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DaimlerChrysler Manufacturing International LLC

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Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Re: Part 573 Defect Information Report

Dear Mr. Smith,

This letter is submitted by DaimlerChrysler Manufacturing International LLC (DCMI) on behalf of our parent company, DaimlerChrysler AG (DCAG) pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 573. Specifically, this report advises you concerning a non-compliance in certain 2006 model year Sprinter vehicles regarding the brake fluid.

573.6(c)(1): Manufacturer's name

DaimlerChrysler AG, Stuttgart, Germany

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573.6(c)(2): Identification of vehicles

<u>Make</u>	<u>Model / Type</u>	<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Inclusive Dates of Manufacture</u>
Sprinter	2500 and 3500	2006	April 11, 2006 through April 12, 2006

The affected vehicle population was identified through an analysis of the production records at the reassembly plant at Gaffney, SC.

573.6(c)(3): Total number of vehicles potentially containing the non-compliance

Approximately 235 Sprinter vehicles are affected. The subject vehicles are marketed under the Dodge and Freightliner brands.

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573.6(c)(4): Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Defect:

The percentage of vehicles that are projected to actually contain the issues described below is 100%.

573.6(c)(5): Description of the defect:

DCAG has determined that the brake fluid used in the reassembly plant at Gaffney SC was contaminated with coolant. Due to the high water content the boiling point of the subject brake fluid is reduced. This may affect the proper function of the brake system during hard braking situation and lead to an increasing brake distance of the subject vehicle.

573.6(c)(6): Chronology of principal events:

In June 2006 DCMI was informed about a dealer complaint regarding the brake fluid of a vehicle. The replaced brake fluid was analyzed. The analysis showed the contamination of coolant and a reduced boiling point.

573.6(c)(8): Remedy Program:

DaimlerChrysler Corporation (DCC) will conduct a voluntary recall campaign for the subject Sprinter vehicles described above. On the subject vehicles the brake fluid will be flushed and replaced.

There will be no charge to owners of the subject vehicles. Owners who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall prior to the recall will be reimbursed.

DCC will provide the dates when the action will begin, as well as when it will complete sending notifications to owners and dealers as soon as it is determined.

573.6(c)(9): Copies of Communication with Dealers and or Purchasers:

A copy will be provided by DCC when available.

573.6(c)(10): Copies of Proposed Owner Notification Letter:

A copy will be provided by DCC when available.

573.6(c)(11): Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number:

DCC will provide the Recall Campaign Number when available

If you or your staff has any questions, please feel free to contact me at 704-655-1050 or Michael Scott of my staff at 704-277-8298.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wolf D Kleimeier", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Wolf-Dieter Kleimeier, Executive Vice-President
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Cc: Claude Harris, NHTSA Director Vehicle Safety Compliance