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Mr. Matthew C. Reynolds
Executive Director of Vehicle
Compliance & Safety Affairs
DaimlerChrysler Corporation - CIMS 482-00-91
800 Chrysler Drive East
Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2757

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00V-135

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

We have reviewed DaimlerChrysler Corporation's (DaimlerChrysler) Defect Information Report dated May 10, and subsequent information dated June 14, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 485,662 DaimlerChrysler 1994 through 1996 Dodge Ram pickup trucks manufactured from early-June 1993 through mid-April 1996. The affected vehicles were built with an ignition switch and wiring that could overheat. High electrical current loads pass through the switch when the blower motor is operated on high for an extended periods of time. This could cause the ignition switch and wiring to overheat. **The assigned ID number for this recall campaign is 00V-135 (DaimlerChrysler Campaign No. 875).**

This recall was the subject of EA99-027, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

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

Quarterly Reports

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 noted in your letter of June 14, owner notification began the week of June 26, 2000. Since this is so close to the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 2000.

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
Recall Analysis Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Safety Assurance

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

Assigned Recall No. 00V-135 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

5-11-00

Part 573 Report Date: May 10, 2000

MANUFACTURER: DaimlerChrysler Corporation

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Matthew C. Reynolds, Director
Vehicle Compliance and Safety Affairs

FAX: (248) 576-7321

SUBJECT: Approximately 690,000 DaimlerChrysler 1994-1996 Dodge Ram pickup trucks manufactured from early-June 1993 through mid-April 1996. The affected vehicles were built with an ignition switch and wiring that could overheat. High electrical current loads pass through the switch when the blower motor is operated on high for an extended periods of time. This could cause the ignition switch and wiring to overheat. *DaimlerChrysler Campaign No. 875.*

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.

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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 June 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please call:

Pat

Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232
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