

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

Assigned Recall No. 00V-366 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: **November 6, 2000**

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SUBJECT: **1,211,756 DaimlerChrysler 2000-2001 Plymouth Neon, Prowler, Chrysler Concorde, LHS, 300M, Dodge Neon, Stratus, Intrepid, Viper, 2000 Plymouth Breeze, Chrysler Cirrus, 2001 Chrysler PT Cruiser, Sebring, Dodge Ram (van/wagon/truck), Dakota, Durango, Jeep Wrangler, Cherokee and Grand Cherokee manufactured from mid-June 1999 through late-October 2000 fail to comply with the requirements of FMVSS No. 225, "Child Restraint Anchorage Systems." Some of the owner's manuals for these vehicles are missing instructions that provide a step-by-step procedure, including diagrams, for properly attaching a child restraint system's tether strap to the tether anchorage. *DaimlerChrysler Campaign No. 957.***

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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle which fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have reviewed your draft dealer/owner letters and they do not meet the requirements of Part 577. *The NHTSA paragraph should have been added even though you are only sending out addendums. However, it is stated that owner notification began November 12, 2000, so it is too late to add this paragraph.*

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. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin November 12, 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2001.

If you have any questions, please call:

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