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SUBJECT:

Front Passenger Airbag Safety Precautions

OVERVIEW:

This bulletin involves warnings prohibiting modifications to the front passenger seat assembly, related components, or trim cover.

MODELS:

2005	(CS)	Pacifica
2004 - 2005	(HB)	Durango
2004 - 2005	(KJ)	Liberty
2005	(LX)	300C, 300N, Magnum
2005	(ND)	Dakota
2005	(RS)	Caravan, Town & Country
2005	(WK)	Grand Cherokee

NOTE: This bulletin applies to vehicles equipped with the Occupant Classification System (OCS) for the right front passenger airbag.

DISCUSSION:

The front passenger seat assembly contains critical components that affect the front passenger airbag deployment. Correctly functioning front passenger seat components are critical for the Occupant Classification System (OCS) to properly classify the front passenger and calculate the proper airbag deployment. Do not make any unapproved modifications to the front passenger seat components, assembly, or to the trim cover.

NOTE: Always follow the service information in TechCONNECT for the correct repair and/or diagnostic procedures when servicing the front passenger seat assembly, related parts, or trim cover.

Unapproved modifications or service procedures to the front passenger seat assembly, its related components, or trim cover may inadvertently change the airbag deployment in case of a frontal crash. **THIS COULD RESULT IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY TO THE FRONT SEAT PASSENGER IF THE VEHICLE IS INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT.** A modified vehicle may not comply with required Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS).

The following requirements must be strictly adhered to:

1. **DO NOT MODIFY THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT ASSEMBLY OR COMPONENTS IN ANY WAY.**
2. **DO NOT MODIFY THE FRONT SEAT CENTER CONSOLE OR CENTER POSITION SEAT IN ANY WAY.**
3. **DO NOT USE PRIOR OR FUTURE MODEL YEAR SEAT TRIM COVERS NOT DESIGNATED FOR THE SPECIFIC MODEL BEING REPAIRED. ALWAYS USE THE CORRECT SEAT TRIM COVER SPECIFIED FOR THE VEHICLE.**
4. **DO NOT REPLACE THE SEAT TRIM COVER WITH AN AFTERMARKET TRIM COVER.**
5. **DO NOT ADD A SECONDARY TRIM COVER OTHER THAN THOSE APPROVED BY DAIMLERCHRYSLER/MOPAR.**
6. **AT NO TIME SHOULD ANY SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRAINT SYSTEM (SRS) COMPONENT OR SRS RELATED COMPONENT OR FASTENER BE MODIFIED OR REPLACED WITH ANY PART EXCEPT THOSE WHICH ARE APPROVED BY DAIMLERCHRYSLER/MOPAR.**

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