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Subject 1: Jeep Grand Cherokee Defect Petition 09-005 (DP-09-005) File Update

Subject 2: Has Chrysler Group LLC Declared the Bankruptcy Order Void?

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Subject 2: Has Chrysler Group LLC Declared the Bankruptcy Order Void?

Dear Mr. Ditlow:

#### Review

Previously I had submitted DaimlerChrysler Safety Recall No. A10–Fuel Tank Blocker Bracket <sup>1</sup> as a file update to the subject (Attachment 1). What remains significant about this document is that it represents the first time that three key words were used connectedly and simultaneously with respect to the Jeep Grand Cherokee:

"safety"

"skid plate"

"repaired"

Although the underlying portent is well-understood internally to Chrysler and its dealers, Safety Recall A10 represented the first admission that Grand Cherokee fuel tank safety/crashworthiness issues could be "repaired" by existence or installation of a skid plate. Alternatively, I have not located MOPAR documentation or Chrysler new vehicle sales order guides that promote these three key words simultaneously. MOPAR materials use phraseology such as "recreation" when selling the fuel tank skid plate to the aftermarket. The new vehicle sales brochures/documents for option package "XEE" use similar descriptions. <sup>2</sup>

Again, prior to my discovery/submission of Safety Recall A10 to the lawsuit of Kline v. Chrysler, Lomans, et al., these three key words were never simultaneously offered to the public; either from Chrysler, from Chrysler dealerships, or from NHTSA (Attachment 1). <sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Dated February 2002, I was unable to locate Safety Recall A10 at the NHTSA website, and it was only recently that you located its cover letter of January 4, 2002 from Matthew Reynolds of the DaimlerChrysler Vehicle Compliance Office.

Although refusing to be interviewed, Chrysler re-emphasized this public posturing/vernacular in their statement submitted to an ABC News report which described the death of Mrs. Susan Kline; a case we reviewed pictorially in Attachment F of DP-09-005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As you will see below, Chrysler's promotional use of the phrase 'fuel tank skid plate' is misleading since it implies a purpose restricted to mere recreation. In truth, the essential elements of fuel system crashworthiness are intrinsic to its purpose/design. Internally, for decades, and at the engineering level, it has been referred to as *"a protective impact deflection structure."* 

#### Subject 1: Jeep Grand Cherokee Defect Petition 09-005 (DP-09-005) File Update

I recently re-acquired a document that was part of my Chrysler FMVSS-301 files (Attachment 2). This "Confidential" August 24, 1978 memo by Mr. Leonard Baker, former Safety Manager of Chrysler Engineering, <sup>4</sup> is entitled: <u>Fuel System Design—Chrysler Passenger Car and Trucks</u>. The subsection "Truck – Fuel Tank Location" states:

"Chrysler is investigating fuel tank relocation ahead of the rear wheels for vans and multipurpose vehicles, but present plans for pickups through 1983 and for MPV's and vans through 1985 have the fuel tank located behind the rear wheels. In vehicles both with and without bumpers there is a concern with vertical height differences that create a mismatch with passenger car bumpers. Where fuel tank location behind the rear axle is all that is feasible, a protective impact deflection structure may have to be provided whether or not a bumper is provided. An investigation whether to relocate the fuel tank or to provide impact deflecting structures is presently underway." (Attachment 3)

In stark contrast to an "on the surface" wording that was legally deployed in Safety Recall A10, this "Baker memo" of the former Chrysler Corporation (Old Carco) confirms detailed internal knowledge of the following fundamental fuel system defect/crashworthiness issues:

- 1. The fundamental lack of safety when fuel tanks are NOT located "ahead of the rear wheels" (such as in the Ford Pinto or the 1993-2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee).
- 2. The fundamental lack of safety when fuel tanks are located below the rear bumper, and are therefore vulnerable to the underride accident scenario due to "a concern with vertical height differences that create a mismatch with passenger car bumpers" (such as in the 1993-2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee).
- 3. The fundamental lack of safety when fuel tanks are unshielded; that is, when these have NOT been provided with *"a protective impact deflection structure"* (i.e. a fuel tank skid plate, which would have "repaired" the 1996 Jeep Grand Cherokee driven by Mrs. Kline). <sup>5</sup>

<u>All three</u> of these fuel system defect/crashworthiness issues were intrinsic to the accident sequence which occurred on February 24, 2007; leading to the horrific death of New Jersey resident Mrs. Susan Kline. <u>All three</u> fuel system defect/crashworthiness issues were corrected in 2005 with the WK version of the Jeep Grand Cherokee; an engineering design which was heavily influenced by Daimler which has not had any fire related severe burn or death victims. <sup>6</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Mr. Baker later moved to an organization promoted as the Product Analysis Group. In-truth Product Analysis is part of the Chrysler Legal department. In this later role, Baker reported to staff such as Mr. Lewis Goldfarb (Lead attorney for safety defect litigation) and Mr. William O'Brien (Chrysler Counsel); both of whom were involved in the confiscation of my Chrysler office safety files (Attachment 2). Attachment 3 was written to Mr. Robert M. Sinclair, who later became Executive VP of Chrysler Engineering, reporting to President Hal Sperlich and Chairman Lee Iacocca.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Please see footnote 3, page one. It should be recognized that discussion of "a protective impact deflection structure" was occurring/extensive during a period when plastic fuel tanks were not yet in use at Chrysler.

Option "XEE" is not available on the 2005-2010 WK Jeep Grand Cherokee since these versions are equipped with "a protective impact deflection structure" (i.e. a fuel tank skid plate) as standard. This is also true for the 2011 WL version which shares major development/part commonality with the Mercedes-Benz ML Class SUV (which has never included the three fuel system design defects described by Baker).

#### Subject 2: Has Chrysler Group LLC Declared the Bankruptcy Order Void?

I am sharing this "Confidential" Baker memo with no moral or ethical risk. However, public disclosure of related or similar documents may pose a legal risk.

On March 30, 2009 President Obama announced the determination by his 'Auto Task Force' that a taxpayer-funded bailout would require that Chrysler LLC (Old Carco) file for bankruptcy. The latter was granted by Judge Arthur Gonzalez of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York on June 1, 2009. Since that ruling, billions of taxpayer dollars have been funneled to Chrysler Group LLC (New Carco), including a near-billion-dollar grant to Chrysler dealers. In bankruptcy court filings Chrysler declared that it will:

"Only pay incentives to those dealers that they believe have value to the acquiring company."

Respecting the President's knowledge of the bankruptcy laws, Chrysler continually emphasized distinctions between entities that possessed value versus those that did not. Old Carco, allegedly bankrupt circa June 1, 2009, was publicly and unequivocally declared as having <u>no value</u>. Indeed, minutes after the President's announcement, plaintiffs nationwide hurriedly received a facsimile entitled, "Notice of Suggestion of Bankruptcy" alleging this 'no value' status (Attachment 4).

However, in the case of Kline v. Chrysler, Lomans, et al., Chrysler Group LLC has ostensibly declared the bankruptcy status of Old Carco as void. In response to discovery (served on April 22, 2010 for production on May 7, 2010) Chrysler Group LLC has unabashedly reversed its earlier legal position regarding the 'no value' status of Old Carco by repeatedly resurrecting the following pre-bankruptcy rhetoric against plaintiffs:

"Assuming an appropriate protective order is entered, Chrysler Group LLC will produce the documents by May 28, 2010. Almost all the (Old Carco) documents you are seeking contain confidential commercial information. As such, Chrysler Group LLC will not produce these (Old Carco) documents without a protective order in place. I will forward a proposed protective order to you with the discovery responses." (Attachment 5)

In order to secure the billion-dollar taxpayer-funded bailout, Chrysler Group LLC was compelled to liquidate the assets of Old Carco and declare it insolvent (i.e. bankrupt). However, in the closed-door realm of safety defect litigation, Chrysler Group LLC is now proclaiming that this publicly promoted claim of liquidation/insolvency was merely a ruse; that in-reality Old Carco retains substantial value, and therefore the Baker memo and related or similar discovery documents which relate to an "investigation presently underway" are commercially proprietary, confidential, and valuable.

Respectfully yours,

Paul V. Sheridan

### **Attachment 1**

# DAIMLERCHRYSLER

February 2002

Dealer Service Instructions for:

# Safety Recall No. A10 -- Fuel Tank Blocker Bracket

Effective immediately, all repairs on involved vehicles are to be performed according to this recall notification. The labor operations for the interim service procedure that was published in the A10 electronic mail (DMAIL) message of January 4, 2002 will be cancelled on March 15, 2002. Those vehicles that have already been repaired by having a skid plate installed, do NOT require any additional service.

# Models

# 2002 (WJ) Jeep® Grand Cherokee

NOTE: This recall applies only to the above vehicles that are equipped with a fuel tank brush guard (WITHOUT Sales Code – XEE) built through December 13, 2001 (MDH 121317).

IMPORTANT: Some of the involved vehicles may be in dealer new vehicle inventory. Federal law requires you to stop sale and complete this recall service on these vehicles before retail delivery. Dealers should also consider this requirement to apply to used vehicle inventory and should perform this recall on vehicles in for service. Involved vehicles can be determined by using the DIAL VIP System.

# Subject

About 71,000 of the above vehicles may not comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 301 – Fuel System Integrity. Under certain accident conditions, the fuel tank may deform and damage an internal control valve. This could allow fuel leakage to occur if the vehicle rolls over. Fuel leakage in the presence of an ignition source can result in a fire.

# Repair

A fuel tank blocker bracket must be installed on all involved vehicles.

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## **Parts Information**

Part Number Description

CBJ0A100 Fuel Tank Blocker Bracket

**Each dealer** to whom vehicles in the recall were invoiced will receive enough Blocker Bracket Packages to service about 10% of those vehicles. Each package contains a blocker bracket and a spacer.

## **Service Procedure**

- Raise the vehicle on an appropriate hoist.
- Support the fuel tank with an OTC Fuel Tank Jack or equivalent.
- 3. Remove the four (4) fuel tank-torear bumper fascia clips (Figure 1).
- 4. Loosen, but do not remove, the bolts for the two (2) rear brush guard-to-frame support brackets (Figure 2).

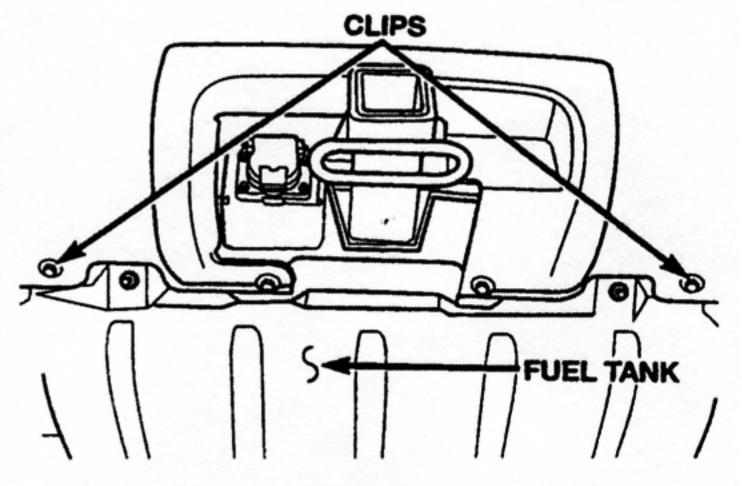


Figure 1

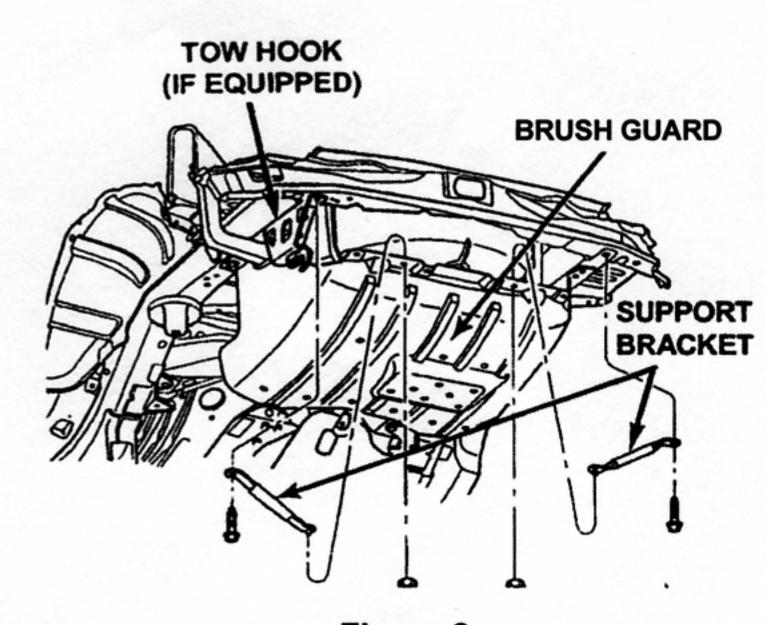
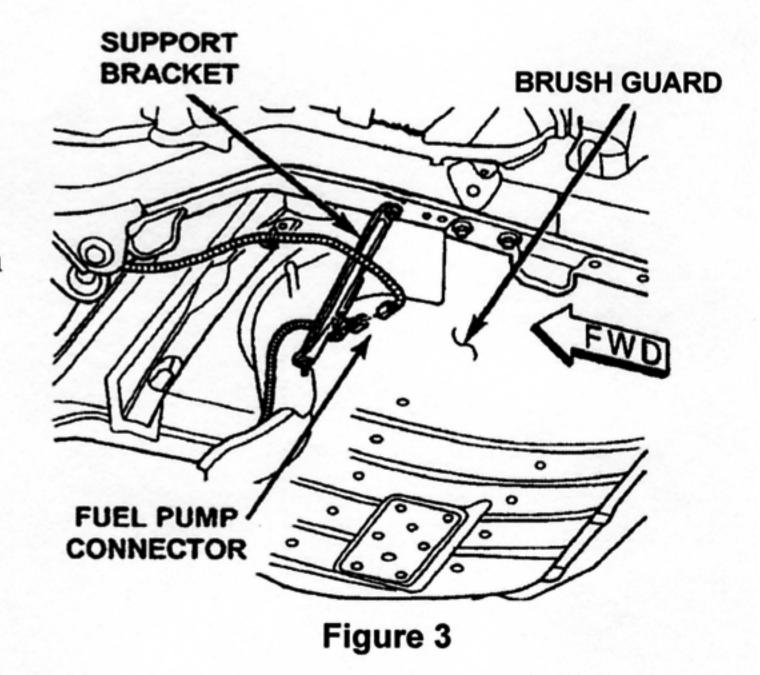


Figure 2

## **Service Procedure (Continued)**

- 5. Loosen, but do not remove, the bolts for the front brush guard-to-frame support bracket (Figure 3).
- Disconnect the electrical harness clip from the left side of the brush guard.



- 7. Remove the three (3) forwardmost LEFT SIDE brush
  guard/trailer hitch (if equipped)
  mounting bolts (Figure 4). Do
  NOT remove the rear left brush
  guard/trailer hitch mounting
  bolt.
- 8. Loosen, but do not remove, the remaining four (4) brush guard bolts (one left side and three right side).
- 9. For vehicles equipped with a trailer hitch, loosen but do not remove, the two (2) rear-most trailer hitch bolts.
- 10. Using a large pry bar, reposition the fuel tank/brush guard assembly as far to the right side of the vehicle (passenger side) as possible.

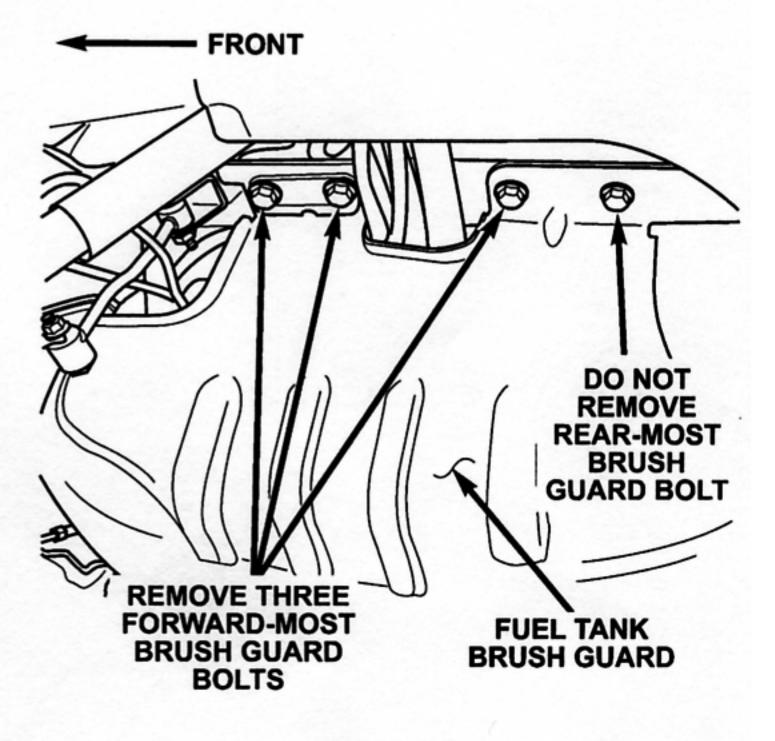


Figure 4

## **Service Procedure (Continued)**

- 11. With an assistant holding the tank assembly in the right-most position, and using a 12 inch extension, tighten the three right and the rear-most left, brush guard bolts to 65 ft-lbs (88 N·m).
- 12. For vehicles equipped with a trailer hitch, tighten the two (2) rear-most trailer hitch bolts to 65 ft-lbs (88 N·m).
- 13. Install the fuel tank blocker bracket adjacent to the left side of the fuel tank brush guard (Figure 5).

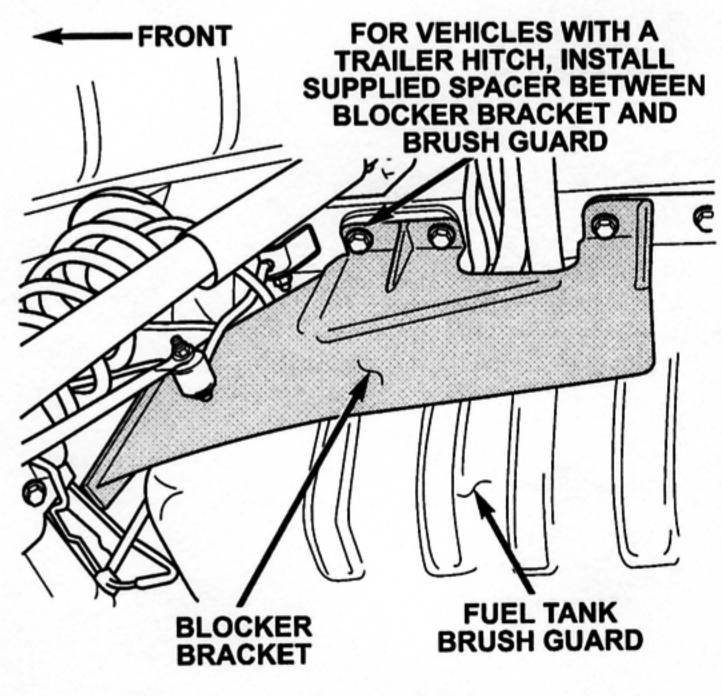


Figure 5

IMPORTANT: For vehicles equipped with a trailer hitch, install the supplied spacer between the blocker bracket and the brush guard at the forward-most bolt hole location.

14. Position the blocker bracket as far to the right as possible (next to the brush guard) and then install the fuel tank brush guard/trailer hitch mounting bolts (Figure 5). Using a 12 inch extension, tighten the bolts to 65 ft-lbs (88 N·m).

## IMPORTANT: Tighten the forward-most blocker bracket bolt first.

- 15. Secure the electrical harness to the blocker bracket with the harness clip. If the clip was damaged during removal, use a new clip (PN 04688451).
- 16. Tighten the front brush guard-to-frame support bracket bolts (Figure 3).
- 17. Tighten the bolts for the two (2) rear brush guard-to frame support brackets (Figure 2).
- 18. Install the four (4) rear fascia-to-fuel tank push pins (Figure 1).
- 19. Remove the fuel tank support.
- 20. Lower the vehicle.

# Completion Reporting and Reimbursement

Claims for vehicles that have been serviced must be submitted on the DIAL System. Claims submitted will be used by DaimlerChrysler to record recall service completions and provide dealer payments.

Use the following labor operation number and time allowance:

Labor Operation	Time		
Number	Allowance		
14-A1-01-84	0.3 hours		

Install Fuel Tank Blocker Bracket

Add the cost of the recall parts package plus applicable dealer allowance to your claim.

NOTE: See the Warranty Administration Manual, Recall Claim Processing Section, for complete recall claim processing instructions.

# **Parts Return**

Not applicable.

# Dealer Notification and Vehicle List

All dealers will receive a copy of this dealer recall notification letter by first class mail. Two additional copies will be sent through the DCMMS, and the MDS2 will be updated to include this recall in the near future. Each dealer to whom involved vehicles were invoiced will receive a list of their involved vehicles. The vehicle list is arranged in Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) sequence. Owners known to DaimlerChrysler are also listed. The lists are for dealer reference in arranging for service of involved vehicles.

# DIAL System Functions 53 and VIP

All involved vehicles have been entered to DIAL System Functions 53 and VIP for dealer inquiry as needed.

Function 53 provides involved dealers with an updated VIN list of their incomplete vehicles. The customer name, address and phone number are listed if known. Completed vehicles are removed from Function 53 within several days of repair claim submission. To use this system, type "53" at the "ENTER FUNCTION" prompt, then type "ORDA10".

# Owner Notification and Service Scheduling

All involved vehicle owners known to DaimlerChrysler are being notified of the service requirement by first class mail. They are requested to schedule appointments for this service with their dealers. A copy of the owner letter is attached.

Enclosed with each owner letter is an Owner Notification Form. The involved vehicle and recall are identified on the form for owner or dealer reference as needed.

## **Vehicle Not Available**

If a vehicle is not available for service, let us know by filling out the pre-addressed Owner Notification Form or describe the reason on a postcard and mail to:

DaimlerChrysler Corporation CIMS 482-00-85 800 Chrysler Drive East Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326-2757

## **Additional Information**

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this action, please contact your Zone Service Office.

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### **Attachment 2**

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I am in receipt of your most recent correspondence regarding the magistrate's recommendation and our providing of information to you regarding office materials. I do not know how you could have reasonably concluded from the correspondence that was forwarded to you that we are of the opinion that there is no basis to conclude that evidence may have been tampered with in this case. Indeed, the anxiety exhibited by the fact that you immediately faxed your reply to me suggests that in reality you hold the opposite opinion. Due to the necessity of my attendance at federal court in Wichita, Kansas this week, I did not believe that I was going to be able to comply with the July 14, 1995 deadline. Now, it appears that we are in a position to comply.

The information provided hereunder is based upon our limited and restricted ability to review materials which were allegedly seized from Mr. Sheridan's work space. That review is neither complete, nor did it have as its purpose the ferreting out of all details of evidence tampering which may exist. Lack of inclusion of any evidence item in this list shall not be taken as an admission of specific item in this list shall not be taken as an admission of the authenticity of such a document or other tangible item.

The document submitted by the plaintiff entitled, "Confidential Inventory of Material from Paul V. Sheridan's Cubicle at the Chrysler Technology Center", dated March 16, 1995, has numerous general inconsistencies and inaccuracies based on defendant's knowledge and cursory examination of the actual inventory:

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## July 14, 1995

- 1. This "inventory" fails to list and does not contain the following files:
  - Liftgate Latch General
  - Liftgate Latch Competitive
  - Safety Leadership Team Meeting Minutes
  - Safety Leadership Team Preliminary
  - Liftgate Latch Safety Office
  - H. G. Cook Study
  - FMVSS 206 General
  - Seat Back Strength General
  - Seat Back Strength FMVSS 207 Specifications
  - Offset Impact General
  - Rear Crash Survivability General
  - FMVSS 301
  - Side Crashworthiness Issues
  - FMVSS 214
  - Bumper Issues General
  - NS-Body Bumper
  - Taillamp Studies Zarowitz
  - Amber Taillamp NS-Body
  - Rear Seat Headrest General and Zarowitz
  - Back-up Light General
- 2. The "inventory" lists files but inaccurately portrays their original/current contents:

Box #1 - File "NS Liftgate System". This file contained subfiles such as "Customer Injury", "Saginaw", et al. Also contains photographs that were originally in the "Liftgate Latch - General" file which is missing per #1 above. (see page 4 of inventory).

# CHAMBERS STEINER Page 3 July 14, 1995

- Box #1 File "NHTSA News" contains only half its original contents (see page 4 of inventory).
- Box #1 File on "Muth Technologies" not listed; subfile "RSZ" not listed (see page 4).
- Entry on page 8 of inventory indicates that a file contained "correspondence for Dr. Detroit Motorsports". No correspondence was ever sent to Mr. Sheridan's Chrysler office for Dr. Detroit Motorsports, nor was any on file at that location.
- 3. The "inventory" identifies files and file locations by box number but the location identified was found to be inaccurate.
- 4. The "inventory" fails to explain/list file materials that were found in the actual inventory by defendant:
  - Documents relating to FMVSS-208 dated December 21 were found in Box #1 in file "NS-Restraints". This file is not listed on inventory. (see page 4)
- 5. This "inventory" fails to accurately explain/list documents allegedly found in the cubicle, as described during the deposition of plaintiff's investigators.
- 6. The "inventory" fails to list files that were found in the actual inventory.
- 7. The "inventory fails to list/identify location of specific video tapes:
  - Environmentally Safe Oil Changes
  - Formula SAE
  - IIHS Bumper Tests
  - Etc.

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8. The "inventory" fails to accurately list contents of computer disks and computer hard drive.

This response is not complete. Further examinations of inventory is still pending. Preliminary examinations cover documents listed through page 18, but not Box #7. Document listings from page 18 through 39 have not yet been examined.

Sincerely,

Courtney E. Morgan, Jr.

CEM/mn cc: George Googasian, Esq. (Via Facsimile)

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### **Attachment 3**

# "CONFIDENTLAL

# Inter Company Correspondence

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R. M. Sinclair, Director International Product Development	Product Plan. & Design Office	Chrysler Center	416-20-15		
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L. L. Baker, Manager Automotive Safety	Engineering Office	Chrysler Center	418-12-34		

## Fuel System Design - Chrysler Passenger Cars And Trucks.

Pursuant to the discussions between Messrs. Vining, Jeffe, Sperlich and yourself with Mr. Mochida on August 22, the fuel system design for domestic passenger cars and trucks is summarized for Mr. Mochida's information.

Not only are the impact performance requirements of MVSS-301 pertinent to the design approach but the significant increase in the last few years in the numbers of product liability cases involving fuel system fires and the increase in the size of the awards by sympathetic juries has to be recognized. In the Ford Pinto case the NHTSA Office of Defects Investigation selected arbitrary performance criteria of minimal or no fuel leakage when the test car is impacted in the rear by a full size car at 35 mph as a basis for questioning the safety of a recall modification of the Pinto.

## . Passenger Car

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## Fuel Tank Location

The front wheel drive configuration in Chrysler's Omni and Horizon allowed the fuel tank to be located beneath the rear seat. This location provides the protection of all of the structure behind the rear wheels—as well as the rear wheels themselves—to protect the tank from being damaged in a collision. This same location will be used in the new 1981 K-Body cars which will also have a front wheel drive.

The rear wheel drive H-Body scheduled for introduction in 1983 will have the fuel tank located over the rear axle and beneath the floor pan.

The question of whether M, R or J-Body cars should be converted to tank over axle prior to their phase-out is a matter under intensive study at this time.

## Filler Neck And Cap

As the fuel tank is moved to a more forward location, the fuel fill is moved to the side of the car. The fuel cap will be recessed below the body surface and a fuel fill door provided. The fuel filler neck is designed to break away from the car body with the fuel filler cap still in place.

In this design the filler cap and fill neck or fill tube remain with the tank to avoid separation and possible fuel leakage. This side fill is scheduled for I and M-Bodies in 1980 and the Y-car in 1981. The fuel fill is less likely to be damaged in a sideswipe when located on the right side of the car. As new models are introduced, the fuel fill will be moved to the right side of the vehicle. This may also offer greater protection to drivers who run out of gasoline on the highway, since they will fill the tank on the side away from the traffic.

## Structure

In 1979 through 1983, the M, R, and J model cars which have the fuel tank under the floor pan behind the rear wheels, structural reinforcement of the longitudinals on each side of the tank, shielding of any unfriendly surfaces adjacent to the tank, and the design of straps and hangers to limit undesired tank movement will be employed.

## . Truck

## Fuel Tank Location

The same principles regarding fuel tank location apply to truck design. It is important that these larger fuel tanks are not only shielded from damage in a collision but do not break away from the truck and thereby spread fuel onto the roadway. The approach used by Mitsubishi on the SP-27 of locating the fuel tank ahead of the rear wheels appears to provide good protection for the tank.

The front wheel drive T-115 to be introduced in 1982 will have the fuel tank ahead of the rear wheels and under the rear seat. However, in rear wheel drive trucks there is no clearance over the axle for fuel tank installation and in many cases there is insufficient space ahead of the axle for fuel tanks of the desired capacity.

Chrysler is investigating fuel tank relocation ahead of the rear wheels for vans and multi-purpose vehicles, but present plans for pickups through 1983 and for MPV's and vans through 1985 have the fuel tank located behind the rear wheels. In vehicles both with and without bumpers there is a concern with vertical height differences that create a mismarch with passenger car bumpers. Where fuel tank location behind the rear axle is all that is feasible, a protective impact deflection structure may have to be provided whether or not a bumper is provided. An investigation whether to relocate the fuel tank or to provide impact deflecting structures is presently underway.

## Fill Neck And Cap

All trucks and vans have side fill. The sweptline pickup truck (DW 1-3) and multi-purpose vehicles (AD-1 & AW-1) will have a recessed fill cap and fuel filler door beginning in 1981.

T. Raker

## **Attachment 4**

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RE:

Kline v. Chrysler LLC, et al Docket No. MRS-L-3575-08 Our File No. 2805

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed are an original and one copy of a Notice of Suggestion of Bankruptcy staying all litigation against Chrysler LLC.

Kindly file same and return a stamped filed copy to this office in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you for your attention in this regard.

ROBERT M. COOK

Very truly yours,

RMC/laf Enclosures

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THOMAS KLINE, as Administrator Ad Prosequendum of the Heirs at Law of SUSAN MORRIS KLINE (Deceased), as Administrator of the Estate of SUSAN MORRIS KLINE, and THOMAS KLINE, Individually

Plaintiffs,

vs.

VICTORIA MORGAN-ALCALA, CARLOS ALCALA, NATALIE RAWLS, DAIMLERCHRYSLER CORPORATION, la/k/a CHRYSLER CORPORATION, LOMAN AUTO GROUP, JOHN DOES, A through Z, (Names being fictitious), ABC CORPORATIONS, 1 through 100, (Names being fictitious),

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MORRIS COUNTY DOCKET NO. MRS-L-3575-08

Civil Action

NOTICE OF SUGGESTION OF BANKRUPTCY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on April 30, 2009 (the "Petition Date"), Chrysler LLC ("Chrysler") and certain domestic direct and indirect subsidiaries (the "Debtors"), filed a voluntary petition for relief in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court") under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), which is being jointly administered and which is pending before the Honorable Arthur J. Gonzalez as Case No. 09-50002 (AJG).

PONATION & A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ATTORNEYS AT LAW PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, in accordance with the automatic stay imposed by operation of section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, from and after the Petition Date no cause of action arising prior to, or relating to the period prior to, the Petition Date, including this action, may be commenced or prosecuted against the Debtors including Chrysler LLC, improperly plead as DaimlerChrysler Corporation a/k/a Chrysler Corporation, in this civil action, and no related judgment may be entered or enforced against the Debtors outside of the Bankruptcy Court without the Bankruptcy Court first issuing an order lifting or modifying the automatic stay for such specific purpose.

Dated: May 1, 2009

HANLON BOGLIOLI & HANLON, PC Attorneys for Defendant Chrysler LLC, improperly plead as DaimlerChrysler Corporation a/k/a Chrysler-Corporation

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#### **Attachment 5**



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