



September 26, 2011

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Mr. Claude Harris
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 Mr. Harris:

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 potential safety related defect in some 2012 model year Chrysler 200 and Chrysler Town & Country, Dodge Grand Caravan, Dodge Journey, Dodge Durango, Dodge Charger and Jeep Grand Cherokee vehicles.

Chrysler Group will conduct a voluntary safety recall to replace the engine on all affected vehicles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David D. Dillon".

David D. Dillon

Enclosure: Defect Information Report for Chrysler Recall L33

cc: Frank Boris, NHTSA

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Submission Date: September 20, 2011

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

Chrysler Group LLC, Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep

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

Make(s)	Model(s)	Model Year(s)	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture
Chrysler	200	2012	August 31, 2011 – September 13, 2011
Chrysler	Town & Country	2012	August 31, 2011 – September 13, 2011
Dodge	Charger	2012	August 31, 2011 – September 13, 2011
Dodge	Durango	2012	August 31, 2011 – September 13, 2011
Dodge	Grand Caravan	2012	August 31, 2011 – September 13, 2011
Dodge	Journey	2012	August 31, 2011 – September 13, 2011
Jeep	Grand Cherokee	2012	August 31, 2011 – September 13, 2011

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

Chrysler Group LLC.
Saltillo Engine Plant
Saltillo, Coah, Mexico
52-84-4411
Country of Origin: Mexico

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

667 (estimated)

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

100% (approximate)

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

Some vehicles with 3.6L engines may exhibit loss of motor power as a result of connecting rod bearing failure due to block debris.

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

- On September 16, an internal investigation was initiated to evaluate 3.6L engines from Saltillo South Engine Plant (SSEP) with suspect quality audit results.
- Chrysler's investigation determined the root cause to be block cleanliness leading to hard debris damaging the connecting rod, main bearings and crankshaft.
- It was determined that the suspect engines were built between August 25 and September 5, 2011.
- It was also determined that a total of approximately 667 vehicles were built with the suspect engines and delivered to dealers.
- Chrysler Group LLC is unaware of any accidents or injuries related to this condition.
- This information was presented to the Vehicle Regulations Committee on September 19, 2011, which decided issue a vehicle stop sale and to conduct a safety recall.

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

N/A

573.6(c)(8): Description of Remedy

Chrysler will conduct a voluntary safety recall to replace the engine in all affected vehicles.

Chrysler has a longstanding 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 the original receipt and/or other adequate proof of payment to the company for confirmation of the expense.

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

Chrysler plans to begin notification of dealers in September and owners in October of 2011. Chrysler will provide the dealer and owner letters when

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available.

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

Chrysler has assigned recall number L33 to this action.