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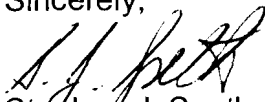
Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator of Enforcement, Office of Vehicle Safety
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Smith:

Attached is DaimlerChrysler Corporation's (DCC's) Defect Information Report, complying with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, which affects a number of 2007 model year Jeep Compass vehicles. The Owner's Manual does not contain the higher rollover risk warning information required for certain multipurpose passenger vehicles.

DCC will conduct a voluntary safety recall to provide the required information for all affected vehicles.

Sincerely,


Stephan J. Speth

Enclosures: Defect Information Report for DaimlerChrysler Corporation Recall F03
Dealer and Owner Notification letters for DaimlerChrysler Corporation Recall F03

cc: K.C. DeMeter, NHTSA
Division of Occupational Safety & Health
California Department of Industrial Relations

**DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT FOR DAIMLERCHRYSLER CORPORATION
RECALL F03**

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Submission date: November 8, 2006

Identifying classification of vehicles potentially affected:

Make	Model	Model Year	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture	Vehicle Volume
Jeep	Compass	2007	03/29/06 – 10/20/06	18,245

Estimated percentage containing defect: 100%

The involved Vehicle Identification Number range is:

Low High
7D100079 7D207566

(VIN last eight characters) – 7 = 2007 model year; D = Belvidere Assembly Plant, Belvidere, Illinois; and last six digits = sequential number.

DCC cautions that the above range represents only the lowest and highest VIN sequential numbers included in the recall. This range cannot be used to determine conclusively that a vehicle is involved in the recall because most vehicles with a VIN within the range are not affected by the recall.

Description of defect:

The Owner's Manual does not contain the higher rollover risk warning information required for certain multipurpose passenger vehicles.

The following chronology of principal events occurred in October of 2006 and led to the determination of a defect:

- The 2007 MY Jeep Compass is certified as a multipurpose passenger vehicle (MPV).
- Federal Regulation 575.105 requires that MPVs which have a wheelbase of 110 inches or less and special features for occasional off-road operation contain a Rollover Warning Label on the driver's visor.
- This label refers the customer to the Owner's Manual for further information that is also specified in Federal Regulation 575.105.
- In early October of 2006 it was discovered that although the visor label is present, the required information was inadvertently omitted from the Owner's Manual.

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- Addendum cards were produced and updated Owner's Manual kits were delivered to the Belvidere, Illinois Assembly Plant on October 16, 2006 and a clean point established.
- DCC is unaware of any accidents or injuries attributable to this condition.
- This data was presented to the Vehicle Regulations Committee on October 31, 2006 who decided to conduct a safety recall to provide updated Owner's Manual information.

Statement of measures to be taken to correct defect:

DCC will provide the required information for insertion into the Owner's Manuals for all affected vehicles. DCC plans to implement national notification to dealers on November 10, 2006 and expects to begin notification to owners during the week of November 13, 2006.

Dealer Service Instructions for:

Safety Recall F03

Owner's Manual Rollover Addendum

Models

2007 (MK) Jeep® Compass

NOTE: This recall applies only to the above vehicles built through October 20, 2006 (MDH 102000).

IMPORTANT: Some of the involved vehicles may be in dealer new vehicle inventory. Federal law requires you to complete this recall service on these vehicles before retail delivery. Dealers should also consider this requirement to apply to used vehicle inventory and should perform this recall on vehicles in for service. Involved vehicles can be determined by using the VIP inquiry process.

Subject

The Owner's Manual on about 18,200 of the above vehicles does not contain the higher rollover risk warning information for utility vehicles.

Repair

Dealers are required to copy the rollover addendum (printed on the back of the attached owner notification letter) and place it in the Owner's Manual of all involved vehicles in new vehicle inventory.

Owner's Manual rollover warning addendum letters will be mailed directly to the owners known to DaimlerChrysler. The owners are requested to place the letter in their vehicle's Owner's Manual for future reference.

Parts Information

No parts are required to perform this service procedure.

Service Procedure

1. Locate the Owner’s Manual in the vehicle’s glove box.
2. Place a copy of the rollover addendum (printed on the back of the attached owner notification letter) into the Owner’s Manual.
3. Return the Owner’s Manual back into the glove box.

Completion Reporting and Reimbursement

Claims for vehicles that have been serviced must be submitted on the DealerCONNECT Claim Entry Screen located on the Service tab. Claims submitted will be used by DaimlerChrysler to record recall service completions and provide dealer payments.

Use the following labor operation number and time allowance:

	Labor Operation Number	Time Allowance
Print and insert rollover information addendum into the Owner’s Manual.	23-F0-31-82	NO CHARGE

FOR UNSOLD VEHICLES: Enter “UPDATE” in the part number section of your claim with a quantity of one (1). Enter \$5.00 WITH NO MARK-UP for Owner’s Manual update handling reimbursement.

NOTE: See the Warranty Administration Manual, Recall Claim Processing Section, for complete recall claim processing instructions.

Dealer Notification

All dealers will receive three copies of this dealer recall notification letter by mail. To view this notification on DealerCONNECT, select “Global Recall System” on the Service tab, then click on the description of this notification.

Owner Notification and Service Scheduling

All involved vehicle owners known to DaimlerChrysler are being notified of the service requirement by first class mail. They are requested to schedule appointments for this service with their dealers. A generic copy of the owner letter is attached.

Enclosed with each owner letter is an Owner Notification postcard to allow owners to update our records if applicable.

Vehicle Lists, Global Recall System, VIP and Dealer Follow Up

All involved vehicles have been entered into the DealerCONNECT Global Recall System (GRS) and Vehicle Information Plus (VIP) for dealer inquiry as needed.

GRS provides involved dealers with an updated VIN list of their incomplete vehicles. The Owner name, address and phone number are listed if known. Completed vehicles are removed from GRS within several days of repair claim submission.

To use this system, click on the “**Service**” tab and then click on “**Global Recall System.**” Your dealer’s VIN list for each recall displayed can be sorted by: those vehicles that were unsold at recall launch, those with a phone number, city, zip code, or VIN sequence.

Dealers must perform this repair on all unsold vehicles before retail delivery. Dealers should also use the VIN list to follow up with all owners to schedule appointments for this repair.

Recall VIN lists may contain confidential, restricted owner name and address information that was obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles of various states. Use of this information is permitted for this recall only and is strictly prohibited from all other use.

Additional Information

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this action, please contact your Service and Parts District Manager.

Customer Services Field Operations
DaimlerChrysler Corporation

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SAFETY RECALL: OWNER'S MANUAL ROLLOVER ADDENDUM

Dear (Name):

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

DaimlerChrysler Corporation has determined that information, which relates to motor vehicle safety, has been inadvertently omitted from the vehicle Owner's Manual of some **2007 model year Jeep Compass vehicles**.

The problem is... **The Owner's Manual in your Jeep Compass (VIN: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx), does not contain the higher rollover risk warning information for utility vehicles.**

What you must do... **The addendum on the back of this letter supplements your Owner Manual. Please place this letter in the Owner's Manual of your vehicle for reference by you or future owners.**

If you need help... If you have questions or concerns which your dealer is unable to resolve, please contact DaimlerChrysler at 1-800-853-1403.

Please help us update our records, by filling out the attached prepaid postcard, if any of the conditions listed on the card apply to you or your vehicle.

We're sorry for any inconvenience, but we are sincerely concerned about your safety. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Customer Services Field Operations
DaimlerChrysler Corporation
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*Buckle up
for Safety*

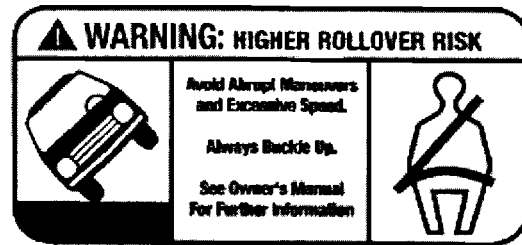
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OWNER'S MANUAL ADDENDUM

THIS ADDENDUM PROVIDES INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROLLOVER WARNING FOR SECTION 1 OF YOUR OWNER'S MANUAL

Rollover Warning

Utility vehicles have a significantly higher rollover rate than other types of vehicles. This vehicle has a higher ground clearance, higher center of gravity, and narrower track than many passenger cars. It is capable of performing better in a wide variety of off-road applications. Driven in an unsafe manner, all vehicles can be caused to go out of control. Because of the higher center of gravity and the narrower track, if this vehicle is out of control it may rollover when some other vehicles may not.



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Rollover Warning Label

Do not attempt sharp turns or abrupt maneuvers or other unsafe driving actions that can cause loss of vehicle control. Failure to operate this vehicle safely may result in an accident, rollover of the vehicle, and severe or fatal injury. Drive carefully.

Failure to use driver and passenger seat belts provided is a major cause of severe or fatal injury. In fact, the U.S. government notes that the universal use of existing seat belts could cut the highway death toll by 10,000 or more each year, and could reduce disabling injuries by 2 million annually. In a rollover crash an unbelted person is significantly more likely to die than a person wearing a seat belt. Always buckle up.