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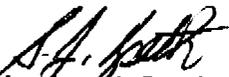
Mr. Daniel C. Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith:

Attached is Chrysler LLC ("Chrysler") Defect Information Report, complying with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, which contains details of a potential safety related defect on some 2007 and 2008 model year Dodge Avenger sedans and Chrysler Sebring convertibles. Under certain operating conditions, the front door latch cable may become partially unseated from the interior release handle housing and the latch or lock may not function properly. Chrysler will conduct a safety recall to add a secondary cable retention feature to both front doors on all affected vehicles. This action supersedes and expands Chrysler safety recall G12 which addressed a similar issue in the Dodge Avenger sedans.

Sincerely,


Stephan J. Speth

Enclosure: Defect Information Report for Chrysler LLC Recall G33

cc: K.C. DeMeter, NHTSA
Division of Occupational Safety & Health
California Department of Industrial Relations

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Submission date: September 11, 2007

Identifying classification of vehicles potentially affected:

Make	Model	Model Year	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture	Volume (estimated)
Dodge	Avenger Sedan	2007-2008	10/11/2006 through 7/13/2007	15,368
Chrysler	Sebring Convertible		8/8/06 through 7/13/2007	56,965

Estimated percentage containing defect: 100%

Description of defect:

The front door latch cable may become partially unseated from the interior release handle housing during certain operating conditions. This may cause the latch to stick in the unlatched position or the lock function to become inoperative. Attempting to drive a vehicle with a door in the unlatched position can result in increased risk of injury to an unbelted front seat occupant.

The following chronology of principal events occurred between May and September of 2007 and led to the determination of a defect:

- In May of 2007, eight reports were received of 2008 model year Dodge Avenger vehicles with the driver door latch stuck in the unlatched position. These vehicles were all built after the clean point for Chrysler safety recall G12.
- Subsequent analysis of the vehicles determined that the door latch release cable had become partially unseated from the interior front door release handle housing and a ferrule on the cable could bind on the interior front door release handle housing.
- The condition can be repaired by removing the door trim panel and reseating the latch cable ferrule in the interior remote handle housing, but it can reoccur if certain operating conditions occur.
- This condition was the same as that observed during the investigation leading up to recall G12, which replaced the front door latches on the affected Dodge Avenger vehicles.
- During June and July of 2007, investigation determined that the replacement latch could still be susceptible to the cable becoming partially unseated if certain operating conditions occur.
- As a precautionary measure, a secondary feature to retain the cable was added in July of 2007 while the investigation continued. Testing and analysis showed that this secondary feature was effective in eliminating the potential for the condition to occur.
- Analysis showed that based on door system geometry, if the condition were to occur on the Dodge Avenger, latch function would be affected. If the condition were to occur on the Chrysler Sebring convertible, latch function would not be compromised, but lock function would be. Analysis showed that the rear doors are not susceptible to this condition.

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- This analysis was supported by a detailed review of all field input, which showed 112 unique field narratives for the Dodge Avenger and 38 unique field narratives for the Chrysler Sebring convertible since the clean point for recall G12 that may be related to this condition.
- This data was presented to the Chrysler Vehicle Regulations Committee on September 4, 2007, who decided to conduct a safety recall to add the secondary retention feature to the front doors of all affected vehicles.

Statement of measures to be taken to correct defect:

Chrysler will add a secondary retention feature to both front doors on all affected vehicles. This action will supersede and expand Chrysler safety recall G12 which affected Dodge Avenger sedans. Chrysler expects to initiate national notification to dealers and to owners in October of 2007.

Chrysler has a long standing policy and practice of reimbursing owners who have incurred the cost of repairing a problem that subsequently becomes the subject of a field action. To ensure consistency, Chrysler, as part of the owner letter, will request that customers send original receipt and/or other adequate proof of payment to the company for confirmation of the expense.