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NVS-215dgl  
07V-192

Subject: AIR BAG SENSORS

Dear MR. SPETH:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent safety improvement 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/TOWN AND COUNTRY/2005  
DODGE/CARAVAN/2005

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 07V-192

**Mfg's Report Date:** May 1, 2007

**Components:** AIR BAGS:FRONTAL:SENSOR/CONTROL MODULE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 270,958 (safety improvement campaign)  
133,128 (extended warranty)

**Summary:**

CERTAIN MINIVANS ARE BEING RECALLED IN STATES WHICH USE LARGE AMOUNTS OF SALT FOR ROAD DE-ICING, TO REPLACE THEIR UP FRONT (UF) AIR BAG SENSORS. UF SENSORS WITH BRASS BUSHINGS MAY CORRODE AND CRACK ALLOWING WATER TO ENTER THE SENSOR, CAUSING IT TO FAIL, ILLUMINATING THE AIR BAG WARNING LIGHT.

**Consequence:**

UF SENSORS PROVIDE ENHANCED AIR BAG PERFORMANCE IN CERTAIN TYPES OF FRONTAL CRASHES. IN ONE OF THESE CRASHES, WITH ONE OR BOTH OF THE VEHICLE'S UF SENSORS INOPERATIVE, THE OCCUPANTS WILL NOT BENEFIT FROM THE ENHANCED AIR BAG PROTECTION THAT THESE SENSORS WOULD PROVIDE.

**Remedy:**

IN STATES THAT USE LARGE AMOUNTS OF ROAD SALT, INCLUDING MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, VERMONT, MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND, CONNECTICUT, NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA, DELAWARE, MARYLAND, WEST VIRGINIA, OHIO, INDIANA, MICHIGAN, ILLINOIS, WISCONSIN, MINNESOTA, IOWA, MISSOURI, KENTUCKY, NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA, UTAH, NEBRASKA, KANSAS, ALASKA AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, DAIMLERCHRYSLER WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPLACE THE UF SENSORS FREE OF CHARGE WITH A NEWER DESIGN THAT PROVIDES GREATER CORROSION RESISTANCE. IN THE OTHER STATES, DAIMLERCHRYSLER WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND WILL PROVIDE LIFETIME FREE REPLACEMENT OF ANY UF SENSOR THAT FAILS. OWNERS ARE REMINDED TO SEEK IMMEDIATE REPAIR IN THE EVENT THEIR AIR BAG WARNING LIGHT IS ILLUMINATED. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JULY 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DAIMLERCHRYSLER AT 1-800-853-1403.

**Notes:**

THIS ACTION IS DEEMED A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN AND IS NOT BEING CONDUCTED IN FULL ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAFETY ACT. DAIMLERCHRYSLER HAS INFORMED NHTSA THAT IT WILL PROVIDE THE ABOVE REMEDY AT NO COST TO THE OWNERS.

This recall was the subject of an Engineering Analysis, EA06-003, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

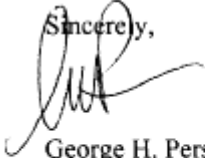
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 during July 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before October 30, 2007.

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](mailto:patricia.wallace@dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Enforcement