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August 5, 2014

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:

The following information is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.6, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, which contains details of a safety defect in vehicles as determined by Chrysler Group LLC.

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

Chrysler Group LLC, Chrysler

#### 573.6(c)(2)(i): Identification of Affected Vehicles

Make(s)	Model(s)	Model Year(s)	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture
Chrysler	200	2015	May 19, 2014 – June 21,
			2014

The determination of the recall population is described in Section 573.6(c)(6).

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

Flextronics International Omega No. 1825 Omega Industrial Park Cd. Juarez Chihuahua ZIP Code 32410 Phone No.: 0052 656 688 0810

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

8 (estimated)

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

#### 100% (estimated)

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

Some Chrysler 200 vehicles may experience an excessive heat condition in the driver door wire harness, which can result in an inoperative window or door harness circuit as well as a potential fire. Root cause was identified to be smaller than required wire gauge due to an error made when updating the door wire harness part at the supplier. As a result of the smaller gauge wire, the circuit may experience excessive heat which can melt the insulation and cause a short with a neighboring circuit and/or a potential fire.

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

- On June 18, 2014, Chrysler opened an investigation when a vehicle, due to a stuck door lock switch, did not pass the end of line audit at the Sterling Heights Assembly Plant ("SHAP"). Chrysler identified a suspect vehicle population and initiated a yard hold of these vehicles.
- Investigation found the door wire harness was built with under-gauge wire.
- On June 19, 2014, the supplier began manufacturing door wire harness with the specified gauge wire.
- On June 21, 2014 SHAP began building vehicles with door wire harness containing the specified gauge wire.
- On June 28, 2014, SHAP began replacing door wire harness in the suspect vehicles on yard hold.
- The scope of the affected vehicles was found to be those with the 'Power Windows, Driver One-Touch' (JPD) sales code only.
- The suspect period was established as May 19, 2014 (start of 2015 MY production) to June 21, 2014 at SHAP.
- As of July 28, 2014 Chrysler is unaware of any accidents or injuries potentially related to this issue.
- On July 29, 2014, Chrysler determined, through the Vehicle Regulations Committee, to conduct a voluntary safety recall.

## 573.6(c)(8)(i): Description of Remedy

Chrysler will conduct a voluntary safety recall to replace the door wiring harness on all affected vehicles.

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

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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.

#### 573.6(c)(8)(ii): Dealer and Owner Communication

Chrysler estimates it will notify dealers and owners in September, 2014.

## 573.6(c)(10): Submission of Recall Communications

Chrysler will provide representative copies of the dealer and owner letters to NHTSA's Recall Management Division when available.

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

Chrysler has assigned recall number P43 to this action.

Sincerely

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cc: Frank Borris, NHTSA