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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*April 12, 2005*

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800 CHRYSLER DRIVE  
AUBURN HILLS MI 48326-2757

NVS-215  
05V-134

Subject: POWER LIFTGATE CONTROL MODULE

Dear MR. SPETH:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records, as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**  
CHRYSLER/TOWN AND COUNTRY/2003  
DODGE/CARAVAN/2003

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-134

**Recall Date:** April 05, 2005

**Components:**  
LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES:HATCHBACK/LIFTGATE:LOCK

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 70,235

**Summary:**  
ON CERTAIN MINIVANS, THE POWER LIFTGATE (PLG) LATCH MAY NOT ENGAGE THE STRIKER ALLOWING THE LIFTGATE TO OPEN WHILE DRIVING.

**Consequence:**  
IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH, AN UNBELTED PASSENGER COULD BE EJECTED FROM THE VEHICLE.

**Remedy:**  
DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE POWER LIFTGATE CONTROL MODULE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON APRIL 26, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT DAIMLERCHRYSLER AT 1-800-853-1403.

**Notes:**

DAIMLERCHRYSLER RECALL NO. E06. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.


This recall was the subject of an Engineering Analysis, EA04-031, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, 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, the recall is expected to begin on April 26, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2005.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



*for* George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division