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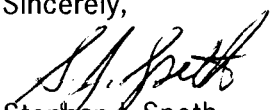
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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
West Building, Fourth Floor
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Smith:

Attached is Chrysler LLC's ("Chrysler") 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 a small number of 2008 model year Dodge Avenger all wheel drive vehicles. A welding operation was missed during the manufacture of the fuel tank retention straps. Chrysler will conduct a safety recall to replace the fuel tank retention straps on all affected vehicles.

Sincerely,



Stephan J. Speth

Enclosure: Defect Information Report for Chrysler LLC Recall G38

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

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Submission date: September 11, 2007

Identifying classification of vehicles potentially affected:

Make	Model	Model Year	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture	Volume (estimated)	Other
Dodge	Avenger	2008	4/25/07 through 7/3/07	1,158	with all wheel drive only

Estimated percentage containing defect: 100%

Description of Defect:

The fuel tank straps were improperly manufactured and could separate. This can cause the fuel tank to loosen and leak fuel. Fuel leakage in the presence of an ignition source can result in an underbody fire.

The name, address and telephone number of the supplier who manufactured the subject components:

Schaller Corporation
49495 Gratiot Avenue
Chesterfield Township, MI 48051
586-949-6000

The following chronology of principal events occurred between July and September of 2007 and led to the determination of a defect:

- In July of 2007, the Supplier of the fuel tank retention straps utilized on the 2008 model year Dodge Avenger all wheel drive (AWD) vehicles notified Chrysler that they had provided straps missing a weld operation.
- Chrysler's Sterling Heights, Michigan Assembly Plant (SHAP) stopped shipment of 2008 model year Dodge Avenger AWD vehicles and contained their shipping yard.
- Correctly processed straps were provided to SHAP and held vehicles were repaired prior to shipment.
- In August of 2007, Computer Aided Engineering (CAE) analysis predicted a 61% load increase in the "neck area" of straps missing the welding operation. Concurrently, a vehicle representative vibration bench test was conducted to confirm the CAE results. At 53% of the test duration the strap fastener lost retention and the strap partially fractured at the fastener hole.
- Chrysler is not aware of any customer complaints or field reports related to this issue.
- This data was presented to the Chrysler Vehicle Regulations Committee on September 4, 2007 who decided to conduct a safety recall to replace the affected straps.

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Statement of measures to be taken to correct defect:

Chrysler will replace the fuel tank retention straps on all affected vehicles. Chrysler expects to initiate national notification to dealers and to owners in October of 2007.

Chrysler 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, Chrysler, 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.