

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

Assigned Recall No. **01V-253** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: August 1, 2001

MANUFACTURER: DaimlerChrysler Corporation

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SUBJECT: 98,000 DaimlerChrysler 2000-2001 Dodge Ram Vans and Wagons manufactured from August 1999 through March 5, 2001. In the presence of road salt, water, and possibly other debris, the power seat connector located beneath the driver's seat could develop a high resistive short circuit that cycles the circuit breaker. If the circuit breaker cycles for an extended period of time, a sufficient amount of heat could build up in the connector, possibly resulting in a fire. DaimlerChrysler Campaign No. 990

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, EA01-010, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

A draft copy of the notification documents must be submitted to this office by facsimile (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing to owners.

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 during August 2001. Therefore, the first quarterly report was due by October 30, 2001.

If you have any questions, please call:

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