

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

Assigned Recall No. **01V-040** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **February 7, 2001**

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MANUFACTURER: **DaimlerChrysler Corporation**

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SUBJECT: **701,000 DaimlerChrysler 1994-1999 Dodge Ram pickup trucks
manufactured from July 23, 1993 through March 22, 1999. Corrosion of the return
spring on the hood secondary latch could cause the mechanism to bind in the "release
position." If the primary latch is not engaged, the hood could open unexpectedly. The
recall campaign will be conducted in the salt belt states. DaimlerChrysler Campaign No.
973.**

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.

This recall was the subject of a Recall Query, RQ00-012, conducted by the Office of Defects
Investigation.

**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 your report, DaimlerChrysler will
send an interim notification to owners during March 2001.**

If you have any questions, please call:



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