

# Technical Service Bulletin

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**SUBJECT:**

New Automatic Transmission Fluid Usage (ATF +4 Type 9602)

**MODELS:**

\*\*2000 (GS) Chrysler Voyager (International Market)\*\*  
 1999 - \*\*2000\*\* (JA) Cirrus/Stratus/Breeze  
 \*\*2000 (JX) Sebring Convertible\*\*  
 1999 - \*\*2000\*\* (LH) Concorde/Intrepid/LHS/300M  
 \*\*2000 (NS) Town & Country/Caravan/Voyager\*\*  
 \*\*2000 (PL) Neon\*\*  
 1999 - \*\*2000\*\* (PR) Prowler

**\*\*NOTE: THIS INFORMATION APPLIES TO MODELS AS FOLLOWS:\*\***

MODELS	BUILD DATE
<b>**GS**</b>	<b>**AFTER NOVEMBER 8, 1999 (MDH1108XX)**</b>
<b>JA</b>	<b>AFTER SEPTEMBER 7, 1998 (MDH0907XX)</b>
<b>**JX**</b>	<b>**AFTER MAY 21, 1999 (MDH0521XX)**</b>
<b>LH</b>	<b>AFTER JULY 20, 1998 (MDH0720XX)</b>
<b>**NS**</b>	<b>**AFTER OCTOBER 10, 1999 (MDH1010XX) WINDSOR ASSY PLANT**</b> <b>**AFTER OCTOBER 18, 1999 (MDH1018XX) ST LOUIS ASSY PLANT**</b> <b>11<sup>TH</sup> POSITION OF VIN - R = WINDSOR/B = ST LOUIS</b>
<b>**PL**</b>	<b>**AFTER APRIL 24, 1999 (MDH0424XX)**</b>
<b>PR</b>	<b>AFTER JULY 20, 1998 (MDH0720XX)</b>

**DISCUSSION:**

A new transmission fluid (ATF +4 - Type 9602) has been developed and is being used as a factory fill in the above models. \*\*Plants that build rear wheel drive models (other than Prowler)

will introduce ATF +4 throughout the 2000 calendar year.\*\* This Technical Service Bulletin will be updated as additional models are introduced to ATF +4.

\*\*Always refer to this, or vehicle specific TSB's for the correct transmission fluid usage whenever performing service that requires fluid for 1999 or later models.\*\*

**NOTE: ATF +4 MUST ALWAYS BE USED IN VEHICLES THAT WERE ORIGINALLY FILLED WITH ATF +4. USING ATF +3 IN THESE VEHICLES WILL DECREASE THE BENEFITS OF THIS NEW FLUID.**

**AT THIS TIME, VEHICLES ORIGINALLY FILLED WITH ATF +2 OR ATF +3 SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE SERVICED WITH ATF +3 – TYPE 7176. \*\*VEHICLE SPECIFIC TSB'S WILL BE ISSUED TO ANNOUNCE THE USE OF ATF +4 FOR EARLIER YEARS.\*\***

The p/n for quarts of ATF +4 is 05013457AA. Following are the added benefits of ATF +4:

#### RECOMMENDED SERVICE INTERVALS

Normal Maintenance (Schedule A) – None (Fill For Life)

Severe Maintenance (Schedule B) – Fluid/Filter 77,000 km (48,000 miles)

#### ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

Better anti-wear properties

Improved rust/corrosion prevention

Controls oxidation

Eliminates deposits

Controls friction

Retains anti-foaming properties

Superior properties for low temperature operation

#### FLUID COLOR

ATF +4 is red in color as previously used transmission fluid.

**NOTE: THE RED DYE USED IN ATF +4 FLUID IS NOT A PERMANENT QUALITY. AS FLUID AGES, IT CAN BECOME DARKER OR MAY EVEN APPEAR LIGHT BROWN. DISCOLORATION ALONE DOES NOT INDICATE THE NEED FOR A FLUID CHANGE. IF THE COLOR CHANGE IS ACCOMPANIED BY A BURNT SMELL AND/OR A DETERIORATION IN SHIFT QUALITY, NEW FLUID MAY BE REQUIRED.**

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