

97V069000: INSPECT FRAME RAIL FOR CRACKS - REINFORCE

1993 Jeep Cherokee

NHTSA RECALL BULLETIN

Model(s): 1993-96 Jeep Cherokee
Campaign No: 97V069000
Number of Affected Vehicles: 2500
Beginning Date of Manufacture: 1992 JUL
Ending Date of Manufacture: 1996 OCT

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:

During assembly of the frame, a fillet weld that joins the inner steering gear attachment reinforcement to the frame rail, was omitted.

CONSEQUENCE OF DEFECT:

Due to high steering load events, vehicles can exhibit broken steering gear attaching bolts or frame rail cracking at the steering gear attaching point increasing the risk of a vehicle crash.

CORRECTIVE ACTION:

Dealers will inspect the vehicles for cracks in the frame rail.

Vehicles that show cracks will be equipped with reinforcement plates. Vehicles that are found to be free of cracks will have a slot cut in the cross member and the fillet weld will be added.

OWNER NOTIFICATION:

Owner notification is expected to begin during May 1997.

Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time should contact Chrysler at 1-800-853-1403. Also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Auto Safety Hotline at 1-800-424-9393.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration operates Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Eastern Time. For more information call (800) 424-9393 or (202) 366-0123. For the hearing impaired, call (800) 424-9153.