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NVS-215kjs
06E-011

Subject: AFTERMARKET FUEL PUMPS/LEAKS

Dear MR. SWETMAN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

AIRTEX/E7103M/9999
AIRTEX/E7115M/9999
AIRTEX/E7121M/9999
AIRTEX/E7122M/9999
AIRTEX/E7127M/9999
AIRTEX/E7128M/9999
AIRTEX/E7156M/9999
DODGE/DAKOTA/2000-2003
JEEP/CHEROKEE/1997-2001
JEEP/GRAND CHEROKEE/1997-2004
JEEP/WRANGLER/1997-2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06E-011

Mfg's Report Date: January 25, 2006

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:DELIVERY:FUEL PUMP

Potential Number of Units Affected: 7,291

Summary:

CERTAIN AFTERMARKET AIRTEX ELECTRIC FUEL PUMPS INSTALLED FOR USE AS REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT FOR CERTAIN 1997-2004 JEEP WRANGLER; 1997-2001 JEEP CHEROKEE; 1997-2004 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE; AND 2000-2003 DODGE DAKOTA VEHICLES. THE PLASTIC ELECTRICAL GROMMET CONNECTORS AT THE TOP OF THE FUEL PUMP MODULE ARE NOT COMPATIBLE WITH AUTOMOTIVE FUELS AND MAY DEGRADE CAUSING A POTENTIAL LEAK PATH FOR FUEL.

Consequence:

IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE, A FUEL LEAK COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

AIRTEX WILL NOTIFY ITS CUSTOMERS AND WILL REPLACE THE AFFECTED FUEL PUMPS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL BEGAN JANUARY 25, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT AIRTEX AUTOMOTIVE DIVISION AT 618-847-8508.

Notes:

THIS RECALL ONLY PERTAINS TO AFTERMARKET AIRTEX ELECTRIC FUEL PUMPS AND HAS NO RELATION TO ANY ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT INSTALLED ON JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE, CHEROKEE, WRANGLER, OR DODGE DAKOTA VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BY DAIMLERCHRYSLER. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

It is our understanding that Airtex does not have records of the names and addresses of the final purchasers of the subject fuel pumps. Therefore, Airtex is not required to submit a draft owner notification letter at this time. However, should Airtex become aware of any purchasers, you are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 required 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).

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Enforcement

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