



**SAFETY RECALL N26 / NHTSA 13V-239
FRONT AXLE TUBE WELDS**

Dear: (Name)

This interim notification letter is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Chrysler has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in some **2012 model year RAM 4500/5500 series Trucks equipped with four wheel drive.**

The problem is... The front axle differential housing on your truck (VIN: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) may rotate relative to the front axle tubes due to improper welds. This may cause the front propeller shaft universal joint, at the front axle, to bind up or fracture. A fractured universal joint could result in a loss of motive power and cause a crash without warning.

What your dealer will do... Chrysler intends to repair your vehicle free of charge (parts and labor). However, the parts required to provide a permanent remedy for this condition are currently not available. Chrysler is making every effort to obtain these parts as quickly as possible. Chrysler will contact you again by mail, with a follow-up recall notice, when the remedy parts are available.

What you must do to ensure your safety... Once you receive your follow-up recall notice in the mail, simply **contact your Chrysler, Jeep or Dodge dealer** right away to schedule a service appointment. Ask the dealer to hold the parts for your vehicle or to order them before your appointment.

NOTE: To minimize the possibility of the above condition occurring, avoid high torque/heavy load driving maneuvers while in the four wheel drive mode.

If you need help... If you have questions or concerns which your dealer is unable to resolve, please contact the Chrysler Group Recall Assistance Center at 1-800-853-1403.

Please help us update our records by filling out the attached prepaid postcard if any of the conditions listed on the card apply to you or your vehicle. You may also update this information on the web at
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If you have already experienced this condition and have paid to have it repaired, please send your original receipts and/or other adequate proof of payment to the following address for reimbursement: Chrysler Customer Assistance, P.O. Box 21-8007, Auburn Hills, MI 48321-8007, Attention: Reimbursement. Once we receive and verify the required documents, reimbursement will be sent to you within 60 days.

If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We're sorry for any inconvenience, but we are sincerely concerned about your safety. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Customer Services / Field Operations
Chrysler Group LLC
Notification Code N26

Note to lessors receiving this recall: Federal regulation requires that you forward this recall notice to the lessee within 10 days.