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for Safety!*

EMISSIONS RECALL E22– REPROGRAM THE POWERTRAIN CONTROL MODULE AND INSPECTION OF THE CATALYTIC CONVERTER

Dear: (Name)

The Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has determined that certain 1996 model year Jeep® Cherokee and Grand Cherokee vehicles equipped with a 4.0 liter engine and certain 1997 and 1998 Jeep® Wrangler and Cherokee vehicles, and Dodge Dakota pickup trucks equipped with a 2.5 liter engine require modification in order to comply with requirements of the Clean Air Act designed to protect public health and welfare. DaimlerChrysler Corporation (DCC) has determined that the modifications required by EPA will improve the vehicle's ability to monitor the performance of the emission control system and may reduce the emission of pollutants that are regulated by EPA under the Clean Air Act. Because DCC has achieved this improved emissions system monitoring without compromising the safety or driveability of your vehicle, EPA and DCC strongly encourage you to bring your car to a dealer to perform the modification.

The problem is...

The Powertrain Control Module (PCM) on your vehicle (VIN xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) contains software that may not be capable of detecting a deteriorating catalyst. This can result in failure to illuminate the On-Board Diagnostic (OBD) malfunction indicator light (MIL) warning the customer of a potential problem. Also, under certain conditions, some catalytic converters may be subject to mechanical degradation that causes them to rattle. This catalytic converter degradation eventually could result in higher exhaust emission levels and the illumination of the MIL.

What your dealer will do...

DaimlerChrysler will repair your vehicle free of charge (parts and labor). To do this, your dealer will reprogram your vehicle's Powertrain Control Module. The work will take about an hour to complete. However additional time may be necessary depending on how dealer appointments are scheduled and processed. Your dealer will also inspect your vehicle's catalytic converter. If the catalyst is found to be "rattling" or loose, the dealer will replace it free of charge (parts and labor).

NOTE: This recall does not include the replacement of other exhaust system components. If other exhaust system components require replacement, the associated repair costs are your responsibility.

Your catalytic converter warranty period will be: (A) eight years or 80,000 miles from the vehicle's original in-service date; or (B) twelve months or 12,000 miles from the date your recall service is performed, whichever of (A) or (B) is later.

What you must do...

Simply **contact your dealer** right away to schedule a service appointment.

If you need help...

If you have questions or concerns which your dealer is unable to resolve, please contact DaimlerChrysler at 1-800-853-1403.

Please help us update our records, by filling out the enclosed prepaid postcard, if any of the conditions listed on the card apply to you or your vehicle. Be sure to print the last eight (8) characters of your VIN (VVVVVVVV) and notification code E22 on the postcard.

If you paid for a repair involving the replacement of the catalyst after the expiration of the original eight year/80,000 mile warranty period but before receiving this Owner Notification Letter, you may send your original receipts and/or other adequate proof of payment to the following address for reimbursement:

DaimlerChrysler
P.O. Box 4639
Oak Ridge, TN 37831
Attention: Reimbursement

In order to ensure your full protection under the emission warranty made applicable to your vehicle by Federal and/or California law and your right to participate in future recalls, it is recommended that you have your vehicle serviced as soon as possible. Failure to do so could legally be determined to be a lack of proper maintenance of your vehicle. Further, without this repair, your vehicle may fail a state or local emission inspection test.

We apologize for any inconvenience but trust that you understand our interest in clean air. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Customer Services Field Operations
DaimlerChrysler Corporation
Notification Code E22

Additional Information for California Residents

If you live in California and don't have this recall performed... **The State of California requires the completion of emission recall repairs prior to vehicle registration renewal.** In addition, the State requires that every vehicle must pass a vehicle inspection or SMOG check every two years and before it is sold. Without the free service we are providing, your vehicle may be more likely to fail this test and require that you make costly repairs.

How the state knows that the recall has not been performed... State of California regulations require DaimlerChrysler to provide the Department of Motor Vehicles with a record of all vehicles that have not had the recall service performed.

Your dealer will provide you with a Vehicle Emission Recall Proof of Correction Form after the recall service is performed. Be sure to save this form since the California Department of Motor Vehicles may require that you supply it as proof that the recall has been performed.