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October 20, 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-339

Enclosed are representative copies of communications relating to the 2001 through 2003 model year vehicles involved in the referenced recall. DaimlerChrysler expects to notify dealers during the week of October 23, 2006 and to begin owner notification during the week of October 30, 2006. The exact number of vehicles in the recall is 25,832 (2001 and 2002 – The Polk Company currently registered and 2003 manufactured).

The involved Vehicle Identification Number range is:

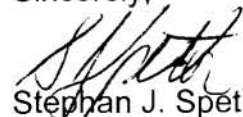
<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>
1F500035	1F646742
2F100002	2F220854
3F500020	3F630169

(VIN last eight characters) - 1 = 2001 model year; 2 = 2002 model year; 3 = 2003 model year; F = Newark Assembly Plant, Newark, Delaware; 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: Dealer and Owner Letter for Recall F42

cc: K.C. DeMeter

October 2006

Dealer Service Instructions for:

Safety Recall F42 Unused Wiring Connector

Models

2001-2003 (DN) Dodge Durango

NOTE: This recall applies only to the above vehicles equipped with a 40/20/40 bench seat (sales code CBE).

IMPORTANT: Some of the involved vehicles may be in dealer used vehicle inventory. Dealers should complete this recall service on these vehicles before retail delivery. Dealers should also perform this recall on vehicles in for service. Involved vehicles can be determined by using the VIP inquiry process.

Subject

An unused wiring connector under the front seat on about 34,900 of the above vehicles may become contaminated with spilled fluid and/or debris. This may cause a short circuit, which can result in an interior fire.

Repair

The unused connector under the front seat must be inspected for corrosion/debris and cleaned as necessary. In addition, a connector seal with a plastic retainer clip must be installed on the unused connector.

Parts Information

A. Connector Seal Package (2001 Model Year)

<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
CBDPF420	Connector Seal Package

Each package contains the following components:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Seal, Connector End
1	Retainer, Connector End Seal

Each dealer to whom vehicles in the recall were assigned will receive enough Connector Seal Packages to service about 40% of those vehicles.

B. Connector Seal Package (2002 - 2003 Model Years)

<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
CBDPF421	Connector Seal Package

Each package contains the following components:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Seal, Connector End
1	Retainer, Connector End Seal
2	Plug, Connector

Each dealer to whom vehicles in the recall were assigned will receive enough Connector Seal Packages to service about 40% of those vehicles.

C. Electrolyte Detection and Neutralizing Spray

<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
CBEJD201	Electrolyte Detection and Neutralizing Spray

No electrolyte detection and neutralizing spray will be distributed initially. Bottles of electrolyte detection and neutralizing spray may be ordered as required.

NOTE: One bottle contains enough spray to repair twenty five (25) vehicles.

Service Procedure

1. Open the driver's door and move the driver's seat to the full rearward position.
2. Locate the unused electrical connector under the driver's seat near the transmission tunnel (Figure 1).

NOTE: If the male side of the unused connector is missing, order male connector CBDPF422 for 2001 model year vehicles or CBDPF423 for 2002/2003 model year vehicles.

3. Slide the red locking tab towards the driver's side of the vehicle to release the primary lock on the connector.
4. Squeeze the tail end of the male connector to release the secondary connector lock and pull the connector apart.
5. Inspect the wiring harness side of the connector for corrosion and/or debris. If corrosion and/or debris is found, use Electrolyte Detection and Neutralizing Spray (P/N CBEJD201) to clean the corrosion and/or debris from the connector.

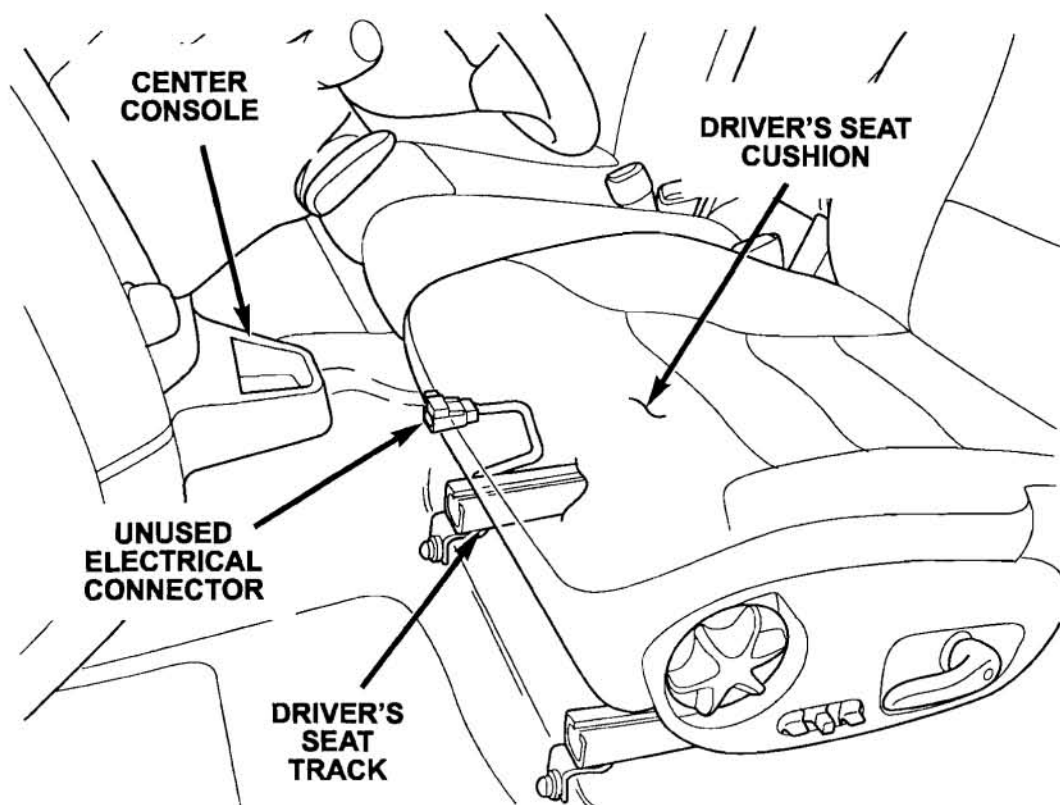


Figure 1

Service Procedure

6. Install the connector end seal, retainer cap and cavity plugs into the empty male connector (removed in Step 4) as shown in Figure 2.

7. Install the male connector onto the unused wiring harness connector and engage the red lock tab by sliding the lock tab towards the passenger side of the vehicle (Figure 2).

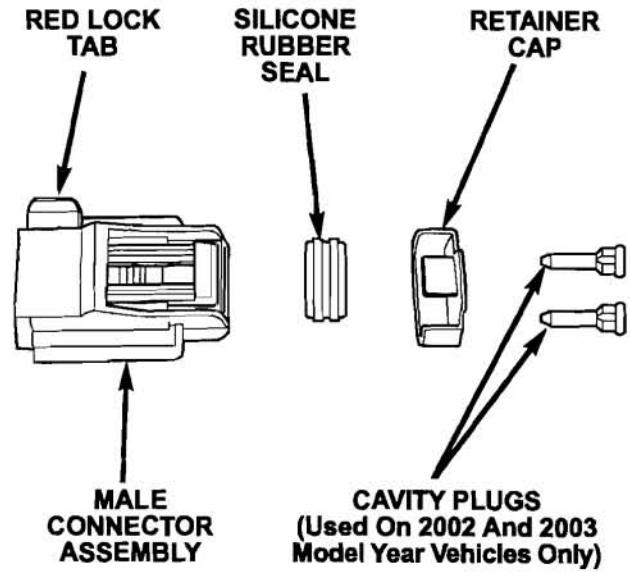


Figure 2

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:

	<u>Labor Operation Number</u>	<u>Time Allowance</u>
Clean connector and install connector seal	08-F4-21-82	0.2 hours

Add the cost of the recall parts package plus applicable dealer allowance to your claim.

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.

Dealers are encouraged to consider alternative scheduling and servicing approaches for this recall. This repair does not require hoists or other full service facility special equipment and is a DaimlerChrysler Mobile Service approved repair.

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’s 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 F42 – UNUSED WIRING CONNECTOR

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 **2001 through 2003 model year Dodge Durango vehicles equipped with a front bench seat.**

The problem is... An unused wiring connector under the front seat of your vehicle (VIN: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) may become contaminated with spilled fluid and/or debris. This may cause a short circuit, which can result in an interior fire.

What your dealer will do... DaimlerChrysler will repair your vehicle free of charge (parts and labor). To do this, your dealer will inspect and clean the unused connector as required and then seal the connector. The work will take about ½ hour 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 parts for your vehicle or to order them 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 attached prepaid postcard, if any of the conditions listed on the card apply to you or your vehicle.

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 F42

*Buckle up
for Safety!*

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