



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215KS
12V-474

Subject: Rear Axle pinion Nut May Loosen at Differential

Dear Mr. DILLON:

This letter serves to acknowledge CHRYSLER GROUP LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

DODGE/DAKOTA/2009-2010
DODGE/RAM 1500/2009-2010

Mfr's Report Date: September 27, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-474

Components:

POWER TRAIN:DRIVELINE:DIFFERENTIAL UNIT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 44,300

Problem Description:

Chrysler is recalling certain model year 2009-2010, Ram 1500 and Dodge Dakota trucks, manufactured from July 1, 2009, through November 30, 2009, because a rear axle pinion nut may loosen due to a lack of adhesive.

Consequence:

If the rear axle pinion nut loosens, the axle can lock up and cause a loss of vehicle control and/or a vehicle crash with little warning.

Remedy:

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will install a pinion nut retainer, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in November 2012. Owners may contact Chrysler at 1-800-247-9753.

Notes:

Chrysler's recall campaign number is M34. Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

This recall was the subject of a preliminary evaluation, PE12-021, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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