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Ron

As we just discussed, FHWA will be doing another crash test of the Grand Cherokee with the hose under the frame rail (1999-04) to go along with the hose through the frame rail (1993-98) crash test. The model tested had the OE steel skid plate (0.110" thick) which was not installed in all the 1993-98 models. It is unclear whether it was optional in all years or standard but it made no difference in the test because the relative movement of the frame rail with the pinched hose to the fuel tank pulled the filler hose & check valve out of the tank.

We will let NHTSA know when the next test will run.

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