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Stephan J. Speth, Director
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EA06-003

Dear Mr. Speth:

This letter is in reference to the Office of Defects Investigation's Engineering Analysis (EA06-003) concerning frame rail-mounted front air bag crash sensor failures due to corrosion on model year (MY) 2005 and 2006 DaimlerChrysler Minivans.

Enclosed please find a CD-ROM that contains the final test report and all underlying data for a 25-mph, 40%-offset deformable barrier impact test that was conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) at MGA Research Corporation on September 13, 2006. A copy of the CD is being placed in NHTSA's Public File under EA06-003.

If you have any technical questions concerning the crash test, please call Mr. Michael Lee of my staff at (202) 366-5236.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Matthias Spaeth, Robert Bosch Corporation, with Enclosure
NHTSA Public File for EA06-003 with Enclosure



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