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July 22, 2004

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 04V-313

Enclosed are representative copies of communications relating to the 2004 model year vehicles involved in the referenced recall. DaimlerChrysler expects to begin owner notification during the week of August 9, 2004. The exact number of manufactured vehicles in the recall is 8,908.

The Involved Vehicle Identification Number range is:

<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>
4E122166	4E144531

(VIN last eight characters) - 4 = 2004 model year, E = MMMA Assembly Plant, Normal, Illinois; 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 most 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,



Stephan J. Speth, Director
Vehicle Compliance and Safety Affairs

Enclosure: Recall #D31

cc: K. C. DeMeter

August 2004

Dealer Service Instructions for:

Safety Recall #31 – Fuel Pump Module

Models

2004 (ST) Chrysler Sebring Coupe and Dodge Stratus Coupe

NOTE: This recall applies only to the above vehicles built from April 20, 2004 through June 8, 2004 (MDH 042000 through 060812).

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 VIP inquiry process.

Subject

The fuel pump module on about 8,900 of the above vehicles may have an improperly molded fuel return port. This can cause the fuel return port to fracture and leak fuel. Fuel leakage in the presence of an ignition source can result in an underbody fire.

Repair

The fuel pump module must be replaced.

Parts Information

Each dealer to whom vehicles in the recall were invoiced will receive enough of each fuel pump module package to service about 10% of those vehicles.

The appropriate fuel pump module for the vehicle being serviced is displayed on the DealerCONNECT VIP function and may also be determined by using the table below.

2.4L – 4-Cylinder	G	1	MR990817
3.0L – 6-Cylinder	H	2	MR990818

Special Tools

The following existing special tool may be required to perform this service procedure:

- #6856 Fuel Pump Module Lock Ring Tool

Service Procedure

1. Remove the instrument panel driver side end cap.
2. Remove the fuel pump relay from the fuse panel (Figure 1).
3. Start the engine and let it run until it runs out of fuel. Attempt to start the engine three more times and then turn the ignition key to the LOCK position.

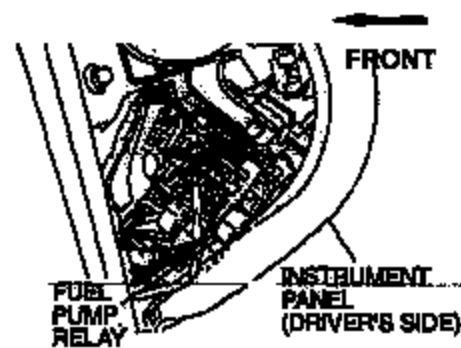


Figure 1

Service Procedure (Continued)

4. Install the fuel pump relay (Figure 1).
5. Install the instrument panel end cap.
6. Pull the two (2) rear seat cushion catches to release the rear seat cushion and then remove the rear seat cushion (Figure 2).

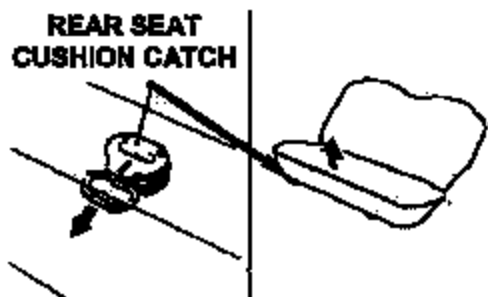


Figure 2

7. Remove the passenger (right) side fuel pump module wiring harness clip fastener and then remove the clip from the floorpan.
8. Remove the four (4) fuel pump module access panel screws and then remove the access panel (Figure 3).
9. Disconnect the fuel pump module and wiring harness electrical connectors and disconnect the harness support from the fuel pump module return port.

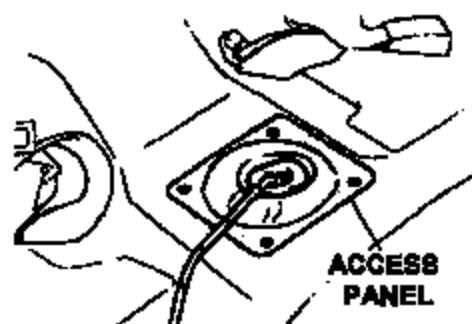


Figure 3

10. Disconnect the small diameter return hose from the fuel pump module.
11. Disconnect the fuel supply hose from the fuel pump module.

IMPORTANT: If the fuel tank is over $\frac{3}{4}$ full, drain enough fuel through the return port to lower the fuel to the $\frac{3}{4}$ full level.

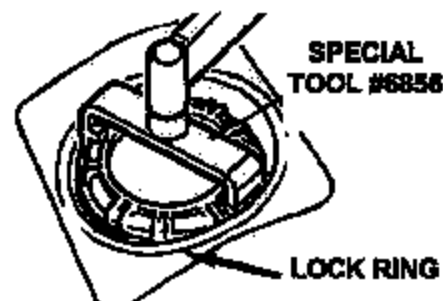


Figure 4

12. Using Special Tool #6856, remove the fuel pump module lock ring (Figure 4).
13. Remove the fuel pump module and seal from the fuel tank and discard.
14. Install the provided pump module seal into the fuel tank opening.

CAUTION: Do not install the seal onto the pump module prior to installing the module into the tank or damage to the seal could occur.

Service Procedure (Continued)

15. Lubricate the pump module seal with soapy water and then install the new fuel pump module into the fuel tank and align the mating marks (Figure 5).
16. Using Special Tool #6856, install the fuel pump module lock ring (Figure 5). Tighten the lock ring to 59 ft-lbs (80 N·m).

CAUTION: When tightening the lock ring, do not allow the fuel pump module to turn. Make sure that the mating marks remain aligned.

17. Connect the fuel supply hose to the fuel pump module.
18. Connect the fuel return hose to the fuel pump module.
19. Connect the fuel pump module and wiring harness electrical connectors. Connect the harness support to the fuel pump module return port.
20. Start the engine and check to make sure that it runs smoothly and that there are no fuel leaks.
21. Install the fuel pump module access cover (Figure 3). Tighten the access cover screws securely.
22. Install the fuel pump module wiring harness clip and secure it with the screw.
23. Install the rear seat cushion (Figure 2). Be sure to insert the seat belt buckle assemblies through the cushion openings. Pull up on the front of the cushion to ensure that the catches are fastened.

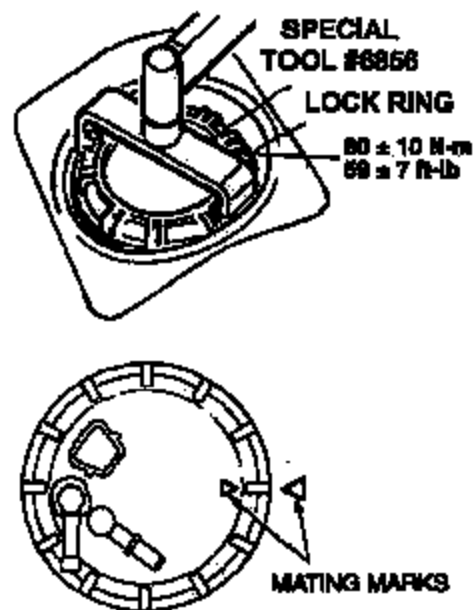


Figure 5

Completion Reporting and Reimbursement

Claims for vehicles that have been serviced must be submitted on the DealerCONNECT Claim Entry Screen located on the Service tab. Claims submitted will be used by DaimlerChrysler to record recall service completions and provide dealer payments.

Use the following labor operation number and time allowance:

	Labor Operation Number	Time Allowance
Replace fuel pump module	14-D3-11-82	0.4 hours

Add the cost of the parts package plus applicable dealer allowance to your claim.

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. DealerCONNECT will be updated to include this recall in the near future.

Vehicle Lists, Global Recall System, VIP and Dealer Follow Up

All involved vehicles have been entered into the DealerCONNECT Global Recall System (GRS) and Vehicle Information Plus (VIP) for dealer inquiry as needed. Involved dealers were also mailed a copy of their vehicle (VIN) list with the dealer recall notification letter.

GRS provides involved dealers with an updated VIN list of their incomplete vehicles. The owner's name, address and phone number are listed if known. Completed vehicles are removed from GRS within several days of repair claim submission.

To use this system, click on the "Service" tab and then click on "Global Recall System." Your dealer's VIN list for each recall displayed can be sorted by: those vehicles that were unsold at recall launch, those with a phone number, city, zip code, or VIN sequence.

Dealers must perform this repair on all unsold vehicles before retail delivery. Dealers should also use the VIN list to follow up with all owners to schedule appointments for this repair.

Recall VIN lists may contain confidential, restricted owner name and address information that was obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles of various states. Use of this information is permitted for this recall only and is strictly prohibited from all other use.

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 schedule appointments for this service with their dealers. A generic copy of the owner letter is attached.

Enclosed with each owner letter is an Owner Notification postcard to allow owners to update our records if applicable.

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.

Additional Information

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this action, please contact your Service and Parts District Manager.

**Customer Services Field Operations
DaimlerChrysler Corporation**

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SAFETY RECALL – FUEL PUMP MODULE

Dear: (Name)

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. DaimlerChrysler Corporation has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in some 2004 model year Chrysler Sebring Coupe and Dodge Stratus Coupe vehicles.

The problem is... The fuel pump module on your vehicle (VIN: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX) may have an improperly molded fuel return port. This can cause the fuel return port to fracture and leak fuel. Fuel leakage in the presence of an ignition source can result in an underbody fire.

What your dealer will do... DaimlerChrysler will repair your vehicle free of charge (parts and labor). To do this, your dealer will replace the fuel pump module. The work will take about ½ hour to complete. However, additional time may be necessary depending on how dealer appointments are scheduled and processed.

What you must do to ensure your safety... Simply contact your dealer right away to schedule a service appointment. Ask the dealer to hold the part for your vehicle or to order it before your appointment. Remember to bring this letter with you to your dealer.

If you need help... If you have questions or concerns which your dealer is unable to resolve, please contact DaimlerChrysler at 1-800-853-1403.

Please help us update our records, by filling out the enclosed prepaid postcard, if any of the conditions listed on the card apply to you or your vehicle. Be sure to print the last eight (8) characters of the VIN (VVVVVVVV) and notification code D31 on the postcard.

If you have already experienced this condition 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, P.O. Box 610207, Port Huron, MI 48061-0207, 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
Notification Code D31

Note to lessors receiving this recall: Federal regulation requires that you forward this recall notice to the lessee within 10 days.