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December 4, 2012

Ms. Nancy Lummen Lewis  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
Room: W48-302  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Attached is Chrysler Group LLC's ("Chrysler") Defect Information Report, complying with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, which contains details of a noncompliance on some 2013 model year Dodge Durango vehicles.

Chrysler Group will conduct a voluntary safety recall to provide an overlay tire placard label with corrected seating information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reginald Modlin".

Reginald Modlin

Enclosure: Defect Information Report for Chrysler Group LLC. Recall M36

cc: Frank Borris, NHTSA

# DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT FOR CHRYSLER GROUP LLC

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**Submission Date:** December 4, 2012

## **573.6(c)(1): Manufacturer's Name, Brand Name**

Chrysler Group LLC, Dodge

## **573.6(c)(2): Identification of Affected Vehicles**

Make(s)	Model(s)	Model Year(s)	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture
Dodge	Durango (WD)	2013	April 27, 2012 – September 14, 2012

## **573.6(c)(2)(iv): Component manufacturer name, address, telephone number, and country of origin:**

Not Applicable – The labels were printed on location at the affected Chrysler Group LLC assembly plant.

## **573.6(c)(3): Potentially Affected Vehicle Population**

734 (estimated)

## **573.6(c)(4): Percentage of Affected Vehicles**

100% (approximate)

## **573.6(c)(5): Description of Defect or Noncompliance**

Some vehicles may have been built with incorrect seating capacity information on the tire placard label.

The seating capacity information on the tire placard label may incorrectly state the total seating capacity as 7 and rear seating capacity as 5 on certain vehicles with 2<sup>nd</sup> row captain chairs, when it should have stated 6 and 4, respectively.

## **573.6(c)(6): Chronology of Principal Events Leading to Determination of a Safety Defect**

- On September 13, 2012, the issue was discovered through a Weight Engineering Virtual Audit and the vehicles in the yard at Jefferson North Assembly Plant (JNAP) were held.
- The tire placard label, which includes seating capacity and weight rating information, is printed at the vehicle assembly plant, and is VIN specific. The electronic reference table containing the seating capacity information referenced incorrect information.

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- The electronic reference table containing the 3 seating configurations specific to the 2013 MY WD was created with an information error.
- On September 14, 2012, a production clean point was established, where the electronic reference table was modified.
- On November 27, 2012, Chrysler Group LLC decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall on all affected vehicles.

### **573.6(c)(7): Information Used in Determination of a Noncompliance**

Chrysler Group LLC audit of potentially affected vehicles determined that the stated seating capacity for the subject vehicles is incorrect and therefore does not meet the requirements specified in S4.3(b) of FMVSS 110.

### **573.6(c)(8): Description of Remedy**

Chrysler will conduct a voluntary safety recall to provide an overlay tire placard label with corrected seating information.

### **573.6(c)(10): Dealer and Owner Communications**

Chrysler plans to begin notification of dealers and owners in February, 2013. Chrysler will provide the dealer and owner letters when available.

### **573.6(c)(11): Manufacturer's Campaign Number**

Chrysler has assigned recall number M36 to this action.