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April 3, 2013

Ms. Nancy Lummen Lewis  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
Room: W48-302  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. Lewis:

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 vehicles.

Chrysler Group will conduct a voluntary safety recall to inspect (and replace, if necessary) the rear brake calipers on all affected vehicles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin Kolodge".

Kristin J Kolodge

Enclosure: Defect Information Report for Chrysler Group LLC. Recall N21

cc: Frank Borris, NHTSA

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**Submission Date:** April 3, 2013

**573.6(c)(1): Manufacturer's Name, Brand Name**

Chrysler Group LLC, Dodge

**573.6(c)(2): Identification of Affected Vehicles**

Make(s)	Model(s)	Model Year(s)	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture
Dodge	Dart	2013	November 27, 2012

**573.6(c)(2)(iv): Component manufacturer name, address, telephone number, and country of origin:**

**Camryn Industries  
3458 Morreim Drive  
Belvidere, IL 61008 USA  
815-544-5559**

**573.6(c)(3): Potentially Affected Vehicle Population**

46

**573.6(c)(4): Percentage of Affected Vehicles**

Unknown

**573.6(c)(5): Description of Defect or Noncompliance**

Some vehicles may have been built with incorrect rear brake calipers, which could result in an inoperable parking brake.

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**573.6(c)(6): Chronology of Principal Events Leading to Determination of a Safety Defect**

- A coordinated engineering change required the 2013 MY Dodge Dart brake subassembly supplier to build with a new caliper.
- The coordinated change was implemented at the supplier.
- Subsequent to the changeover, an operator loaded the prior level parts to the subassembly operation.
- The issue was found on the vehicle assembly line (park brake cable appears too long and rubs on tire).
- Potentially incorrect builds occurred on November 27, 2012.
- A product related issue meeting was called to address the concern.
- The plant issued a hold for suspect vehicles (279 VINs).
- 52 suspect vehicles were shipped before the hold was implemented.
- Based on the remaining inventory of calipers and the number replaced as part of the yard purge, 17 sets of obsolete calipers remain unaccounted for.
- There are no field (CAIR, VOQ and QNA) reports alleging inoperative parking brakes due to incorrect calipers on 2013 PF vehicles.
- Chrysler Group LLC is not aware of any accidents or injuries related to incorrect calipers.
- On March 26, 2013, Chrysler Group LLC decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall on all affected vehicles.

**573.6(c)(7): Information Used in Determination of a Noncompliance**

N/A

**573.6(c)(8): Description of Remedy**

Chrysler will conduct a voluntary safety recall to inspect and replace incorrect rear brake calipers.

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 the original receipt and/or other adequate proof of payment to the company for confirmation of the expense.

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**573.6(c)(10): Dealer and Owner Communications**

Chrysler plans to begin notification of dealers and owners in April, 2013.  
Chrysler will provide the dealer and owner letters when available.

**573.6(c)(11): Manufacturer's Campaign Number**

Chrysler has assigned recall number N21 to this action.