

## DAIMLERCHRYSLER

**SAFETY RECALL TO REPLACE THE MANUAL VALVE IN YOUR VEHICLE'S TRANSMISSION**

Dear Dodge Dakota Owner:

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

It has been determined that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in some 1991 and 1992 model year Dodge Dakota trucks equipped with a 42RH (A500) automatic transmission.

*The problem is...*

If you move the gearshift selector in your Dakota (identified on the enclosed form) toward, but not into, the park position, the following two conditions can occur:

- > After a short delay, the transmission reverse gear may hydraulically engage and the vehicle may move rearward if the engine is running; or
- > The vehicle may roll downhill if the engine is turned off.

Either of these conditions can cause an accident and/or injury without warning.

*What DaimlerChrysler and your dealer will do...*

DaimlerChrysler will update your vehicle free of charge (parts and labor). To do this, your dealer will replace the steel manual valve in your vehicle's transmission with an aluminum valve. This update will also involve replacing several seals, transmission fluid, filter and pan gasket. The work will take about 1½ hours to complete. However, additional time may be necessary depending on how dealer appointments are scheduled and processed. This recall does NOT include replacement of any other transmission components. If other transmission service is required, the additional associated costs are the owner's responsibility.

Note: This update is NOT a substitute for ensuring that the gear selector is placed into the park position. The aluminum manual valve reduces the amount of internal fluid leakage in the transmission valve body.

*What you must do to ensure your safety...*

- > Simply contact your 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.
- > Bring the enclosed Owner Notification Form with you to your dealer. It identifies the required service to the dealer.
- > Always ensure that the vehicle gearshift selector is placed into the park position, the ignition key is removed and the parking brake is applied before exiting your vehicle.

*If you need help...*

If you have questions or concerns which the dealer is unable to resolve, please contact the DaimlerChrysler Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-992-1997. A representative will assist you. 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, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-800-424-9393. Washington, DC area residents may call 1-202-366-0123.

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

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