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DaimlerChrysler Manufacturing International LLC

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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E..
Washington, D.C. 20590

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 2001-2006 model year Sprinter vehicles regarding the rear interior lamps.

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 Years</u>	<u>Inclusive Dates of Manufacture</u>
Sprinter	2500 and 3500	2001 - 2006	January 30, 2001 through October 7, 2006

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

Approximately 4,433 Sprinter vehicles are potentially affected and are sold under both the Dodge and Freightliner brand name.

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

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

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

Certain Sprinter vehicles sold in the U.S. have been equipped with a rear air conditioning system. In the affected vehicles, the interior lamp is equipped with an 18W lamp and a scattering lens. The light units are positioned in the air duct of the rear AC. In extremely hot and humid conditions, the combination of heat and humidity, and the heat from the lamp due to extreme long term operation, can distort the scattering lens. As a consequence the switching contacts of the lamp may cause a short circuit of the rear lamp.

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

DCAG received information from the field, including warranty claims and parts sales, for replacement parts due to distortion which resulted in an engineering analysis of the cause of this problem.

573.6(c)(8): Remedy Program:

DaimlerChrysler Corporation (DCC) will conduct a voluntary recall campaign for the subject Sprinter vehicles described above. Within the subject vehicles the rear interior lamps will be replaced by a modified version which is not subject to the impacts of heat and humidity.

There will be no charge to owners of the subject vehicles. DCAG is unaware of any lamp 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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