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NVS-215kjs  
08E-033

**SUBJECT: AFTERMARKET BALL JOINT ASSEMBLIES**

**DEAR MR. PARKER:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Federal Mogul Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect for the products listed below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

CARQUEST/K7147/9999  
CARQUEST/K7329/9999  
CHRYSLER/E CLASS/1983-1986  
CHRYSLER/LASER/1984-1986  
CHRYSLER/LEBARON/1984-1990  
CHRYSLER/MASERATI TC/1989-1990  
CHRYSLER/NEW YORKER/1984-1988  
CHRYSLER/PT CRUISER/2001-2005  
CHRYSLER/TOWN AND COUNTRY/1990  
DODGE/600/1984-1988  
DODGE/ARIES/1984-1989  
DODGE/CARAVAN/1984-1990  
DODGE/CHARGER/1984-1987  
DODGE/DAYTONA/1984-1990  
DODGE/GRAND CARAVAN/1988-1990  
DODGE/LANCER/1985-1989  
DODGE/MINI RAM VAN/1984-1988  
DODGE/NEON/2000-2005  
DODGE/OMNI/1984-1990  
DODGE/RAMPAGE/1984

DODGE/SHADOW/1987-1990  
DODGE/SPIRIT/1989-1990  
FORD/CONTOUR/1995-2000  
MASTERPRO/K8683/9999  
MERCURY/COUGAR/1999-2002  
MERCURY/MYSTIQUE/1995-2000  
MOOG/K7147/9999  
MOOG/K7329/9999  
ONE SOURCE/K8683/9999  
PARTS DEPOT/K8683/9999  
PARTS MASTER/K8683/9999  
PLYMOUTH/ACCLAIM/1989-1990  
PLYMOUTH/CARAVELLE/1985-1988  
PLYMOUTH/GRAND VOYAGER/1988-1990  
PLYMOUTH/HORIZON/1984-1990  
PLYMOUTH/NEON/2000-2001  
PLYMOUTH/RELIANT/1984-1989  
PLYMOUTH/SUNDANCE/1987-1990  
PLYMOUTH/TURISMO/1985  
PLYMOUTH/VOYAGER/1984-1990  
TREADSAVER/K8683/9999  
TRW/104353/9999

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08E-033

**Mfg's Report Date:** April 8, 2008

**Components:** SUSPENSION

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 6,903

**Summary:**

FEDERAL MOGUL IS RECALLING 6,903 AFTERMARKET BALL JOINT ASSEMBLIES SHIPPED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 9, 2007 AND MARCH 26, 2008, WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN PACKAGED WITH INCORRECT NUTS. THE PART NUMBERS PACKAGED WITH INCORRECT NUTS ARE: K7147, K7329, K8683, AND 104353. THESE PARTS WERE MADE FOR USE ON THE VARIOUS VEHICLES LISTED ABOVE.

**Consequence:**

THE NUTS INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGING FOR THESE BALL JOINT ASSEMBLIES ARE MISSING THE INTENDED PREVAILING TORQUE (SELF-LOCKING) FEATURE. IF THE INCORRECT NUT WAS TO BECOME LOOSE, THE JOINING MEMBERS MAY LOOSEN LEADING TO A SEPARATION OF THE BALL JOINT. THIS MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

**Remedy:**

FEDERAL MOGUL WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPLACE THE PARTS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING APRIL OR MAY 2008. OWNERS CAN CONTACT FEDERAL MOGUL AT 877-489-6659.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

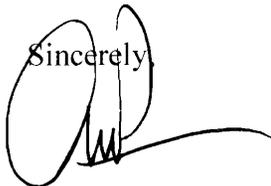
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

We have received Federal Mogul's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete. Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, 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. The first quarterly report will be due in this office on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at [Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement