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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

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Vehicle Compliance & Safety Affairs

March 29, 2006

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

Dear Mr. Smith:

Reference: NHTSA Identification Number 06V-001

Enclosed are representative copies of communications relating to the 1999 and 2000 model year vehicles involved in the referenced recall. DaimlerChrysler expects to notify dealers during the week of April 3, 2006 and to begin owner notification during the week of April 10, 2006. The exact number of The Polk Company currently registered vehicles in the recall is 94,035.

The involved Vehicle Identification Number range is:

<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>
XN500003	XN697313
XT200010	XT613385
YN100005	YN311970
YT200006	YT324212

(VIN last eight characters) - X = 1999 model year; Y = 2000 model year; N = Sterling Heights Assembly Plant, Sterling Heights, Michigan; T = Toluca Assembly Plant, Toluca, Mexico; and the last six digits = sequential number.

**We caution 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.**

This completes DaimlerChrysler's package of information for this recall as required by the Defects Report Regulation.

Sincerely,

  
Stephan J. Speth, Director  
Vehicle Compliance and Safety Affairs

Enclosure: Recall E23

cc: K.C. DeMeter

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*Buckle up  
for Safety!*

## **SAFETY RECALL E23 – HIGH PRESSURE POWER STEERING HOSE**

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 decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in some **1999 and 2000 model year Chrysler Cirrus, Dodge Stratus and Plymouth Breeze vehicles equipped with a 2.4L engine.**

***The problem is...*** **The high pressure power steering hose on your vehicle (VIN: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) may crack and develop a power steering fluid leak. Power steering fluid leakage in the presence of an ignition source can result in an underhood fire.**

***What your dealer will do...*** **DaimlerChrysler will repair your vehicle free of charge (parts and labor). To do this, your dealer will replace the high pressure power steering hose. The work will take about 1½ hours to complete. However, additional time may be necessary depending on how dealer appointments are scheduled and processed.**

***What you must do to ensure your safety...*** **Simply contact your dealer right away to schedule a service appointment. Ask the dealer to hold the part for your vehicle or to order it before your appointment. Remember to bring this letter with you to your dealer.**

***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 enclosed prepaid postcard, if any of the conditions listed on the card apply to you or your vehicle. Be sure to print the last eight (8) characters of the VIN (VVVVVVVV) and notification code E23 on the postcard.

If you have already experienced this condition and have paid to have it repaired, you may send your original receipts and/or other adequate proof of payment to the following address for reimbursement: DaimlerChrysler P.O. Box 4639 Oak Ridge, TN 37831, Attention: Reimbursement.

If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

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  
Notification Code E23

*Note to lessors receiving this recall: Federal regulation requires that you forward this recall notice to the lessee within 10 days.*