

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

February 14, 2013

Mr. Reginald Modlin Director-Regulatory Affairs Chrysler Group LLC 800 Chrysler Drive CIMS-482-00-91 Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2757

Subject: Inadvertent Airbag Deployment

Dear Mr. Modlin:

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/VIPER/2003-2004

**Mfr's Report Date:** February 5, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-040

**Components:** AIR BAGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 3.660

# **Problem Description:**

Chrysler is recalling certain model year 2003 and 2004 Dodge Viper vehicles manufactured from November 1, 2001, through June 30, 2004. A component in the air bag control module may fail causing the front airbags and/or seatbelt pretensioners to deploy inadvertently while the vehicle is being operated.

### **Consequence:**

Inadvertent deployment of the airbags and/or seat belt pretensioners could increase the risk of personal injury and the possibility of a crash.

## Remedy:

Chrysler will notify owners, and dealers will repair the vehicles free of charge. An interim notification is expected to be sent in February 2013. The remedy is expected to be available later in the year. Owners may contact Chrysler at 1-800-247-9753.

#### **Notes:**

Chrysler's recall campaign number is N13. 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.



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This recall was the subject of an investigation, EA12-001, 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,

Jennifer Timian

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

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