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DEFECT INFORMATION
REPORT

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 a small number of 2009 model year Dodge Ram heavy duty pickup trucks equipped with a manual transmission and the optional power adjustable pedal package. The clutch pedal connecting rod to the clutch master cylinder may separate. This may not allow disengagement of the clutch when the pedal is depressed, which could result in unintended vehicle movement, increased stopping distance and engine stalling.

Chrysler will conduct a safety recall to replace the clutch master cylinder hydraulic system on all affected vehicles.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Sak

Enclosure: Defect Information Report for Chrysler Recall J08

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

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Submission date: March 9, 2009

Identifying classification of vehicles potentially affected:

Make	Model	Model Year	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture	Volume	Other
Dodge	Ram Pickup Truck	2009	August 22, 2008 - January 30, 2009	507 (estimated)	Heavy duty only (2500/3500/3500 cab chassis only) with manual transmission and power adjustable pedal package

Estimated percentage containing defect: TBD

Description of defect:

The clutch pedal connecting rod to the clutch master cylinder may separate from the master cylinder. This may not allow disengagement of the clutch when the pedal is depressed, which could result in unintended vehicle movement, increased stopping distance and engine stalling.

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

FTE automotive USA, Inc.
4000 Pinnacle Court
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
(248) 377-6999

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

- In January of 2009, at the Chrysler's Chelsea Proving Grounds, a 2010 model year Dodge Ram heavy duty durability test vehicle with a manual transmission and power adjustable position pedals experienced an inoperative clutch.
- Review of the vehicle determined the clutch connecting rod retaining clip attached to the master cylinder had separated. The condition was recreated during evaluation and confirmed to be related to the optional power adjustable position pedal package only.
- The identical optional power adjustable position pedal package was also available on 2009 model year heavy duty Dodge Ram pickup trucks. Affected vehicles were held at Chrysler's Saltillo Truck Assembly Plant.
- Investigation determined that for the 2009 model year, the adjustable position clutch pedal arm was fabricated of steel. The arm on previous model year vehicles was fabricated of

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aluminum.

- Investigation also determined that if the steel arm clutch pedal was released suddenly from a fully depressed position, the higher mass steel arm clutch pedal could in some cases exceed the retention capability of the clutch connecting rod retaining clip.
- Held vehicles within the company's control were retrofit with the standard equipment fixed position (non-adjustable) pedal system.
- A modification to the clutch master cylinder hydraulic system to reduce pedal velocity if released suddenly from a fully depressed position was validated and will be implemented in the future.
- A review of all available field data indicated one report from a customer which appeared to indicate this condition.
- There are no reports of injury, fatality or property damage attributable to this condition.
- This data was presented on March 2, 2009 to the Vehicle Regulations Committee who decided to conduct a safety recall.

Statement of measures to be taken to correct defect:

Chrysler will conduct a safety recall to replace the clutch master cylinder hydraulic system on all affected vehicles. 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 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.