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SUBJECT:

Reconditioned Wheel Usage

OVERVIEW:

This bulletin involves Chrysler Group LLC position with regard to reconditioned wheel usage.

DISCUSSION:

Chrysler Group LLC does not recommend that customers use “reconditioned” wheels (wheels that have been damaged and repaired) because they can result in a sudden catastrophic wheel failure which could cause loss of control and result in injury or death. For clarification:

- Cosmetic refinishing for the purpose of repairing a superficial flaw is an acceptable procedure providing it is limited to paint or clear coat only, the wheel is not modified in any way, and there is no exposure to paint curing heat over 200 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Damaged wheels are those which have been bent, broken, cracked or sustained some other physical damage which may have compromised the wheel structure.
- Repaired indicates that the wheel has been modified through bending, welding, heating, straightening, or material removal to rectify damage.
- Re-plating of chrome plated wheels, or chrome plating of original equipment painted or polished wheels, is not an acceptable procedure as this may alter mechanical properties and affect fatigue life. Additionally, Chrysler Group LLC Global Warranty Administration does not allow refinishing of wheels under warranty.

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