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Mr. Kenneth N. Weinstein
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Attached is DaimlerChrysler Corporation's Noncompliance Information Report, complying with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, which contains details of a recall regarding a non-compliance in some 2002 model year Dodge and Chrysler minivans. The owner's manual documentation in these vehicles may not meet some of the requirements of FMVSS 226, Child Restraint Anchorage Systems.

DaimlerChrysler Corporation is notifying dealers to include the proper documentation with vehicle sales, as of today, via the attached documentation.

Sincerely,



Matthew C Reynolds

Enclosure: Noncompliance Information Report for DaimlerChrysler Corporation Recall # 996
Dealer and Owner Notification: Noncompliance Recall #996 – Owner's Manual

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Submission date: October 1, 2001

Identifying classification of vehicles affected:

<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Inclusive Dates of Manufacture</u>	<u>Volume</u>
Chrysler	Voyager	2002	2/1/01-9/7/01	52,649
	Town and Country	2002		
Dodge	Caravan/Grand Caravan	2002		

The involved vehicle identification number ranges are:

<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>
2B500001	2B548212
2R500001	2R545777

(VIN last eight characters) - 2 = 2002 Model Year; B = St. Louis South Assembly Plant, Fenton, Missouri; R = Windsor Assembly Plant, Windsor, Ontario; and the 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.

Estimated percentage containing noncompliance: 100%

Description of noncompliance:

FMVSS 225 Section 12 (a) requires that owner's manuals indicate which seating positions are equipped with tether anchorages and child restraint anchorage systems. Certain 2002 model year Dodge and Chrysler minivan owner's manuals supplied incorrect information. That information will be corrected through this recall.

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Chronological summary of principal events which were the basis for determining existence of the noncompliance:

The following principal events occurred in the period from late August 2001 through late September 2001:

- A review of the minivan owner's manuals uncovered that the number and location of seating positions equipped with tether anchorages and child restraint anchorage systems were misidentified.
- The information was presented to the VRC, which decided to conduct a safety recall to correct the noncompliance.

Statement of measures to be taken to correct the noncompliance:

A letter containing the necessary child restraint system information will be provided to owners and dealers of affected vehicles. DaimlerChrysler Corporation is notifying dealers on October 1, 2001 and owners the week of October 8, 2001. A copy of the dealer and owner notification is enclosed.