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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

Chrysler, LLc P.O. Box 21-8004 CIMS: 431-00-01

Auburn Hills, MI, 48321-8004

RE: Consumer Complaints-100484, Mr.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General has received the enclosed complaint about your business practices.

While we do not represent the complainant as their attorney in this matter, our office does undertake efforts to mediate consumer complaints. That is the purpose of this contact with you. In addition, it is our duty under Arkansas' Deceptive Trade Practices Act to investigate potentially unfair or deceptive trade practices.

We respectfully request a written response from you regarding the complainant's allegations within ten (10) business days of your receipt of this letter, including any documents you think are relevant in supporting or explaining your position. Please include the complaint number and my hame on all correspondence regarding this matter. If you would like to provide your response electronically, please email your response along with any attached documents to complaint.responses@arkansasag.gov, and include the complaint number and my name in the subject line of the email.

Your response to the complainant's allegations is required for us to conduct a fair evaluation of this matter. We will share your response with the consumer who has filed the complaint with our office. Our goal is to resolve this consumer complaint in a fashion that is acceptable to both the consumer and you. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Investigator

Consumer Protection Division

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Office of the General Counsel

Sherrell Givens

From: Sent: To: Subject:	Thursday, January 10, 2013 3:08 PM Consumer Division Consumer Complaint Form
This information was recently s	ubmitted via the web.
Your Information	
City:Lowell	
State:AR	
Work Phone: Same	
Age: 75	
Email:	
Firm/Individual Complained Aga	ainst Information
Name: Chrysler Corporation, Cli	MS Legal Department
Address: 1000 Chrysler	
City: Auburn Hills	
State:MI	
Zip: 48326	
Phone:1-888-922-7329	
Email:	
Website:	

at or Service involved Information

Product or Service involved: 2006 Dodge Viper

Date of Transaction:

Did you sign a contract? Yes X No

Have you contacted the company?

Yes X No

Have you consulted an attorney? Yes X No

If so, who?

Is there a court action pending?
Yes X No

If so, where?

Estimate of dollars involved: \$55,000. - \$60,000.

Your view as to a fair resolution of the matter:

On December 2, 2012, a defective rear wheel knuckle snapped on my 2006 Dodge Viper while driving causing total damage and injury. This also happened on a Floridian's 2005 Dodge Viper on January 2, 2013 except it was the left knuckle. He has not received an estimate of damages yet. At this time, I believe, for the safety of other Viper owners, that a complete and thorough investigation is done and restitution be made for the damaged/totaled vehicles by Chrysler. Currently, Chrysler accepts no responsibility for these two vehicles. Serious injury or death could have resulted and may in the future if they do not seriously look into this defect. This is frightening to think of what may happen to others driving this vehicle. Thank you.

PLEASE EXPLAIN THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING YOUR COMPLAINT. YOU WILL BE CALLED UPON TO PROVIDE COPIES (NOT ORIGINALS) OF ANY CONTRACTS, SALES SLIPS, CANCELED CHECKS, ADVERTISEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, OR RELATED DOCUMENTS.

Chrysler must accept responsibility for these accidents and definitely investigate the issue/defective part so no lives are lost.

The information contained here is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Arkansas Attorney General's office does not represent individuals in matters involving private disputes. I am, however, filing this complaint to notify the Attorney General's office of the activities of this party and for any other assistance which may be rendered. I give my permission for this complaint to be referred to other agencies when appropriate.



ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ARKANSAS Dustin McDaniel 323 Center Street, Suite 200 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201



Chrysler, LLc P.O. Box 21-8004 CIMS: 431-00-01 Auburn Hills, Ml, 48321-8004

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FILE TYPE Legal Claim

FILE NAME

CAIR # 22857460

DATE OF 11/30/2012 **INCIDENT**

DATE OF 12/04/2012

NOTICE

MODEL/MODEL 2006 Dodge Viper Srt10 Coupe

YEAR

VIN 1B3JZ69Z66V

MILEAGE 12,000

OWNER

Lowell, AR

Lowell, AR

COURT N/A
DOCKET # N/A

ALLEGED Wheels & Tires: Came off **DEFECT**

DESCRIPTION The rear control arm broke and rear wheel fell off.

CRASH Yes
PROPERTY No
DAMAGE

INJURIES 1
FATALITIES 0

ANALYSIS An inspection suggested the damage was impact related. The

photos show extensive damage to the front of the vehicle that extends to the underbody. If the control arm broke while driving the entire wheel would have been compromised and most likely detached from the vehicle. No indication of a manufacturing

related concern.

FILE TYPE Legal Claim

FILE NAME

CAIR # 20824404

DATE OF INCIDENT

MODEL/MODEL

05/14/2011

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DATE OF 05/15/2011

NOTICE

2004 Dodge Viper Srt-10

YEAR

VIN 1B3JZ65Z74V

MILEAGE 11,181

OWNER

Wrentham, MA

COURT N/A
DOCKET # N/A

ALLEGED DEFECT

Suspension: Control Arm/Ball Joints: Broke

DESCRIPTION

The customer stated that while driving in a straight line the vehicle lurched as if hit, he lost control and crashed. The owner

believes poor casting quality is cause.

CRASH Yes

PROPERTY

No

DAMAGE

INJURIES 0

FATALITIES 0

ANALYSIS

An inspection revealed¹ the steering arm knuckle is broken and the lower ball joint is bent indicating it was attached at the time of impact. The damage appears to be impact related. Photos indicate no manufacturing related concerns with the control arm

that caused or contributed to the accident.

FILE TYPE Legal Claim

FILE NAME

CAIR# 13413131

DATE OF 03/14/2005 **INCIDENT**

DATE OF

03/16/2005

NOTICE

MODEL/MODEL

2004 Dodge Viper Srt-10

YEAR

VIN 1B3JZ65Z54V

4,006 **MILEAGE**

OWNER

Beverly Hills, CA

COURT N/A

DOCKET # N/A

Axle: Axle Shaft: Broke **ALLEGED**

DEFECT

DESCRIPTION Customer stated something broke while accelerating at 25

MPH, vehicle went into a spin and hit curb.

CRASH Yes

PROPERTY

No

DAMAGE

INJURIES 0

FATALITIES 0

An inspection revealed¹ there was evidence of severe **ANALYSIS**

impact to right rear wheel causing damage to suspension

components, including the knuckle. There was no indication of a manufacturing related concern.

FILE TYPE Legal Claim

FILE NAME

CAIR # 18596334

DATE OF INCIDENT

04/28/2009

DATE OF

05/19/2009

NOTICE

MODEL/MODEL

2008 Dodge Viper Srt10 Convertible

YEAR

VIN 1B3JZ65Z88V

MILEAGE 4,800

OWNER

Nokomis, FL

COURT N/A

DOCKET # N/A

ALLEGED Wheels & Tires

DEFECT Axle

DESCRIPTION Customer stated he was driving around a curve to the left

when the right rear axle broke causing him to lose control

of the vehicle hitting the curb.

CRASH Yes

PROPERTY

DAMAGE

No

INJURIES 0
FATALITIES 0

ANALYSIS An inspection revealed¹ a repair on a steering arm knuckle

and photos suggest all the damages are related to impact.

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ACCURATE ADJUSTMENT CO AUTO OWNERS INSURANCE CO FOR AUTO OWNERS CLAIMS P.O. BOX 67 SARASOTA, FL 34230

(941)956-6728 Fax: (941)966-7261

Written By: Kirk Shivell 04/30/2009 10:27 PM

For: AUTO OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY -

Adjuster: BOB LUCAS

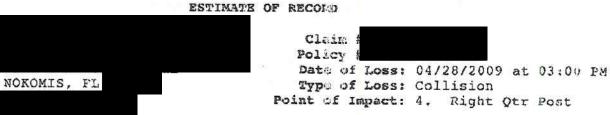
Insured

Address

Collular:

Owner

Day:



Inspect SUNSET DODGE

Location: 7745 SOUTH TAMIAMI TRAIL

SARASOTA, FL 34231

Repair SUNSET DODGE Business: (941)922-2400

Facility: 7745 SOUTH TAMIAMI TRAIL 8 Days to Repair

SARASOTA, FL 34231 License #

Rear Defogger

Dual Mirrors

Power Brakes

AM Radio

Power Mirrors

Search/Seek

Keyless Entry

Xonon Readlamps

2008 DODG VIPER SRT-10 10-8.4L-F 2D CNVT MAROON Int:GRAY VIN: 183JZ65Z88V Lds: SAIL NFL FL Prod Date: Condition: Good

Odometer: 47:9

Air Conditioning Intermittent Wipers Message Centor Fog Lamps Power Steering : Power Locks Power Adjustable Pedals Anti-Lock Brakes (4)

Driver Air Bag 4 Wheel Disc Brakes Positraction

Bucket Seats 6 Speed Transmission Aluminum/Alloy Wheels

Tilt Wheel Theft Deterrent/Alarm Console/Storage Clear Coat Paint Power Windows Power Trunk/Tailgate FM Radio CD Player Passenger Air Bag

Leather Seats Overdrive

Business: (941)922-2400

DRIVE IN

NO.	OP.	DESCRIPTION	QTY	EXT.	PRICE	LABOR	PALNT
1		FRONT BUMPER			·· ·	*	
2*	Rpr	Bumper cover				2.0	3.8
3		Add for Clear Coat				T. 10-10-11	1.5
4		O/H bumper assy				3.4	10000 LED
5		WHEELS					
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ESTIMATE OF RECORD 2008 DODG VIPER SRT-10 10-8.4L-F 2D CNVT MAROON Int:GRAY

NO.	OP.	DESCRIPTION	QTY	EXT.	PRICE	LABOR	PAINT
7*	Repl	RT Wheel, alloy rear, 19x13 code WPE	1	1114.	00 11	0.3	M
8		TIRES					
9*	Renl	MTCH 345/307P19 PTCM CDOPM	4	740	7.5		7279
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10*	Repl	MICH 275/35ZR18 PILOT SPORT 95Y	1	452.	50	0.3	М
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30	167	LT Converter & pipe RESTRAINT CYSTEMS			m	Incl. I	М
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		Body Labor				2.00/hr	
		Paint Labor				2.00/hr	
		Mechanical Labor				9.00/hr	
		Paint Supplies	5	3 hrs @	\$ 24	1.00/hr	127.2
		Sublet/Misc.					50.0

SUBTOTAL

Sales Tax

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ESTIMATE OF RECORD

2008 DODG VIPER SRT-10 10-8.4L-F 2D CNVT MAROON Int: CRAY

TOTAL COST OF REPAIRS

ADJUSTMENTS:
Deductible

TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS
NET COST OF REPAIRS

\$35062.99

\$35062.99

THIS IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO REPAIR. NO SUPPLEMENTS WITHOUT PRIOR COMPAN! INSPECTION AND APPROVAL : 1 ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! APPRAISER: KIRK J. SHIVELL

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ESTIMATE OF RECORD

2008 DODG VIPER SRT-10 16-8.4L-F 2D CNVT MAROON Int: GRAY

TIRE PARTS SUPPLIERS

9 MICH 145/30ZR19 PILOT SPORT 10 10 MICH 175/35ZR18 PILOT SPORT 95

Price: \$ 748.75 Price: \$ 452.50

Tires Plus

Phone: (941)365-1230

FAX:

1103 N. Washington Blvd Sarasota, FL 34236

FILE TYPE Legal Claim

FILE NAME

CAIR # 22949130

DATE OF 12/30/2012 **INCIDENT**

DATE OF

01/03/2013

NOTICE

MODEL/MODEL

YEAR

2005 Dodge Viper Srt-10 Convertible

VIN 1B3JZ65Z95V

MILEAGE 36,000

OWNER

Milton, FL

COURT N/A

DOCKET # N/A

ALLEGED Wheels & Tires:Construction

DEFECT

DESCRIPTION Customer stated the rear tire turned inward causing him to hit a

wall. Customer said it felt like he was rear-ended.

CRASH Yes

PROPERTY

No

DAMAGE

INJURIES 0

FATALITIES (

ANALYSIS A

An inspection revealed¹ the steering arm knuckle is broken. The photos show damage to the left rear wheel surface indicating that the fractured knuckle where the tie rod is attached resulted from impact. The conclusion was the damage was related to impact.

The vehicle was disassembled prior to the inspection.