

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. **99V-313** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

NOV - 8 1999

Part 573 Report Date: November 4, 1999

MANUFACTURER: DaimlerChrysler Corporation

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Susan M. Cischke, Senior Vice President
Regulatory Affairs and Passenger Car Operations

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SUBJECT: 542 DaimlerChrysler 1999 Plymouth Prowler model vehicles manufactured May 11 through August 20, 1999. Some aluminum castings used in the manufacture of the vehicle frame may have missed the required heat treatment operation resulting in soft frame castings. Some of these frames could fracture under vehicle operating conditions, resulting in loss of vehicle handling or vehicle control. *DaimlerChrysler Campaign No. 855.*

This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

In accordance with Part 577, amended July 7, 1995, a draft owner notification letter must be submitted for review prior to mailing.

As stated in Part 573.6, 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. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during December 1999. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please call:



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Dear Ms. Cischke:

We have reviewed DaimlerChrysler Corporation's (DaimlerChrysler) Defect Information Report dated November 4, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 542 DaimlerChrysler 1999 Plymouth Prowler model vehicles manufactured May 11 through August 20, 1999. Some aluminum castings used in the manufacture of the vehicle frame may have missed the required heat treatment operation resulting in soft frame castings. Some of these frames could fracture under vehicle operating conditions, resulting in loss of vehicle handling or vehicle control. **The assigned ID number for this recall campaign is 99V-313 (*DaimlerChrysler Campaign No. 855*).**

DaimlerChrysler is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this day forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.

Quarterly Reports

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or by fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. White, Chief
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Office of Defects Investigation
Safety Assurance