPENS WHILE DRIVING. NO AJAR WARNING LIGHT SHOWN ON THE DASH EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE INCIDENTS. THE MECHANISM SOUNDS LIKE IT HAS CLOSED BUT IT IS NOT BECAUSE THE LOCK IN THE TAILGATE HAS ALREADY CLOSED BEFORE IT HAS REACHED THE LATCH, THEREFORE PREVENTING PROPER CLOSURE. I HAVE DUPLICATED THIS ISSUE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH BOTH KEYLESS ENTRY REMOTE AND ROOF CONSOLE CONTROL. DEALER REPEATEDLY REPORTS THAT THEY CANNOT DUPLICATE ISSUE, DENIES REPAIR/REPLACEMENT EVEN THOUGH THE TAILGATE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY REPLACED BECAUSE OF DAMAGE INCURRED BY THE TAILGATE POPPING OPEN WHILE DRIVING. \*AK

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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10009295

## OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City DIXON

State CA

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

Evening Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle?  YES  NO

In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date

## VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side

2CBGP64L63

Make

CHRYSLER

Model

TOWN AND COUNTRY

Model Year

2003

Date Purchased  
29-NOV-02

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:  
No: Cylinders 6Fuel Type:  
Gas

Original Owner

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

 Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

 Cruise Control

Vehicle Component Code

162600 STRUCTURE: BODY: HATCHBACK/LIFTGATE

Multiple Failure: 3

## FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)  
18-FEB-2003Failure Mileage  
4213Failure Speed  
35

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)

 Original Equipment  
 Prior Repair

Failure Location:

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make:

Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type:

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part:

## APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash

 Yes No

Fire

 Yes No

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

N

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

THE REAR TAIL GATE POPPED WIDE OPEN ON FREEWAY AND THE DOG JUMPED OUT. THE DEALER MECHANIC FOUND THAT THE REAR LATCH WAS LATCHED WITHOUT THE GATE CLOSED AND THERE WAS NO WARNING LIGHT ON THE DASH. CAUSE: INCOMPLETE LATCH RELEASE. PAWL SWITCH FAILURE.

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20-NOV-2003

Repository Reference No.  
10047215**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name

Address

City BRONX

State NY

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle?  YES  NO  
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Signature of Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/1/03

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side

2D4GP44L83

Make

DODGE

Model

GRAND CARAVAN

Model Year

2003

Date Purchased

28-MAY-03

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

MAJOR DODGE 718-786-2100

Engine:

No: Cylinders 6

Fuel Type:

Gas

Original Owner

Dealer's City

LONG ISLAND CITY

State

NY

Zip Code

11101

Transmission Type

AUTOMATIC

 Antilock Brakes Cruise Control

Powertrain

FRONT WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code

171100 LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES; DOORS: LATCH

Multiple Failure: 1

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**Incident Date(s)  
14-NOV-2003Failure Mileage  
3787Failure Speed  
0**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)

 Original Equipment  
 Prior Repair

Failure Location:

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE**

Make:

Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type:

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part:

**APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION***(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)*

Crash

 Yes No

Fire

 Yes No

Number of Persons Injured

0

Number of Deaths

0

Reported to Police

N

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

WHEN USING THE KEYLESS ENTRY TO OPEN THE REAR TAILGATE, THE GATE LOCKS SOMETIMES WHILE IT IS OPENED. WHEN YOU THEN CLOSE IT USING THE KEYPAD, THE DOOR LOWERS AND THE INSTRUMENT PANEL WARNING LIGHT SAYS DOOR IS CLOSED, BUT IT IS NOT REALLY LOCKED AND CAN OPEN WHILE DRIVING. ALSO HAPPENS WHEN USING OVERHEAD CONSOLE SWITCH. DODGE WAS NOT CONCERNED WHEN I BROUGHT IT FOR WARRANTY AND JUST PUT ON REPAIR ORDER THAT THEY COULD NOT DUPLICATE IT ALTHOUGH I SHOWED THEM THE SAME FAILURE AFTER OPENING AND CLOSING 3 TIMES. \*LA

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**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name

Address

City SAINT CHARLES

State MO

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle?  YES  NO

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Signature of Owner

Date / /

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side

2C8GP64L53

Make

CHRYSLER

Model

TOWN AND COUNTRY

Model Year

2003

Date Purchased

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:

No: Cylinders

Fuel Type:

Original Owner

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

Antilock Brakes

Cruise Control

Powertrain

Vehicle Component Code

162600 STRUCTURE:BODY:HATCHBACK/LIFTGATE

Multiple Failure: 2

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Incident Date(s)

21-JUN-2004

Failure Mileage

31000

Failure Speed

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)

Original Equipment  
 Prior Repair

Failure Location:

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE**

Make:

Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type:

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part:

**APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION**

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash

Yes  No

Fire

Yes  No

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

N

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

ON 2 SEPARATE OCCASIONS HATCHBACK POPPED OPEN BY ITSELF. THE SECOND TIME THIS FAILURE OCCURRED HATCH BACK HIT A BRICK WALL IN A PARKING LOT. THE REAR WINDSHIELD AND WINDSHIELD WIPERS BROKE. THE DEALERSHIP WAS CONTACTED, BUT DIDNT PROVIDE ANY ASSISTANCE. \*AK

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.

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09-SEP-2003

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10036513**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name

Address

City TEMPE

State AZ

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

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Signature of Owner

Date / /

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side

2C8GP54L63

Make

CHRYSLER

Model

TOWN AND COUNTRY

Model Year

2003

Date Purchased

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:

No: Cylinders

Fuel Type:

Original Owner

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

 Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

 Cruise Control

Vehicle Component Code

162600 STRUCTURE:BODY:HATCHBACK/LIFTGATE

Multiple Failure: 1

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Incident Date(s)

22-AUG-2003

Failure Mileage

Failure Speed

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)

 Original Equipment  
 Prior Repair

Failure Location:

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE**

Make:

Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type:

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part:

**APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION**

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(es).)

Crash

 Yes  No

Fire

 Yes  No

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

N

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(es).


Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e. parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

LIFTGATE SUDDENLY POPPED OPEN WITHOUT WARNING WHILE DRIVING. DEALERSHIP INDICATED THAT THEY WERE GOING TO REPLACE THE TAILGATE MODULE, AND THAT SHOULD CORRECT THE PROBLEM. \*AK

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.

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<b>OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)</b>					
Name		Daytime Telephone Number		E-mail Address	
Address		Evening Telephone Number			
City	State	Zip Code			
HAWKINSVILLE	GA				
Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer. Signature of Owner _____ Date ____/____/____					
<b>VEHICLE INFORMATION</b>					
17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side 2CBGP64L6		Make CHRYSLER	Model TOWN AND COUNTRY	Model Year 2003	
Date Purchased	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number		Engine: No: Cylinders	Fuel Type:	
Original Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dealer's City	State	Zip Code		
Transmission Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antilock Brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control	Powertrain	Vehicle Component Code 162610 STRUCTURE-BODY:HATCHBACK/LIFTGATE-HINGE AND ATTA Multiple Failure: 2		
<b>FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION</b>					
Incident Date(s) 14-MAY-2004	Failure Mileage 38000	Failure Speed			
<b>ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE</b>					
Tire Make	Tire Model (Name or Number)		Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)		
DOT No. (Example: DOTM1SABC036)	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Prior Repair	Failure Location:			
Tire Component Code			Tire Failure Type		
<b>ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE</b>					
Make:	Date Manufactured:	Model No./Name:			
Seat Type:	Installation System:				
Child Seat Component Code:	Failed Part:				
<b>APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION</b> <i>(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(es).)</i>					
Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Deaths	Reported to Police N	
Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies). Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).					
WHILE DRIVING HATCHBACK INTERMITTENTLY OPENED. NO WARNING LIGHT SHOWN BEFORE OR AFTER THE INCIDENT. DEALERSHIP WAS NOTIFIED, REPROGRAMED THE LIFT-GATE MODULE DID NOT RESOLVE THE PROBLEM. A NEW LATCH MECHANISM WAS INSTALLED A WEEK AGO AND THE PROBLEM HAS NOT RE-OCCURRED.					
Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.			ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY		
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Daytime Telephone Number	E-mail Address
Evening Telephone Number	

**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City: KNOXVILLE State: TN Zip Code: [REDACTED]

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Signature of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side 2D4GP74LD3 [REDACTED]	Make DODGE	Model GRAND CARAVAN	Model Year 2003
Date Purchased 19-SEP-02	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number BURGIN DODGE		Engine: No: Cylinders
Original Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dealer's City KNOXVILLE	State TN	Zip Code 37912
Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Antiflock Brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control	Powertrain	Vehicle Component Code 173100 LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES:TAILGATE:LATCH Multiple Failure: 1	

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Incident Date(s) 15-OCT-2003	Failure Mileage 15354	Failure Speed 25
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**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make	Tire Model (Name or Number)	Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Prior Repair	Failure Location:
Tire Component Code	Tire Failure Type	

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE**

Make:	Date Manufactured:	Model No./Name:
Seat Type:	Installation System:	
Child Seat Component Code:	Failed Part:	

**APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION**  
(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured:	Number of Deaths	Reported to Police N
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Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).  
Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

WHILE DRIVING, THE TAILGATE LOOSENEED AND FLEW OPEN. DRIVER DROVE VEHICLE TO THE DEALERSHIP FOR ANALYSIS AND THE MECHANIC TOLD HIM THAT THE TIMING INSIDE OF THE LOCK MECHANISM WAS OFF AND CAUSED THE DOOR TO LOCK PREMATURELY. \*AK \*PH \*JB

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