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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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WOLF DIETER KLEIMEIER EXECUTIVE VP ENGINEERING AND COMPLIANCE DAIMLERCHRYSLER MANUFACTURING INTERNATIONAL LLC 8501 PALMETTO COMMERCE PARKWAY LADSON, SC 29436 NVS-215paw 07V-246

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.

Washington, DC 20590

Subject: WINDOW BAG MODULE

Dear MR. KLEIMEIER:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect 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: DODGE/SPRINTER.2007 FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-246

Mfg's Report Date: May 21, 2007

Components: AIR BAGS: SIDE/WINDOW

Potential Number of Units Affected: 39

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS, THE WINDOW BAG MODULE DIFFUSER MATERIAL MAY CONTAIN HAIRLINE CRACKS.

Consequence:

IN THE CASE OF A CRASH WITH A TRIGGER SIGNAL FOR THE WINDOW BAG MODULE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SUCH A DIFFUSER MAY CRACK AT THE BEGINNING OF THE AIR BAG ACTIVATION INCREASING THE RISK OF INJURY TO THE SEAT OCCUPANT.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE WINDOW BAG MODULE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DCC AT 1-843-695-5041.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO <u>HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV</u>.

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

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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 <u>Patricia.wallace@dot.gov</u>, <u>Delia.lopez@dot.gov</u>, or though the office email at <u>RMD.ODI@dot.gov</u>. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincere

George H. Person Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation Enforcement