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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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800 CHRYSLER DRIVE - CIMS 482-00-91
AUBURN HILLS MI 48326-2757

NVS-215paw
06V-494

Subject: HEATING, VENTILATION & AIR CONDITIONING MODULE

Dear MR. SPETH:

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:
CHRYSLER/SEBRING/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-494

Mfg's Report Date: December 22, 2006

Components: VISIBILITY:DEFROSTER/DEFOGGER SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 6,086

Summary:

ON CERTAIN VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH AUTOMATIC TEMPERATURE CONTROL (ATC) ONLY, THE SOFTWARE PROGRAMMED INTO THE HEATING VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) MODULE MAY CAUSE THE WINDSHIELD DEFROSTING AND DEFOGGING FUNCTIONS TO BECOME INOPERATIVE.

Consequence:

THIS CAN DECREASE THE DRIVER'S VISIBILITY UNDER CERTAIN DRIVING CONDITIONS AND RESULT IN A CRASH WITHOUT WARNING. □ □

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPROGRAM THE HVAC MODULE. THE RECALL WILL BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 2, 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DAIMLERCHRYSLER AT 1-800-853-1403.

Notes:

DAIMLERCHRYSLER RECALL NO. F51. 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).

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

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 is expected to begin on or about January 2, 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before April 30, 2007.

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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@dot.gov or delia.lopez@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

for Patricia A. Wallace
George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement