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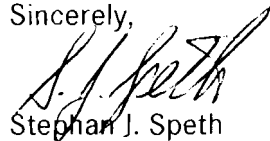
Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator of Enforcement, Office of Vehicle Safety
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Dear Mr. Smith:

Attached is DaimlerChrysler Corporation's (DCC's) Defect Information Report, complying with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, which contains details of a potential safety related defect on some 2007 and 2008 model year Dodge Avenger vehicles. Under certain operating conditions, the front door latch cable may become partially unseated from the interior release handle housing and the latch may not properly function. DCC will conduct a safety recall to add a secondary feature to both front doors that prevents this condition from occurring.

Sincerely,



Stephan J. Speth

Enclosure: Defect Information Report for DaimlerChrysler Corporation Recall G12

cc: K.C. DeMeter, NHTSA
Division of Occupational Safety & Health
California Department of Industrial Relations

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT FOR DAIMLERCHRYSLER CORPORATION RECALL G12

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Submission date: March 6, 2007

Identifying classification of vehicles potentially affected:

Make	Model	Model Year	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture	Volume
Dodge	Avenger	2007- 2008	8/8/06 through 2/22/07	11,191 (estimated)

Estimated percentage containing defect: 100%

Description of defect:

Under certain operating conditions, the front door latch cable may become partially unseated from the interior release handle housing and cause the latch to stick in the open position.

The following chronology of principal events occurred during February 2007 and led to the determination of a defect:

- In February of 2007, four reports of 2008 model year Dodge Avenger vehicles with the driver door latch stuck in an open position were received from a rental fleet.
- DaimlerChrysler Corporation (DCC) Engineering reviewed the rental vehicles and determined that the door latch cable had become partially unseated from the interior door release handle, and a ferrule on the cable bound on the interior front door release handle housing. If this occurs the door latch can stick in the open position and cannot be secured to the striker. This condition will be obvious to the vehicle operator.
- DCC was able to duplicate the condition by activating the door lock (via either the manual lock knob, power lock switch on the trim panel, or the door lock button on the key fob) while the front door release handle was held in the open position and then released.
- The condition can be repaired by removing the door trim panel and reseating the latch cable ferrule in the interior remote handle housing, but it can reoccur if the above conditions are repeated.
- Analysis showed that the rear doors are not susceptible to this condition.
- A detailed search of field input showed 13 unique field narratives that may be related for Dodge Avenger retail units and a total of 30 unique field narratives from rental customers. There are no reports of accident or injury.
- This information was presented to the Vehicle Regulations Committee on February 27, 2007, who decided to conduct a safety recall.

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Statement of measures to be taken to correct defect:

DCC will add a secondary feature to both front doors to prevent the door latch cable ferrule from becoming unseated at the interior front door release handle housing. DCC's timing for implementing this recall is not available at this time.

DCC has a long-standing policy and practice of reimbursing owners who have incurred the cost of repairing a problem that subsequently becomes the subject of a field action. To ensure consistency, DCC, as part of the owner letter, will request that customers send original receipt and/or other adequate proof of payment to the company for confirmation of the expense.