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Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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AUBURN HILLS MI 48326-2757

NVS-215  
06V-072

Subject: FRONT DOOR LATCH REINFORCEMENT PLATE/FMVSS 206

Dear MR. SPETH:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent noncompliance 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:**  
JEEP/LIBERTY/2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 06V-072

**Mfg's Report Date:** March 7, 2006

**Components:** LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES:DOORS:LATCH

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 27

**Summary:**

CERTAIN SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 206, "DOOR LOCKS AND DOOR RETENTION COMPONENTS." AN INCORRECT RIGHT FRONT DOOR LATCH REINFORCEMENT PLATE MAY HAVE BEEN INSTALLED WHICH MAY CAUSE THE SECONDARY DOOR LATCH TO BECOME INOPERATIVE.

**Consequence:**

THIS INCREASES THE POSSIBILITY OF A DOOR BECOMING FORCED OPEN AND AN UNBELTED PASSENGER BEING EJECTED DURING CERTAIN CRASH CONDITIONS.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE LATCH ASSEMBLY AND REPLACE THE RIGHT FRONT DOOR LATCH REINFORCEMENT PLATE FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL BEGAN ON MARCH 13, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DAIMLERCHRYSLER AT 1-800-853-1403.

**Notes:**

DAIMLERCHRYSLER RECALL NO. F11. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO 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).

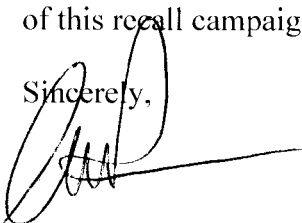
Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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).

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, owner notification began on March 13, 2006. Since this will be close to the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due on or before July 30, 2006.

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,



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Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement