

Dealer Service Instructions for:

## **Safety Recall No. 979**

# **5-Point Racing Seat Belt Harness**

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### **Models**

**1998 (SR) Dodge Viper GTS2 Commemorative Edition**

**1999-2001 (SR) Dodge Viper ACR**

*NOTE: This recall applies only to the above vehicles equipped with a 5-point racing harness (Sales Code ACC or ACR) built through May 1, 2001 (MDH 0501XX).*

**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**

The 5-point racing seat belt harnesses on about 550 of the above vehicles may not meet the minimum FIA load specifications. FIA is an independent race-sanctioning agency. This can result in an increased risk of injury in certain racing accident conditions, as a belted occupant may not be properly restrained. The standard three-point seat belt harness is not affected by this recall.

### **Repair**

The driver and passenger side 5-point racing seat belt harnesses must be replaced.

**Parts Information**

Dealers should determine which 5-Point Racing Seat Belt Harness package is required for each vehicle at the time appointments are scheduled to assure that the correct part is available when the customer arrives. The **Racing Seat Belt Harness** package for the vehicle to be serviced may be determined by:

- **Using the part code in the third column of the VIN list along with the following table (involved dealers);**
- **Using the VIN and part number list electronically transmitted to DIAL System Function 53 (involved dealers); or**
- **Entering the VIN into the DIAL VIP System (sales code information) along with the following table (all dealers):**

<b>Model Year</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> VIN Character</b>	<b>Sales Code</b>	<b>Part Code</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Part Number</b>
<b>1999, 2000, 2001</b>	<b>X, Y, 1</b>	<b>ACR</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>CBAB9791</b>
<b>1998</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>ACC</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>CBA39792</b>

Each package contains two (2) seat belt harness assemblies, four (4) anchor bolts and four (4) anchor spacers.

Due to the small number of involved vehicles, no parts will be distributed initially. **Racing Seat Belt Harness packages should be ordered only as necessary for scheduled appointments.**

## Service Procedure

1. Unclip the crotch (anti-submarine) belt from the eyebolt on the vehicle floor in front of the driver's seat. Set the belt aside for return to the Material Return Center.
2. Move the driver's seat and seat back to the full forward position.
3. Using a right angle pick and working through the openings in the bulkhead trim panel, disconnect the two driver's seat shoulder belts from the bulkhead eyebolts. Feed the shoulder belts through the seat back and then remove them from the vehicle. Set the belts aside for return to the Material Return Center.
4. Remove the outboard lower driver's seat belt anchor bolt from the frame (Figure 1). Remove the 5-point harness outboard lap belt from the vehicle. Do NOT remove the 3-point seat belt buckle assembly. Set the 5-point harness lap belt and anchor bolt aside for return to the Material Return Center.

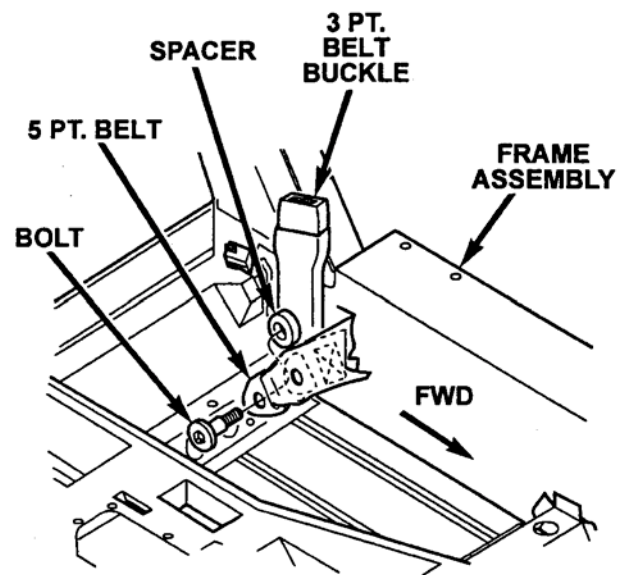


Figure 1 – Left Side Shown

5. Install the new 5-point harness outboard lap belt on one of the supplied anchor bolts. Install a new anchor spacer on the bolt so that it will be located between the two seat belt anchors (Figure 2). Install the anchor bolt through the 3-point seat belt buckle assembly and into the frame (Figure 1). Tighten the anchor bolt to 350 in-lbs (40 N·m).

**NOTE: The new lap belts are interchangeable, inboard and outboard.**

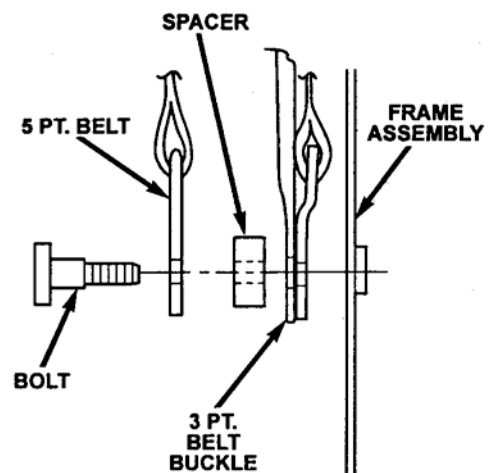


Figure 2

**Service Procedure (Continued)**

6. Remove the inboard lower driver's seat belt anchor bolt from the frame (Figure 3). Remove the 5-point harness inboard lap belt from the vehicle. Do NOT remove the 3-point seat belt anchor. Set the 5-point harness lap belt and anchor bolt aside for return to the Material Return Center.

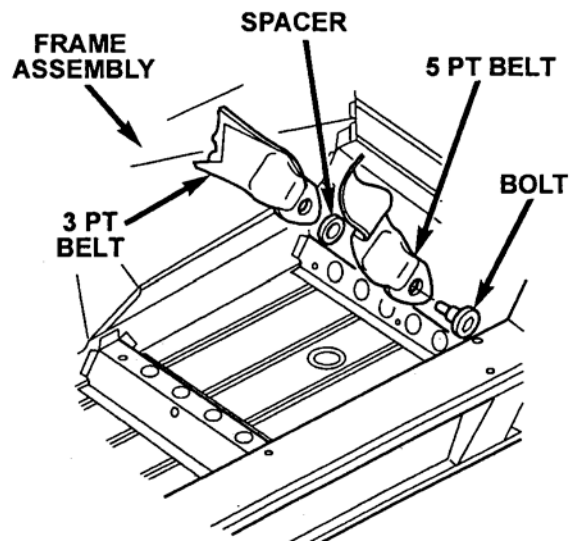


Figure 3 – Left Side Shown

7. Install the new 5-point harness inboard lap belt on one of the supplied anchor bolts. Install a new anchor spacer on the bolt so that it will be located between the two seat belt anchors (Figure 4). Install the anchor bolt through the 3-point seat belt anchor and into the frame (Figure 3). Tighten the anchor bolt to 350 in-lbs (40 N·m).

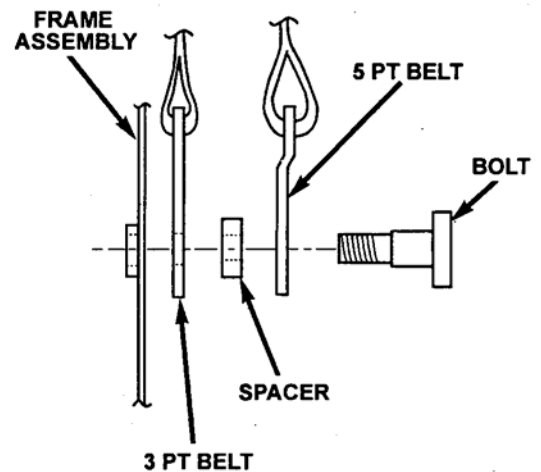


Figure 4

8. Route the new shoulder belts through the opening in the seat back. Clip the shoulder belt anchors onto the bulkhead eyebolts.

**NOTE: The new 5-point harness shoulder belts are NOT interchangeable (inboard and outboard). Install the shoulder belts so that the outboard belt patch can be correctly read when viewed from outside of the vehicle (Figure 5).**

9. Return the driver's seat to its original position.
10. Connect the new crotch (anti-submarine) belt to the eyebolt on the vehicle floor in front of the driver's seat.
11. Repeat Steps 1-10 for the passenger side of the vehicle.

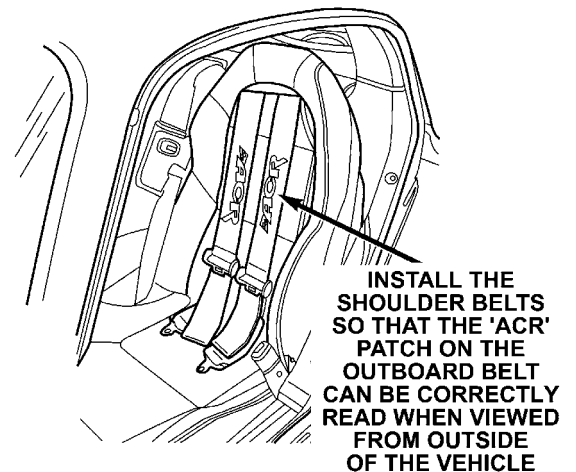


Figure 5 – ACR Model Shown

**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:

	<b>Labor Operation Number</b>	<b>Time Allowance</b>
Replace both 5-point racing seat belt harnesses	23-97-91-82	0.6 hours

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

**Parts Return**

Removed 5-point racing seat belt harnesses, anchor bolts and spacers must be returned to the Warranty Material Return Center.

NOTE: See the Warranty Administration Manual, Recall Claim Processing and Material Return Sections, for complete recall claim processing instructions.

**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 “ORD979”.

**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.

Dealers are encouraged to consider alternative scheduling and servicing approaches for this recall. This repair does not require hoists or other full service facility special equipment and is a DaimlerChrysler Mobile Service approved repair.

**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.

Customer Services Field Operations  
DaimlerChrysler Corporation

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## **SAFETY RECALL TO REPLACE YOUR VEHICLE'S 5-POINT RACING SEAT BELT HARNESSSES**

Dear Dodge Viper GTS2 or ACR Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

DaimlerChrysler Corporation has determined that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in some **1998 through 2001 model year Dodge Viper GTS2 and ACR vehicles.**

***The problem is...***

**The 5-point racing seat belt harnesses on your Viper** (identified on the enclosed form) **may not meet the minimum FIA load specifications. FIA is an independent race-sanctioning agency. This can result in an increased risk of injury in certain racing accident conditions, as a belted occupant may not be properly restrained.** The standard three-point seat belt is not affected by this recall.

***What DaimlerChrysler and your dealer will do...***

**DaimlerChrysler will repair your Viper free of charge (parts and labor).** To do this, your dealer will replace both 5-point racing seat belt harnesses in your vehicle. The work will take about one hour to complete. However, additional time may be necessary depending on how dealer appointments are scheduled and processed.

***What you must do to ensure your safety...***

- Simply **contact your dealer** right away to schedule a service appointment. Ask the dealer to hold the parts for your vehicle or to order them before your appointment.
- **Bring the enclosed form with you to your dealer.** It identifies the required service to the dealer.

***If you need help...***

If you have questions or concerns which the dealer is unable to resolve, please contact the DaimlerChrysler Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-853-1403. A representative will assist you.

If you have already experienced the problem described above and have paid to have it repaired, you may send your original receipts and/or other adequate proof of payment to the following address for reimbursement: DaimlerChrysler Customer Assistance Center, P.O. Box 1040, St. Charles, MO 63302-1040, Attention: Reimbursement.

If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

We're sorry for any inconvenience, but we are sincerely concerned about your safety. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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