

**CHRYSLER**

January 7, 2010

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 Group 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 2009 – 2010 model year Dodge Ram vehicles and 2010 model year Chrysler Sebring, Dodge Avenger, Nitro and Jeep Commander, Grand Cherokee and Liberty vehicles.

Chrysler will conduct a voluntary safety recall to replace the brake booster input rod retaining clip on all of the Chrysler Sebring, Dodge Avenger, Nitro and Jeep Commander, Grand Cherokee and Liberty vehicles and will inspect for the presence of the brake booster input rod retaining clip on all of the Dodge Ram vehicles and repair any Dodge Ram vehicles found with a missing clip. To be proactive, Chrysler issued a Rapid Response Transmittal on December 22, 2009 to inspect the Dodge Ram vehicles for the presence of the clip and repair any vehicles with a missing clip.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David D. Dillon".

David D. Dillon

Enclosure: Defect Information Report for Chrysler Recall J37

cc: K.C. DeMeter, NHTSA

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Submission date: January 7, 2010

Identifying classification of vehicles potentially affected:

Make(s)	Model(s)	Model Year(s)	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture	Volume
Chrysler/ Dodge	Sebring/ Avenger	2010	November 12, 2009– November 20, 2009	1,362 (estimated)
Dodge	Ram	2009-2010	August 17, 2009– December 10, 2009	16,872 (estimated)
Dodge/ Jeep	Nitro/ Liberty	2010	October 29, 2009– November 16, 2009	4,064 (estimated)
Jeep	Commander/ Grand Cherokee	2010	November 5, 2009– November 12, 2009	1,879 (estimated)

Estimated percentage containing defect: unknown

Description of defect:

A small percentage of the affected Chrysler Sebring, Dodge Avenger, Nitro and Jeep Commander, Grand Cherokee and Liberty vehicles may have been built with an improperly formed brake booster input rod retaining clip and a small percentage of the affected Dodge Ram vehicles may have been built without a brake booster input rod retaining clip. The defect could result in the loss of service brakes.

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

AWT Metal Specialties
1120 C.I.C. Drive
Logan, Ohio, 43138
740-385-938

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

- On November 16, 2009 an operator at Toledo North Assembly Plant (TNAP) noticed an issue with the clip which is installed to retain the brake booster input rod to the brake pedal arm.

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- The clip retention tab on the brake pedal pin was improperly formed during the clip manufacturing process, resulting in reduced retention force.
- TNAP contained their shipping yard and notified the remaining Chrysler Assembly Plants that utilize the same clip.
- Toluca, Graz and Jefferson North Assembly Plants (JNAP) also contained their shipping yards, while the investigation continued.
- The initial clip found at TNAP was from AWT Metal Specialties (AWT) production lot# 09321, which was shipped on October 29, 2009 to TNAP and November 5, 2009 to JNAP. This production lot of clips was only shipped to TNAP and JNAP.
- Inspection of loose clips and vehicles from lot# 09321 confirmed that only a small percentage of the clips were improperly manufactured.
- Production lot# 090107 was shipped from AWT without being 100% inspected to Sterling Heights Assembly Plant (SHAP), they contained their shipping yard on November 20, 2009.
- One improperly formed clip from lot# 090107 was identified during SHAP loose clip inspection.
- On December 9, 2009 Saltillo Truck Assembly Plant (STAP) was validating vehicles after assembly, when the driver experienced a complete loss of service brakes.
- STAP contained their shipping yard on December 10, 2009.
- Investigation determined the brake booster input rod retention clip was not installed during the vehicle manufacturing process.
- There was a revision in the operator assignments at STAP beginning on August 17, 2009.
- STAP vehicle inspection identified two additional vehicles with missing clips.
- To be proactive, Chrysler issued a Rapid Response Transmittal on December 22, 2009 to inspect the Dodge Ram vehicles for the presence of the clip and repair any vehicles with a missing clip.
- Chrysler Group, LLC is not aware of any accidents or injuries related to these issues.

Statement of measures to be taken to correct defect:

Chrysler will conduct a voluntary safety recall to replace the brake booster input rod retaining clip on all of the Chrysler Sebring, Dodge Avenger, Nitro and Jeep Commander, Grand Cherokee and Liberty vehicles and will inspect for the presence of the brake booster input rod retaining clip on all of the Dodge Ram vehicles and repair any vehicles with a missing clip. Chrysler expects to initiate national notification to both dealers and owners in January, 2010.

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.