

September 24, 2007

[REDACTED]  
Southbridge, MA [REDACTED]

Reference No.: 16755716

VIN: 1B7HF13Y71 [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

This letter is in response to your contact to Chrysler Motors Corporation, regarding your 2001 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup.

Naturally, we were sorry to learn of the incident described to us during the initial contact. However, I have had the opportunity to review the inspection report and I must inform you that I am not led to believe that a manufacturing responsibility exists in this matter. Our records indicate that this vehicle was not involved in a hood-latch recall. It was also noted that the hood-latch is not rusted or corroded. Lubrication of the hood latch is a maintenance item. Therefore, we must respectfully decline any responsibility associated with this incident.

Based on this information, we can only suggest that you refer this matter to your insurance carrier. Should they feel a manufacturing responsibility exists, they have full subrogation rights under the terms of your policy.

Sincerely,

M. R. Porterfield  
Special Investigations  
(248) 944-7134

MRP/kat



**IF CRASH DAMAGED:**

PERSPECTIVE FROM EVERY  
CORNER OF VEHICLE DOWN  
BOTH ORIGINAL LATERAL  
SIGHT LINES(8 TOTAL)  
- ANY RECENT VEHICLE  
SERVICE

☐ YES ☒ NO

☐ UNKNOWN

IF YES, ENCLOSE COPIES OF  
REPAIR ORDERS

☐ ALL REPORTS/PHOTOS BY  
OTHERS  
- ADDRESS OF INSPECTION  
Address **Cedar Brook Equistri**  
1  
Address **55 Putnam Hill Rd**  
2  
City **Sutton**  
State **MA**  
Zip **01590**  
Phone **508-865-8500**

☐ YES ☒ NO

- IF YES, DESCRIBE AND PHOTOGRAPH

**PART B - EXTERIOR/INTERIOR VEHICLE DAMAGE****REQUIRED PHOTOGRAPHS:**

- ☒ WINDSHIELD
- ☒ ALL AREAS OF DAMAGE  
MARKINGS ON INTERIOR  
AND EXTERIOR
- ☐ CLOSE UPS OF STAINS,  
SKIN, HAIR, CLOTH
- ☐ EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR  
DAMAGE INCLUDING  
UNDERCARRIAGE

**INFORMATION:**

- ☒ DESCRIBE ANY INJURIES TO  
DRIVER AND/OR OTHER  
OCCUPANTS
- ☐ SEE SEAT BELT/SEATS  
SECTION IF APPLICABLE

**DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE:** left and right side hood corners bent/distorted.  
**Right and left side hood hinges bent/distorted. Crease in right side front  
door. INJURIES:** There were no reported injuries associated with this  
incident.

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PART C - AIRBAG(S)

REQUIRED PHOTOGRAPHS

- ☒ STEERING WHEEL
- ☐ AIRBAG(S)
- ☐ KNEE BLOCKERS
- ☐ ALL POSSIBLE LOCATIONS OF CONTACT

AECM INFORMATION

- SOFTWARE VERSION:

3.0

- SERIAL NUMBER :

-

- PART NUMBER :

56043128AF

- DOES AIRBAG WARNING LIGHT CYCLE ON?

☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A

- ARE WARNING LABELS PRESENT (PHOTO)

☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A

- RECORD LABEL PART NUMBER

☐ COMPLETE PART D

- PHOTOGRAPH REQUIRED FOR DRB SCREENS & RECORD FAULTS
- WERE THERE DRB READINGS TAKEN?

☒ YES ☐ NO IF NO, EXPLAIN

- RECORD ACTIVE DTC'S EXACTLY AS APPEAR :	MIN	COUNT
NO DTCs DETECTED	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
- RECORD STORED DTC'S (MINUTES/COUNTS) :	MIN	COUNT
NO DTCs DETECTED	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

- WAS AIRBAG DEPLOYED?

DRIVER ☐ YES ☒ NO

IF NO, EXPLAIN

NOT DEPLOYED

PASSENGER ☐ YES ☒ NO

IF NO, EXPLAIN

NOT DEPLOYED

SIDE AIRBAG ☐ YES ☐ NO ☒ N/A

IF NO, EXPLAIN

- WHICH SIDE DEPLOYED?

☐ LEFT ☐ RIGHT ☒ N/A ☐ BOTH

- TYPE OF SIDE AIRBAG

☐ SEAT ☐ CURTAIN ☒ N/A

- TYPE OF STEERING WHEEL

☒ TILT ☐ STANDARD

- ANY DAMAGE TO STEERING WHEEL

☐ YES ☒ NO

IF YES, EXPLAIN

DO NOT ERASE DRB READINGS

IS VEHICLE EQUIPPED WITH PASSENGER AIRBAG DEFAULT SWITCH?

☒ YES ☐ NO

IF YES,

☒ NOTE POSITION OF PASSENGER A/B SWITCH

☐ ON ☐ OFF ☐ N/A

- EVIDENCE OF TAMPERING OR DISASSEMBLY?

☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ N/A

IF YES, EXPLAIN

CHECK ENTIRE UNDERBODY FOR HIDDEN DAMAGE INCLUDING FRONT AND REAR SUSPENSION COMPONENTS

- UNDERBODY DAMAGED?

☐ YES ☒ NO

IF YES, EXPLAIN

PHOTOGRAPH REQUIRED

PART D - SEATS/SHOULDER BELTS

REQUIRED

PHOTOGRAPHS:

- ☐ OVERALL SEAT BELTS I/B & O/B
- ☐ CLOSE UP OF ANY IRREGULARITIES
- ☐ LATCHPLATE WEAR
- ☐ CLOSE UP D-RING TO SHOW LOADING
- ☐ OVERALL OF SEAT
- ☐ CLOSE UP OF DAMAGE
- ☒ RECORD DTC'S:

INFORMATION:

- LOCATE SEAT BELT LABELS AND RECORD ALL INFORMATION (SOME LABELS ARE SEWN TO WEBBING, OTHER LABELS ARE ON THE RETRACTOR FRAME: INBOARD SEAT BELT LABELS ARE NEAR THE FLOOR):

- RECORD ALL INFORMATION STAMPED ON LATCHPLATE

LF:A095 RF:A1001

- PRETENSION DEPLOYED?

☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

- EXISTING LOCATION OF RECLINER - DESCRIBE THE LOCATION AND PICTURE OF SEAT BACK WITH B PILLOR AS REFERENCE AND INCLINOMETER READING

EXISTING LOCATION OF HEAD RESTRAINT (MEASURE GAP UNDER HEAD RESTRAINT):

0"

IF ALLOWED. FUNCTION BELTS TO INSURE THEY FUNCTION PROPERLY

NOTE RESULTS

- DOES THE BUCKLE LATCH?

☒ YES ☐ NO

IF NO, EXPLAIN

- DO THEY RELEASE?

☒ YES ☐ NO

IF NO, EXPLAIN

- DO THEY RETRACT?

☒ YES ☐ NO

IF NO, EXPLAIN

- ANY LOOSENESS OR BROKEN PARTS

☐ YES ☒ NO

IF YES, EXPLAIN?

- CHECK FOR SEAT RETAINING BOLTS

☒ NORMAL

- ☐ BROKEN
- ☐ LOOSE
- ☐ MISSING

- NOTE AND RECORD APPROX. SEAT TRACK OVERLAP

**PART - E TRANSMISSION NOT APPLICABLE**

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