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

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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