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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 2010-2011 model year Dodge Ram vehicles.

Chrysler will conduct a voluntary safety recall to replace the power steering reservoir cap on all affected vehicles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David D. Dillon".

David D. Dillon

Enclosure: Defect Information Report for Chrysler Recall K33

cc: Richard Boyd, NHTSA

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Submission date: December 7, 2010

Identifying classification of vehicles potentially affected:

Make(s)	Model(s)	Model Year(s)	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture	Volume	Assembly Plant(s)
Dodge	Ram	2010-2011	March 2009 - October 2010	76,122 (estimated)	Saltillo Truck Assembly Plant

Estimated percentage containing defect: 1%

Description of defect:

Some vehicles equipped with a diesel engine and a hydroboost brake system may be equipped with a power steering reservoir cap with excessive vent pressure levels that may result in brake pedals that are slow to return.

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

JTEKT North America
5932 Commerce Blvd.
Morristown, TN 37814
(423) 585-2581

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

- 2010 and 2011 model year Dodge Ram trucks with a diesel engine utilize a hydroboost brake system that uses power steering system pressure for brake assist.
- During the first quarter of 2010, Chrysler became aware of field input related to brake lights that were slow to return.
- An investigation determined that removing the power steering reservoir cap eliminated the condition.
- It was determined that the root cause of the field inputs was residual pressure in the power steering system.
- In October of 2010, a new power steering fluid reservoir cap with a reduced target vent pressure went into production to resolve the condition.
- Chrysler has received a total of 175 field inputs related to this condition.

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Statement of measures to be taken to correct defect:

Chrysler will conduct a voluntary safety recall to replace the power steering reservoir cap on all affected Dodge Ram vehicles. Chrysler expects to initiate national notification to both dealers and owners in February of 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.