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Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
06E-022

Subject: BRAKE HYDRAULIC MASTER CYLINDER

Dear MR. BIELIS:

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:

BRAKE PARTS/AC DELCO/9999
BRAKE PARTS/AIMCO/9999
BRAKE PARTS/BENDIX/9999
BRAKE PARTS/CARQUEST/9999
BRAKE PARTS/NAPA/9999
BRAKE PARTS/RAYBESTOS/9999
CHRYSLER/TOWN AND COUNTRY/1998
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CHRYSLER/TOWN AND COUNTRY/1996
CHRYSLER/VOYAGER/2000-2005

DODGE/CARAVAN/1996-2005
DODGE/DAKOTA/1997-1998
DODGE/DURANGO/1998
DODGE/VIPER/1992-2001
FORD/AEROSTAR/1992-1994
FORD/AEROSTAR/1994-1997
FORD/CONTOUR/1995-2000
JEEP/CHEROKEE/1995-2001
JEEP/GRAND CHEROKEE/1995-2004
JEEP/LIBERTY/2002
JEEP/WRANGLER/1997-2005
MERCURY/COUGAR/1999-2002
MERCURY/MYSTIQUE/1995-2000
PLYMOUTH/PROWLER/1997-2002
PLYMOUTH/VOYAGER/1996-2000

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06E-022

Mfg's Report Date: March 9, 2006

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 7,440

Summary:

CERTAIN AFTERMARKET BRAKE HYDRAULIC MASTER CYLINDERS SOLD AS REPLACEMENT BRAKE CYLINDERS FOR CERTAIN FORD, DAIMLERCHRYSLER, AND JEEP PASSENGER VEHICLES. THESE BRAKE CYLINDERS WERE SOLD UNDER THE BRAND NAMES OF NAPA, RAYBESTOS, AIMCO, AC DELCO, CARQUEST, AND BENDIX. WHEN SUBJECT TO VERY COLD TEMPERATURES, AN INTERNAL SEAL IN THE MASTER CYLINDER COULD LOSE FLEXIBILITY AND MAY CAUSE BRAKE FLUID TO LEAK.

Consequence:

LOSS OF BRAKE FLUID CAN LEAD TO A DECREASE IN BRAKE LINE PRESSURE AND AN INCREASE IN STOPPING DISTANCE, WHICH CAN RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

AFFINIA (BRAKE PARTS, INC.) WILL REPLACE THE SUBJECT BRAKE HYDRAULIC MASTER CYLINDERS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2006. OWNERS CAN CONTACT AFFINA GROUP CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-800-323-0354.

Notes:

THIS RECALL ONLY PERTAINS TO AFTERMARKET NAPA, RAYBESTOS, AC DELCO, AIMCO, CARQUEST, AND BENDIX BRAKE HYDRAULIC MASTER CYLINDERS AND HAS NO RELATION TO ANY ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT INSTALLED ON DAIMLERCHRYSLER OR FORD VEHICLES. 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have received Brake Parts' proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete. Also, Brake Parts is required to notify purchasers, dealers, and distributors in accordance with 49 CFR Part 577 and must submit a representative copy of all notices, bulletins and other communications 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,

for Patricia Wallace
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Enforcement

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