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Subject: ABS ELECTRONIC CONTROL MODULE

Dear MR. SPETH:

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/NITRO/2007 JEEP/COMMANDER/2006-2007 JEEP/GRAND CHEROKEE/2006-2007 JEEP/WRANGLER/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-434

Mfg's Report Date: September 11, 2007

Components: SERVICE BRAKES: HYDRAULIC: ANTILOCK: CONTROL UNIT/MODULE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 296,550

Summary:

ON CERTAIN SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES, THE SOFTWARE PROGRAMMED INTO THE ABS ELECTRONIC CONTROL MODULE MAY ALLOW A MOMENTARY DELAY IN BRAKING WHEN COASTING UP A HILL DURING CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Consequence: THIS COULD CAUSE A CRASH WITHOUT WARNING.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPROGRAM THE ABS ELECTRONIC CONTROL MODULE WITH NEW SOFTWARE THAT PREVENTS THIS CONDITION FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING SEPTEMBER 2007. OWNER MAY CONTACT CHRYSLER AT 1-800-853-1403.

Notes:

DAIMLERCHRYSLER RECALL NO. G40. 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).

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.

Sincerely,

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