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DaimlerChrysler Responds to ICA Problem Reports

DaimlerChrysler has been investigating several issues for the International Carwash Association. The following represents the component changes that have been incorporated or identified as a result of the investigations.

Dodge Ram Antenna

The fender-mounted antenna can be damaged in a car wash. DaimlerChrysler claims that proper torque of the antenna retainer nut should eliminate the problem. Written communications have been forwarded to all dealers alerting them to the critical importance of the torque requirements (28-32 in. lbs – DO NOT OVER TORQUE). Additionally, the torque requirement will be printed on the antenna shipping bag (dealer installed).

DaimlerChrysler has also incorporated a "spiral groove" design in the mast, which acts to reduce wind noise and, most importantly, makes the mast more flexible and resistant to permanent bending.

Jeep Cherokee

The right hand roof drip molding extends beyond the retainer flange and can be damaged or pulled off in a car wash. As a result of the investigation, change notice #90528-J00 was written to shorten the molding for a better fit. The change was incorporated into production on August 10, 1999.

All Minivan Right Hand Mirrors

The right hand mirror on all DaimlerChrysler minivans can lose its capacity to stay in the extended open position. As a result of the investigation, change notice #80212-M04 has been identified to revise the palnut attachment and was incorporated into production on June 29, 1998.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Ward at ICA Headquarters at ica@smithbucklin.com.