



March 9, 2009

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 in some aftermarket replacement equipment; i.e., windshield wiper module assemblies sold during the 2008 and 2009 calendar year for use as service equipment on some 2002-2009 model year Dodge Ram pickup trucks. The windshield wiper module motor assembly may be susceptible to water intrusion that could result in partial or complete loss of windshield wiping capability. This recall is associated with Chrysler Recall J10, which covers 2008-2009 model year Dodge Ram pickup trucks that have the same wiper module assemblies installed as original equipment.

Chrysler records indicate that approximately 1,364 suspect aftermarket windshield wiper module assemblies were sold. Chrysler will notify the owners of these Dodge Ram pickup trucks by mail and request they take their vehicle to a Chrysler dealer for replacement of the windshield wiper module assembly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawrence J. Sak".

Lawrence J. Sak

Enclosure: Defect Information Report for Chrysler Recall J11

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

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**Submission Date:** March 9, 2009

**Identification of equipment potentially affected:**

Approximately 1,364 subject wiper module assemblies were sold as replacement equipment. The wiper module assemblies can be identified by Chrysler part number 55077098AJ.

**Estimated percentage containing defect:** TBD

**Description of defect:**

The aftermarket wiper module assemblies used for service on some 2002-2009 model year Dodge Ram pickup trucks may be susceptible to water intrusion that could result in partial or complete loss of windshield wiping capability.

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

Trico Products Corporation  
3255 West Hamlin Road  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309  
(248) 371-1700

**The following chronology of principal events led to the determination of a defect:**

- In April of 2008, a redesigned wiper motor assembly was introduced into production as a running change for the 2008 model year Dodge Ram pickup trucks.
- At the March 2, 2009 Chrysler Vehicle Regulations Committee meeting a decision was reached to conduct a safety recall on approximately 103,354 vehicles that utilized the subject wiper module assemblies as original equipment (Chrysler recall J10) and to conduct this equipment recall.
- The chronology of events leading to this recall is set out in the defect information report for Chrysler recall J10.
- Chrysler is not aware of any injuries, fatalities or property damage resulting from this condition.

**Statement of measures to be taken to correct defect:**

The owners of 1,364 affected 2002-2009 model year Dodge Ram pickup trucks not covered by Chrysler recall J10 will be contacted by mail. Owners who had the suspect windshield wiper module assembly installed in service will be requested to take their vehicle to a Chrysler dealer for replacement of the windshield wiper module assembly. Chrysler expects to initiate national notification to both dealers and owners when a sufficient quantity of parts is available. Chrysler's scheduling information for implementing this recall is not available at this time.

Chrysler has a longstanding 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

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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 expense confirmation.