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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
07V-325

Subject: FUEL TANK FASTENING STRAPS

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 2500/2007
DODGE/SPRINTER 3500/2007
FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 2500/2007
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NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-325

Mfg's Report Date: July 9, 2007

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:STORAGE: TANK ASSEMBLY: MOUNTING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 461

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS, THE SCREW BOLTS OF THE FUEL TANK FASTENING STRAPS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN TIGHTENED CORRECTLY. AFTER NORMAL PRODUCTION PROCESS, THE VEHICLES ARE DISASSEMBLED FOR SHIPMENT TO THE US AND THE BOLTS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN CORRECTLY TIGHTENED WHEN RE-ASSEMBLED.

Consequence:

A DETERMINATION CANNOT BE MADE THAT THE FUEL TANK IS PROPERLY ATTACHED.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE SCREW BOLTS OF THE TANK FASTENING STRAPS AND THE BOLTS WILL BE TIGHTENED WITH THE CORRECT TORQUE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNER MAY CONTACT DAIMLERCHRYSLER INTERNATIONAL AT 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 [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

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

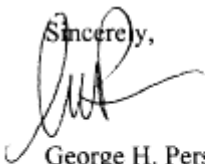
You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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).

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

Sincerely,



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