



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

09V-084
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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 2008 model year light duty and 2008-2009 model year heavy duty 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.

Chrysler will conduct a safety recall to install revised windshield wiper module assemblies on all affected vehicles.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Sak

Enclosure: Defect Information Report for Chrysler Recall J10

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

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT FOR CHRYSLER LLC RECALL J10

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Submission Date: March 9, 2009

Identifying classification of vehicles potentially affected:

Make	Model	Model Year	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture	Volume
Dodge	Ram light duty pickup truck	2008	April 14, 2008 - October 24, 2008	103,354 (estimated)
	Ram heavy duty pickup truck	2008-2009		

Estimated percentage containing defect: TBD

Description of defect:

The windshield wiper module motor assembly 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 July of 2008, an increase in wiper motor warranty for the subject vehicles was observed. Returned motors were analyzed and showed evidence of water intrusion.
- Investigation determined that in April of 2008, the wiper motor housing design had been modified to remove a vent. Subsequent testing has indicated that vent removal could under certain operating condition create a pressure differential that can draw water into the motor.
- As a precautionary measure while the investigation continued, an automated internally applied sealer process was implemented on October 24, 2008. Testing has confirmed no water intrusion issues with motors with the internally applied sealer.
- A review of available field data indicated over 500 reports of intermittent or inoperative wiper operation for the affected vehicles that may be related to this condition.
- Chrysler is not aware of any injuries, fatalities or property damage resulting from this condition.
- This data was presented to the Chrysler Vehicle Regulations Committee on March 2, 2009 who decided to conduct a safety recall.

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Statement of measures to be taken to correct defect:

Chrysler will conduct a safety recall to replace the wiper module assemblies on affected vehicles with vented wiper motor housings. 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.