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September 17, 1999

Mr. Kenneth N. Weinstein
Associate Administrator, Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Reference: NHTSA Identification Number 99V-245

Enclosed are representative copies of communications relating to the 1999 model year vehicles involved in the referenced recall. DaimlerChrysler expects to begin owner notification during the week of September 27, 1999. The exact number of manufactured vehicles in the recall is 3,102.

The involved Vehicle Identification Number range is:

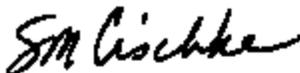
<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>
XV500001	XV504901

(VIN last eight characters) - X = 1999 Model Year; V = Conner Ave Assembly Plant, Detroit Michigan; and last six digits = sequential number.

We caution that the above range represents only the lowest and highest VIN sequential numbers included in the recall. This range cannot be used to determine conclusively that a vehicle is involved in the recall because some vehicles with a VIN within the range are not affected by the recall.

This completes DaimlerChrysler's package of information for this recall as required by the Defects Report Regulation.

Sincerely,



S.M. Cischke

Enclosure: Recall #844

cc: K. C. DeMeter

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September 1999

Dealer Service Instructions for:

Safety Recall No. 844 **Brake Warning Lamp Wiring Jumper**

Models

1999 (PR) Plymouth Prowler

NOTE: This recall applies only to the above vehicles built through June 22, 1999 (MDH 062212).

Reference: September 7, 1999 electronic mail (DMAIL) message on this subject.

IMPORTANT: Some of the involved vehicles may be in dealer new vehicle inventory. **Federal law requires you to stop sale and complete this recall service on these vehicles before retail delivery.** Dealers should also consider this requirement to apply to used vehicle inventory and should perform this recall on vehicles in for service as determined by using the DIAL VIP System.

Subject

The instrument panel brake warning lamp circuit on about 3,100 of the above vehicles does not contain the required ground wire to illuminate the brake warning lamp in the event of a brake system hydraulic failure. Therefore, the brake system on these vehicles does not comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 105 – Hydraulic Brake Systems.

Repair

A wiring jumper must be added to the brake warning lamp switch at the combination valve to complete the ground circuit for the brake warning lamp.

Parts Information

<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
CBA18440	Wiring Jumper

Each dealer to whom vehicles in the recall were invoiced (or the current dealer at the same street address) will receive enough wiring jumpers to service 100% of those vehicles.

Service Procedure

1. Lift vehicle on an appropriate hoist.

CAUTION: Be sure to follow the specific service manual procedure for hoisting a Prowler to avoid body damage.

2. Disconnect the two-way wiring connector on the brake combination valve (Figure 1).
3. Using a small screwdriver, slide the white lock wedge to the unlock position in the two-way connector (Figure 2).
4. Remove and discard the green rubber plug from the two-way connector (if present).
5. Insert the wiring jumper female terminal into the open cavity at the rear of the two-way connector.

NOTE: The terminal can only be installed one way. The terminal will click when it is fully seated in the two-way connector.

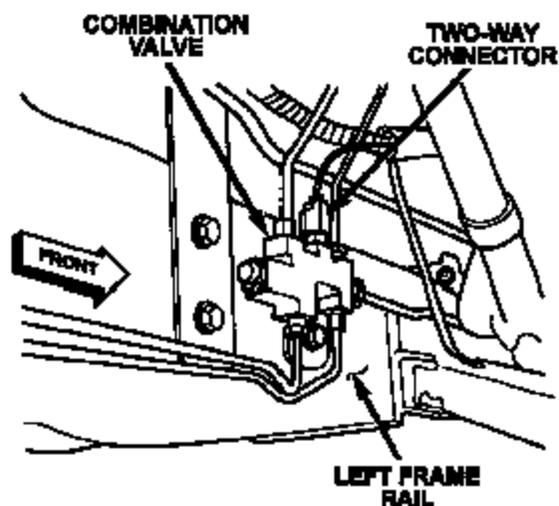


Figure 1

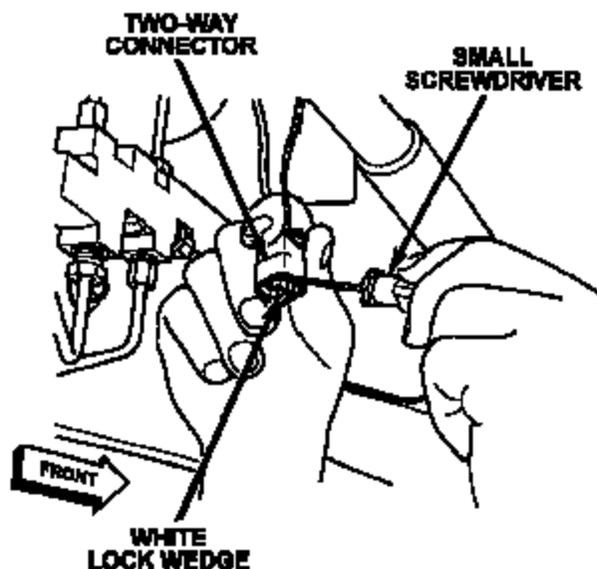


Figure 2

Service Procedure (Continued)

- Slide the white lock wedge back to its locked position into the two-way connector (Figure 2).

NOTE: Pull back gently on both connector wires to verify both wire terminals are properly locked into position in the two-way connector.

- Install the two-way connector onto the combination valve brake warning switch.
- Route the wiring jumper from the two-way connector behind the brake tubes to the combination valve retaining screw (Figure 3).
- Remove the brake combination valve retaining screw.
- Insert the combination valve retaining screw through the eyelet end of the wiring jumper.
- Install the brake combination valve retaining screw and torque screw to 225 in. lbs. (25 N·m).
- Lower vehicle from the hoist.

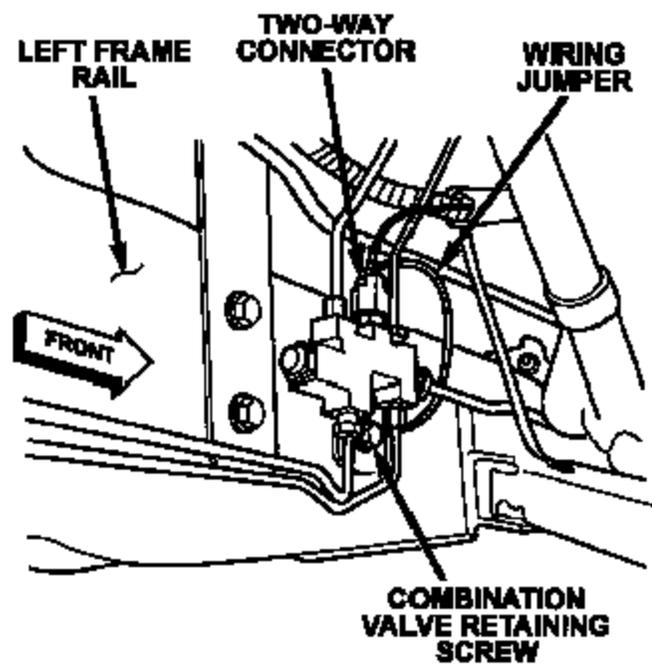


Figure 3

Completion Reporting and Reimbursement

Claims for vehicles that have been serviced must be submitted on the DIAL System. Claims submitted will be used by DaimlerChrysler to record recall service completions and provide dealer payments.

Use the following labor operation number and time allowance:

	Labor Operation Number	Time Allowance
Install wiring jumper	08844182	0.2 hours

Add the cost of the recall part plus applicable dealer allowance to your claim.

NOTE: See the Warranty Administration Manual, Recall Claim Processing Section, for complete recall claim processing instructions.

Parts Return

Not applicable.

Dealer Notification and Vehicle List

All dealers will receive a copy of this dealer recall notification letter by first class mail. Two additional copies will be sent through the DCMMS, and the MDS2 will be updated to include this recall in the near future. **Each dealer to whom involved vehicles were invoiced (or the current dealer at the same street address) will receive a list of their involved vehicles.** The vehicle list is arranged in Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) sequence. Owners known to DaimlerChrysler are also listed. The lists are for dealer reference in arranging for service of involved vehicles.

DIAL System Functions 53 and VIP

All involved vehicles will be entered to DIAL System Functions 53 and VIP at the time of recall implementation for dealer inquiry as needed.

Function 53 provides involved dealers with an updated VIN list of their incomplete vehicles. The customer name, address and phone number are listed if known. Completed vehicles are removed from Function 53 within several days of repair claim submission. To use this system, type "53" at the "ENTER FUNCTION" prompt, then type "ORD844".

Owner Notification and Service Scheduling

All involved vehicle owners known to DaimlerChrysler are being notified of the service requirement by first class mail. They are requested to schedule appointments for this service with their dealers. A copy of the owner notification letter is attached.

Enclosed with each owner notification is an Owner Notification Form. The involved vehicle and recall are identified on the form for owner or dealer reference as needed.

Vehicle Not Available

If a vehicle is not available for service, let us know by filling out the pre-addressed Owner Notification Form or describe the reason on a postcard and mail to:

DaimlerChrysler Corporation
CIMS 482-00-85
800 Chrysler Drive East
Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326-2757

Additional Information

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this action, please contact your Zone Service Office.

Customer Services Field Operations
DaimlerChrysler Corporation

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SAFETY RECALL TO ADD A WIRING JUMPER TO YOUR VEHICLE'S BRAKE SYSTEM WARNING LAMP CIRCUIT

Dear Plymouth Prowler Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

DaimlerChrysler Corporation has determined that some 1999 model year Plymouth Prowler vehicles do not comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 105 – Hydraulic Brake Systems.

The problem is...

The instrument panel brake system warning lamp on your Prowler (identified on the enclosed form) will not illuminate if a brake system hydraulic failure occurs.

What DaimlerChrysler and your dealer will do...

DaimlerChrysler will repair your vehicle free of charge (parts and labor). To do this, your dealer will add a wiring jumper to the brake warning lamp switch circuit. The work will take about a ½ hour to complete. However, additional time may be necessary depending on how dealer appointments are scheduled and processed.

What you must do to ensure your safety...

- **Simply contact your dealer right away to schedule a service appointment. Ask the dealer to hold the parts for your vehicle or to order them before your appointment.**
- **Bring the enclosed Owner Notification Form with you to your dealer. It identifies the required service to the dealer.**

If you need help...

If you have trouble getting your vehicle repaired, please call the DaimlerChrysler Customer Assistance Center, toll free, at 1-800-992-1997. A representative will assist you in getting your vehicle repaired. If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590, or call the Toll Free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-800-424-9393. Washington, DC area residents may call 1-202-366-0123.

We're sorry for any inconvenience, but we are sincerely concerned about your safety. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

***Buckle up
for Safety***

Customer Services Field Operations
DaimlerChrysler Corporation
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