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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION
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May 21, 2007

DaimlerChrysler Manufacturing International LLC

Daniel C. Smith, Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Re: Part 573 Information Report

Dear Mr. Smith,

This letter is submitted by DaimlerChrysler Manufacturing International LLC (DCMI) on behalf of our parent company, DaimlerChrysler AG (DCAG), pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 573. Specifically, DCMI submits this report concerning a condition in certain 2007 model year Sprinter vehicles regarding the windowbag module.

573.6(c)(1): Manufacturer's name

DaimlerChrysler AG, Stuttgart, Germany

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573.6(c)(2): Identification of vehicles

<u>Make</u>	<u>Model / Type</u>	<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Inclusive Dates of Manufacture</u>
Sprinter	2500 and 3500	2007	September 18, 2006 through April 21, 2007

The affected vehicle population was identified through an analysis of the production records at the manufacturing plants.

573.6(c)(3): Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect

Approximately 39 Sprinter vehicles are affected. The subject vehicles are marketed under the Dodge and Freightliner brands.

573.6(c)(4): Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Defect:

The percentage of vehicles that are projected to actually contain the issues described below is 100%.

573.6(c)(5): Description of the defect:

DCAG has determined that within a specified range of production diffusers, the material is inhomogeneous and may contain hairline cracks. The diffuser is the part inside the windowbag module that connects the gas generator with the airbag and spreads the inflating gas into the bag. In case of a crash with a trigger signal for the windowbag module, it is possible that such a diffuser may crack at the beginning of the airbag activation.

573.6(c)(6): Chronology of principal events:

DCAG was informed by its supplier of the existence of the reported condition with respect to specific windowbag modules. Analysis of the diffusers' material and in-house windowbag inflation tests validated the supplier findings.

573.6(c)(8): Remedy Program:

DaimlerChrysler Corporation (DCC) will conduct a voluntary recall campaign for the subject Sprinter vehicles described above. The windowbag module will be replaced on the subject vehicles.

There will be no charge to owners of the subject vehicles. DCAG is unaware of any windowbag module replacements for this condition but any owners who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for this condition prior to the recall will be reimbursed.

DCC will provide the dates when the action will begin, as well as when it will complete sending notifications to owners and dealers as soon as it is determined.

573.6(c)(9): Copies of Communication with Dealers and or Purchasers:

A copy will be provided by DCC when available.

573.6(c)(10): Copies of Proposed Owner Notification Letter:

A copy will be provided by DCC when available.

573.6(c)(11): Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number:

DCC will provide the Recall Campaign Number when available.

If you or your staff has any questions, please feel free to contact me at 843-695-5041 or Michael Scott of my staff at 843-695-5057.

Sincerely

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Wolf Dieter Kleimeier
Executive VP Engineering and Compliance
DaimlerChrysler Manufacturing
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