



October 15, 2008

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

Dear Mr. Smith:

Reference: NHTSA Identification Number 08V-525

Enclosed are representative copies of communications relating to the 2007 and 2008 model year vehicles involved in the referenced recall. Chrysler expects to notify dealers during the week of October 20, 2008 and to begin owner notification during the week of October 27, 2008. The exact number of manufactured vehicles in the recall is 3,599.

This completes Chrysler's package of information for this recall as required by the Defects Report Regulation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S.J. Speth".

Stephan J. Speth, Director
Vehicle Compliance and Safety Affairs

Enclosure: Dealer and Owner Letter for Recall H28

cc: K.C. DeMeter



October 2008

Dealer Service Instructions for:

Safety Recall H28 Park Brake Lever

Models

2007-2008 (KA) Dodge Nitro

2008 (KK) Jeep® Liberty

NOTE: This recall applies only to the above vehicles equipped with a manual transmission (sales code DBB) built through February 13, 2008 (MDH 021322).

IMPORTANT: Some of the involved vehicles may be in dealer new vehicle inventory. Federal law requires you to complete this recall service on these vehicles before retail delivery. Dealers should also consider this requirement to apply to used vehicle inventory and should perform this recall on vehicles in for service. Involved vehicles can be determined by using the VIP inquiry process.

Subject

The park brake lever clutch drum on about 3,500 of the above vehicles may distort and reduce the effectiveness of the park brake system. This could allow the vehicle to move inadvertently and cause a crash without warning.

Repair

The park brake lever assembly must be replaced.

Parts Information**A. 2007 Model Year Vehicles**

<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
CBA2H281	Lever, Park Brake

Each dealer to whom vehicles in the recall were assigned will receive enough park brake levers to service about 20% of those vehicles.

B. 2008 Model Year Vehicles

<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
CBA1H282	Lever, Park Brake

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Service Procedure

1. Disconnect and isolate the negative battery cable. **Wait two minutes** for the system capacitor to discharge before continuing with this procedure.

WARNING: The Occupant Restraint Controller (ORC) module must be temporarily relocated during this service procedure. If the ORC is accidentally rolled during this service procedure while still connected to battery power, the side curtain airbags will deploy.

2. Insert a paper clip into the shifter boot zipper slide and un-zip the zipper.
3. Remove the shifter bezel and if equipped disconnect the 4x4 shift switch electrical connector.
4. On vehicles equipped with a rear seat 110 volt outlet, open the console lid and using a trim stick, release the fasteners at the four locations around the floor console end cap.
5. On vehicles equipped with a rear seat 110 volt outlet, disconnect the 110 volt electrical connector from the console end cap.
6. Remove the center floor console.
7. Remove the four fasteners shown in Figure 1 and carefully relocate the ORC module and aluminum bracket forward in car just far enough so that the park brake lever assembly can be removed.

CAUTION: Do not remove the ORC module from its aluminum mounting bracket.

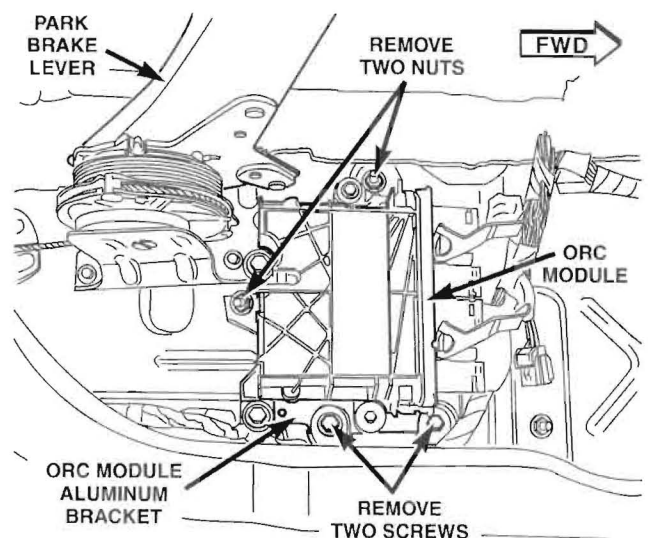


Figure 1

Service Procedure (Continued)

8. Lock out the park brake system using the following procedure:

a. With the park brake lever in the “Down” position, pull up on the core cable, rotating the drum, until the drum cut-out aligns with the hole on the lever tab (Figure 2).

b. Install a screwdriver into the lever tab hole and drum cut-out (Figure 3).

c. Release the core cable.

d. The park brake system is now locked out to perform this procedure.

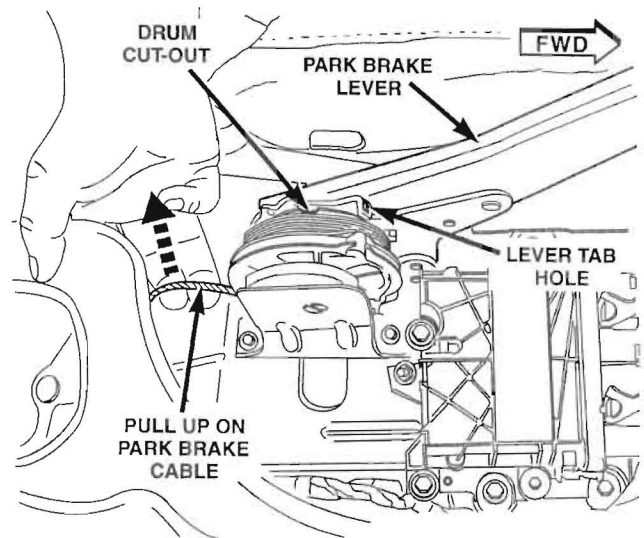


Figure 2

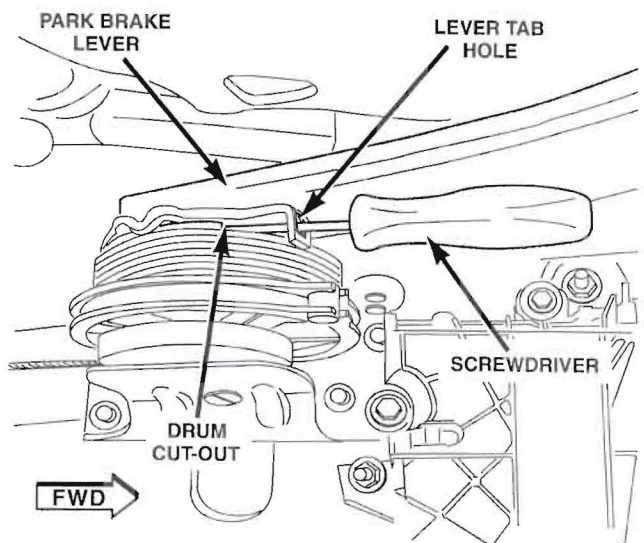
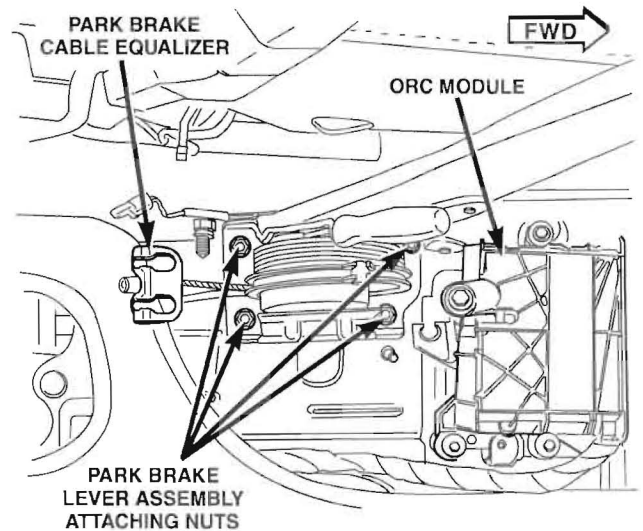


Figure 3

Service Procedure (Continued)

9. Disconnect the park brake cables at the cable equalizer (Figure 4)
10. Disconnect the brake lamp switch electrical connector located on the side of the park brake lever assembly
11. Remove the four (4) park brake lever assembly attaching nuts (Figure 4).
12. Remove the park brake lever assembly from the vehicle.
13. Carefully remove the screwdriver from the old park brake lever and discard the old lever.

**Figure 4**

CAUTION: Keep hands free of moving parts. The drum will rotate when the screwdriver is removed.

14. Place the new park brake lever into position.
15. Install the four (4) park brake lever mounting nuts and tighten to 140 in. lbs. (16 N·m) (Figure 4).
16. Carefully place the ORC module into position and install module fasteners. Tighten ORC module fasteners to 95 in. lbs. (11 N·m) (Figure 1).
17. Connect the brake lamp switch electrical connector (located on the side of the park brake lever assembly) to the switch.
18. With the park brake lever in the down position, connect the park brake cable equalizer to the right and left park brake cable.
19. Pull the park brake handle up and remove the lock out pin.
20. Verify park brake operation.
21. Place the park brake lever in the up position and move the console into position.

Service Procedure (Continued)

22. Place the park brake lever in the down position to allow movement of the console. Line up the console with mounting screw holes and install console mounting screws.
23. Place the park brake lever in the up position, connect the 110 volt outlet (if equipped) and install the center console end cap.
24. Connect the 4x4 shift switch electrical connector (if equipped) and install the shifter bezel.
25. Zip up the shifter boot and remove the paper clip from the zipper slide.
26. Connect the negative battery cable.

Completion Reporting and Reimbursement

Claims for vehicles that have been serviced must be submitted on the DealerCONNECT Claim Entry Screen located on the Service tab. Claims submitted will be used by Chrysler to record recall service completions and provide dealer payments.

Use the following labor operation number and time allowance:

	Labor Operation Number	Time Allowance
Replace park brake lever	05-H2-81-82	0.4 hours

Add the cost of the recall part plus applicable dealer allowance to your claim.

NOTE: See the Warranty Administration Manual, Recall Claim Processing Section, for complete recall claim processing instructions.

Dealer Notification

To view this notification on DealerCONNECT, select “Global Recall System” on the Service tab, then click on the description of this notification.

Owner Notification and Service Scheduling

All involved vehicle owners known to Chrysler are being notified of the service requirement by first class mail. They are requested to schedule appointments for this service with their dealers. A generic copy of the owner letter is attached.

Enclosed with each owner letter is an Owner Notification postcard to allow owners to update our records if applicable.

Vehicle Lists, Global Recall System, VIP and Dealer Follow Up

All involved vehicles have been entered into the DealerCONNECT Global Recall System (GRS) and Vehicle Information Plus (VIP) for dealer inquiry as needed.

GRS provides involved dealers with an updated VIN list of their incomplete vehicles. The owner's name, address and phone number are listed if known. Completed vehicles are removed from GRS within several days of repair claim submission.

To use this system, click on the “**Service**” tab and then click on “**Global Recall System.**” Your dealer's VIN list for each recall displayed can be sorted by: those vehicles that were unsold at recall launch, those with a phone number, city, zip code, or VIN sequence.

Dealers must perform this repair on all unsold vehicles before retail delivery. Dealers should also use the VIN list to follow up with all owners to schedule appointments for this repair.

Recall VIN lists may contain confidential, restricted owner name and address information that was obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles of various states. Use of this information is permitted for this recall only and is strictly prohibited from all other use.

Additional Information

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this action, please contact your Service and Parts District Manager.

Customer Services Field Operations
Chrysler



SAFETY RECALL H28 – PARK BRAKE LEVER

Dear: (Name)

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Chrysler has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in some **2007 and 2008 model year Dodge Nitro and Jeep® Liberty vehicles equipped with a manual transmission.**

The problem is... The park brake lever clutch drum on your vehicle (VIN: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) may distort and reduce the effectiveness of the park brake system. This could allow the vehicle to move inadvertently and cause a crash without warning.

What your dealer will do... Chrysler will repair your vehicle free of charge (parts and labor). To do this, your dealer will replace the park brake lever assembly. The work will take about ½ hour to complete. However, additional time may be necessary depending on service schedules.

What you must do to ensure your safety... Simply **contact your dealer** right away to schedule a service appointment. Ask the dealer to hold the part for your vehicle or to order it before your appointment. **Remember to bring this letter with you to your dealer.**

If you need help... If you have questions or concerns which your dealer is unable to resolve, please contact Chrysler at 1-800-853-1403.

Please help us update our records, by filling out the attached prepaid postcard, if any of the conditions listed on the card apply to you or your vehicle.

If you have already experienced this condition and have paid to have it repaired, you may send your original receipts and/or other adequate proof of payment to the following address for reimbursement: Chrysler Recall Customer Assistance, P.O. Box 21-8007, Auburn Hills, MI 48321-8007, Attention: Reimbursement.

If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We're sorry for any inconvenience, but we are sincerely concerned about your safety. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Customer Services Field Operations
Chrysler
Notification Code H28

*Buckle up
for Safety!*

Note to lessors receiving this recall: Federal regulation requires that you forward this recall notice to the lessee within 10 days.