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Office of Defects Investigation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Quandt:

Reference: NVS-213cla; PE08-052

This document contains Chrysler LLC's ("Chrysler") response to the referenced inquiry regarding reports that the 2007 model year Dodge Charger police vehicle gearshift cable may separate from its mounting bracket and the gear indicator ("PRNDL") may not indicate the correct gear position. In performing the analysis and reaching conclusions, and by providing the information contained herein, Chrysler is not waiving its claim to attorney work product and attorney-client privileged communications.

Through analysis and inspection of subject vehicles, Chrysler has identified the potential for the gearshift cable retention feature to be partially engaged during vehicle assembly. If that occurs, the cable may disengage from its mounting bracket and the PRNDL may not indicate the correct gear position. This information was presented to Chrysler's Vehicle Regulations Committee on October 28, 2008 who decided to conduct a safety recall to add a redundant locking mechanism to the gearshift cable at the mounting bracket.

Per the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, a Defect Information Report has been submitted to NHTSA. Per telephone discussion between you and members of my staff, it was agreed that a summary of volume, complaint and warranty claim information (attached) would be sufficient for response to the PE08-052 Information Request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.J. Speth".

Stephan J. Speth

Attachment

The PE08-052 subject components (transmission gearshift cable and mounting bracket) are used exclusively on 2006 – 2009 model year Dodge Charger and Magnum police package vehicles equipped with a column shifter.

On October 21, 2008 Chrysler added a redundant locking mechanism to the transmission gearshift cable at the mounting bracket to ensure proper retention and shift linkage function.

Chrysler manufactured approximately 20,283 Dodge Charger and Magnum police package vehicles for the US market between the start of the 2006 model year and the 2009 model year vehicles built through October 21, 2008.

For the PE08-052 subject vehicles (2007 model year Dodge Charger and Magnum police vehicles), a search of the normal repositories of such information found 299 warranty claims that may be related to the alleged condition (gear indicator (“PRNDL”) may not indicate the correct gear position). Of those, 52 included a claim for vehicle towing that may be related.

The chart below tallies the consumer complaints (Customer Assistance Inquiry Records (CAIRs)), field reports, and legal matters that may relate to the alleged condition for the PE08-052 subject vehicles (2007 model year Dodge Charger and Magnum police vehicles).

	<b>CAIR</b>	<b>FIELD</b>	<b>LEGAL</b>	<b>DUPLICATES</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
<b>CAIR</b>	9	0	0	0	9
<b>FIELD</b>	0	55	0	0	55
<b>LEGAL</b>	0	0	0	0	0
Unique VINs = 64				Total	64

For these 2007 model year subject vehicles, there no reports alleging crash, injury, fatality or property damage that are responsive to this inquiry. In addition, there are no third-party arbitration proceedings involving Chrysler, or any legal matters, claims or lawsuits involving Chrysler, or notices received by Chrysler, that are responsive to this inquiry.

The above warranty and compliant data represent that for the 2007 model year vehicles that are the subject of this investigation. Due to commonality of the subject component design and assembly process utilized for the 2006 – 2009 model year Dodge Charger and Magnum police package vehicles built through October 21, 2008, Chrysler has expanded the affected vehicle population to also include the 2006, 2008 and a portion of the 2009 model years.