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Vehicle Alert: Chrysler 300M Door Moldings Appear Discolored

The Chrysler 300M, Concorde and the Dodge Intrepid front and rear door bright black window moldings may have a brown haze or appear discolored. This is caused by the anodized aluminum moldings contacting certain phosphates used in most car wash soap. The discoloration can also be described as having iridescent blue spots on the moldings.

DaimlerChrysler has issued Technical Service Bulletin 23-008-02 describing the above condition and has provided the following recommended and approved repair procedure to restore the moldings to original condition if the damage occurs:

- Apply Mopar Cleaner Wax, p/n 04796237, to the affected surface with a foam applicator or buffing pad and work thoroughly into the surface.

NOTE: Mopar Cleaner Wax must be well shaken and applied in the shade on a cool dry surface. Do not apply to rubber or vinyl surfaces.

- Allow the surface of the moldings to dry completely to a haze. Use a clean quality 100% cotton terry-cloth towel to wipe off the residue. Turn to a clean portion of the towel for the final wipe.

If a customer with a described DaimlerChrysler vehicle has this problem in your car wash, refer the customer to their local DaimlerChrysler dealership where they can purchase the proper cleaner wax to remove the discoloration from the molding.

The International Carwash Association would like to thank DaimlerChrysler for providing specific corrective action to resolve the problem. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Joe Ward, Director of Engineering, through ICA Headquarters in Chicago ica@sba.com or 888-422-8422.