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Mr. Kenneth N. Weinstein
Associate Administrator, Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Reference: NHTSA Identification Number 01V-253

Enclosed are representative copies of communications relating to the 2000 and 2001 model year vehicles involved in the referenced recall. DaimlerChrysler expects to begin owner notification during the week of August 27, 2001. The exact number of manufactured vehicles in the recall is 84,442.

The Involved Vehicle Identification Number range is:

<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>
YK100001	YK182470
1K500004	1K534929

(VIN last eight characters) - Y = 2000 Model Year; 1 = 2001 Model Year; K = Pillette Road Assembly Plant, Windsor, Ontario; and the last six digits = sequential number.

We caution that the above range represents only the lowest and highest VIN sequential numbers included in the recall. This range cannot be used to determine conclusively that a vehicle is involved in the recall because some vehicles with a VIN within the range are not affected by the recall.

This completes DaimlerChrysler's package of information for this recall as required by the Defects Report Regulation.

Sincerely,


M. C. Reynolds

Enclosure: Recall #990

cc: K. C. DeMeter

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Dealer Service Instructions for:

Safety Recall No. 990 – Power Seat Connector

Models

2000-2001 (AB) Dodge Ram Van/Wagon

NOTE: This recall applies only to the above vehicles that are NOT equipped with a power driver's seat (without Sales Code – JRD) built through March 5, 2001 (MDH 0305XX).

IMPORTANT: Some of the involved vehicles may be in dealer new vehicle inventory. Federal law requires you to stop sale and complete this recall service on these vehicles before retail delivery. Dealers should also consider this requirement to apply to used vehicle inventory and should perform this recall on vehicles in for service. Involved vehicles can be determined by using the DIAL VIP System.

Subject

The unused power seat connector under the driver's seat on about 94,000 of the above vehicles may short circuit due to corrosion from exposure to road salt and water. A short circuit can cause a fire in the interior of the vehicle.

Repair

The circuit breaker for the power seat circuit must be removed from the fuse panel. Service instructions are being provided to all vehicle owners known to DaimlerChrysler with the Owner Notification letter. The owners are requested to remove the circuit breaker themselves or, if preferred, to arrange for dealer removal without charge.

Parts Information

No parts are required to perform this service procedure.

Service Procedure

1. Inspect the driver's seat.
 - If the vehicle has had a power driver's seat installed by a van conversion company, the power seat connector is used and this service procedure does NOT apply. Return the vehicle to the customer, no further action is necessary.
 - If the vehicle is equipped with a manual driver's seat adjuster, continue with Step 2.
2. Remove the fuse access panel from the left (driver's side) end of the instrument panel.
3. Using a pair of needle nose pliers, remove the power seat circuit breaker from the fuse panel (Figure 1). Discard the circuit breaker.

NOTE: Circuit breaker removal will only disable the unused power seat circuit. No other electrical components will be affected.
4. Install the fuse access panel onto the end of the instrument panel.

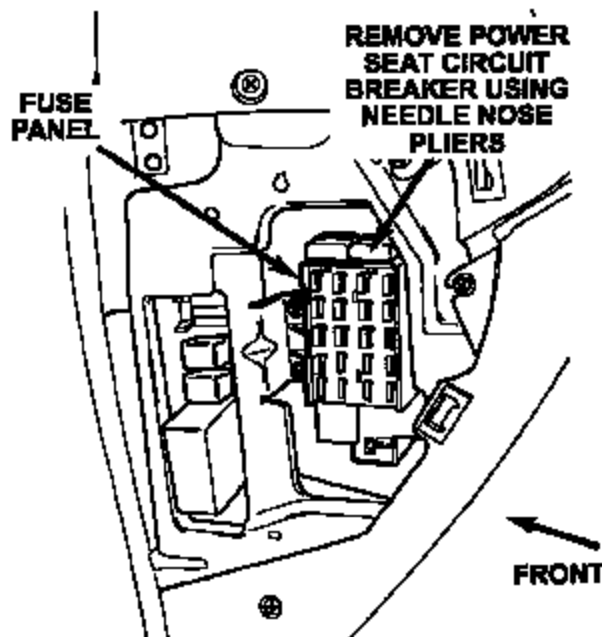


Figure 1

Completion Reporting and Reimbursement

Claims for vehicles that have been serviced must be submitted on the DIAL System. Claims submitted will be used by DaimlerChrysler to record recall service completions and provide dealer payments.

Use one of the following labor operation numbers and time allowances:

	Labor Operation Number	Time Allowance
Inspect driver's seat – Power seat installed	08-99-01-81	0.2 hours
Inspect driver's seat and remove power seat circuit breaker	08-99-01-82	0.2 hours

NOTE: See the Warranty Administration Manual, Recall Claim Processing Section, for complete recall claim processing instructions.

Parts Return

Not required.

Dealer Notification and Vehicle List

All dealers will receive a copy of this dealer recall notification letter by first class mail. Two additional copies will be sent through the DCMMS, and the MDS2 will be updated to include this recall in the near future. **Each dealer to whom involved vehicles were invoiced (or the current dealer at the same street address) will receive a list of their involved vehicles.** The vehicle list is arranged in Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) sequence. Owners known to DaimlerChrysler are also listed. The lists are for dealer reference in arranging for service of involved vehicles.

DIAL System Functions 53 and VIP

All involved vehicles have been entered to DIAL System Functions 53 and VIP for dealer inquiry as needed.

Function 53 provides involved dealers with an updated VIN list of their incomplete vehicles. The customer name, address and phone number are listed if known. Completed vehicles are removed from Function 53 within several days of repair claim submission. To use this system, type "53" at the "ENTER FUNCTION" prompt, then type "ORD990".

Owner Notification and Service Scheduling

All involved vehicle owners known to DaimlerChrysler are being notified of the service requirement by first class mail. They are requested to remove the circuit breaker from their vehicle. Any owner who prefers not to remove the circuit breaker is asked to schedule an appointment for the service with their dealer. A copy of the owner letter is attached.

Enclosed with each owner letter is an Owner Notification Form. The involved vehicle and recall are identified on the form for owner or dealer reference as needed.

Dealers are encouraged to consider alternative scheduling and servicing approaches for this recall. This repair does not require hoists or other full service facility special equipment and is a DaimlerChrysler Mobile Service approved repair.

Vehicle Not Available

If a vehicle is not available for service, let us know by filling out the pre-addressed Owner Notification Form or describe the reason on a postcard and mail to:

DaimlerChrysler Corporation
CIMS 482-00-85
800 Chrysler Drive East
Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326-2757

Additional Information

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this action, please contact your Zone Service Office.

**Customer Services Field Operations
DaimlerChrysler Corporation**

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SAFETY RECALL TO REMOVE YOUR VEHICLE'S UNUSED POWER SEAT CIRCUIT BREAKER

Dear Ram Van or Wagon Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

DaimlerChrysler Corporation has determined that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in some 2000 and 2001 model year Dodge Ram Vans and Wagons that are NOT equipped with a power driver's seat.

The problem is...

The unused power seat electrical connector under the driver's seat on your van or wagon (identified on the enclosed form) may short circuit due to corrosion from exposure to road salt and water. A short circuit can cause a fire in the interior of the vehicle.

What you must do to ensure your safety...

- **You may repair your vehicle yourself by following the instructions printed on the reverse side of this letter. The repair only involves the removal of the power seat circuit breaker.**
- **If you prefer not to remove the circuit breaker yourself, simply contact your dealer right away to schedule a service appointment. Bring the enclosed form with you to your dealer. It identifies the required service to the dealer.**

What DaimlerChrysler and your dealer will do...

DaimlerChrysler will repair your vehicle free of charge (parts and labor). To do this, your dealer will remove the circuit breaker from the power seat circuit. The work will take only a few minutes to complete. However, additional time may be necessary depending on how dealer appointments are scheduled and processed.

If you need help...

If you have questions or concerns which the dealer is unable to resolve, please contact the DaimlerChrysler Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-853-1403. A representative will assist you.

If you have already experienced the problem described above and have paid to have it repaired, you may send your original receipts and/or other adequate proof of payment to the following address for reimbursement: DaimlerChrysler Customer Assistance Center, P.O. Box 1040, St. Charles, MO 63302-1040, Attention: Reimbursement.

If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

We're sorry for any inconvenience, but we are sincerely concerned about your safety. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Customer Services Field Operations
DaimlerChrysler Corporation

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***Buckle up
for Safety***

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Power Seat Circuit Breaker Removal Instructions:

1. Inspect the driver's seat.
 - If the vehicle has had a power driver's seat installed by a van conversion company, the power seat connector is used and this service procedure does NOT apply. Please print "POWER SEAT INSTALLED" on the bottom of the enclosed Owner Notification Form under your address. Separate the form at the perforation and place the postage paid Owner Notification Form in the mail. No further action is necessary.
 - If the vehicle is equipped with a manual driver's seat adjuster, continue with Step 2.

2. Remove the fuse access panel from the left (driver's side) end of the instrument panel.

3. Using a pair of needle nose pliers, remove the power seat circuit breaker from the fuse panel (Figure 1). Discard the circuit breaker.

NOTE: Circuit breaker removal will only disable the unused power seat circuit. No other electrical components will be affected.

4. Install the fuse access panel onto the end of the instrument panel.

5. Print "CIRCUIT BREAKER REMOVED" on the bottom of the enclosed Owner Notification Form under your address.

6. Separate the Owner Notification Form at the perforated line in the middle of the form.

7. Place the postage paid Owner Notification Form into the mail.

NOTE: It is very important that the Owner Notification Form is mailed to us so that we can update our records on this safety issue.

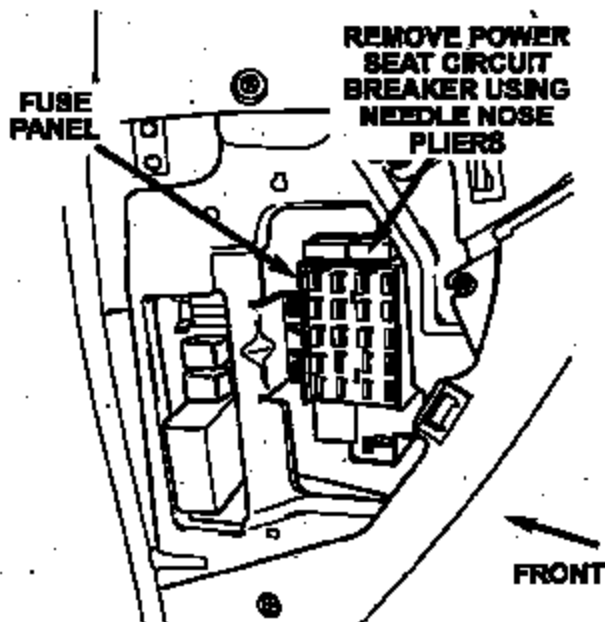


Figure 1