

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. **99V-115** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: **May 6, 1999**

MANUFACTURER: **DaimlerChrysler Corporation**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Susan M. Clschke, Vice President, Vehicle
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SUBJECT: **8,800 Chrysler 1994-1999 Dodge Ram pickups equipped with manual transmission, V10 engines and four-wheel-drive transfer cases manufactured from late-July 1993 through late-April 1999. Under sustained maximum rated vehicle load, while driving up a steep grade in four-wheel-drive low range in hot ambient conditions, the local exhaust temperature proximate to the hydraulic clutch line can generate line temperatures that exceed the temperature limit of the clutch line material. If this condition occurs and the clutch is depressed, the line could rupture. The fluid could ignite on the hot exhaust possibly resulting in a vehicle fire. Chrysler Campaign No. 828.**

This is an **initial** acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

This recall was the subject of an Engineering Analysis, EA98-005, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

In accordance with Part 577, amended July 7, 1995, a draft owner notification letter must be submitted for review prior to mailing.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. The current quarter began April 1, 1999 and ends on June 30, 1999. If owner notification occurs during this time period, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 1999.

If you have any questions, please call:

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Dear Ms. Cischke:

We have reviewed DaimlerChrysler Corporation's (DaimlerChrysler) Defect Information Report dated May 6, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 8,800 Chrysler 1994-1999 Dodge Ram pickups equipped with manual transmission, V10 engines and four-wheel-drive transfer cases manufactured from late-July 1993 through late-April 1999. Under sustained maximum rated vehicle load, while driving up a steep grade in four-wheel-drive low range in hot ambient conditions, the local exhaust temperature proximate to the hydraulic clutch line can generate line temperatures that exceed the temperature limit of the clutch line material. If this condition occurs and the clutch is depressed, the line could rupture. The fluid could ignite on the hot exhaust possibly resulting in a vehicle fire. The assigned ID Number for this recall campaign is 99V-115 (*Chrysler Campaign No. 828*).

Chrysler is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.

Quarterly Status Reports

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. The quarter began April 1, 1999 and ends on June 30, 1999. If owner notification occurs during this time period, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 1999.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. White, Chief
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Safety Assurance