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Dealer Service Instructions for:

## Safety Recall No. 886 PCV System Make-Up Air Tube

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### Models

**2000 (PL) Dodge and Plymouth Neon**

**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

Vapors from the Positive Crankcase Ventilation (PCV) system on about 260,000 of the above vehicles can condense and freeze inside of the throttle body when the vehicle is operated in extremely cold ambient temperatures. This can prevent the throttle from fully returning to idle, which could cause an accident without warning.

### Repair

The PCV system make-up air tube must be replaced and relocated to the air cleaner assembly.

**Parts Information**

**Part Number      Description**  
**CBS08860      PCV Make-Up Air Tube Package**

Each package contains the following components:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Make-Up Air Tube
1	Filter Pack
1	Rubber Cap

**Each dealer** to whom vehicles in the recall were invoiced (or the current dealer at the same street address) will receive enough Make-Up Air Tube Packages to service about 25% of those vehicles.

**Service Procedure**

1. Disconnect the nylon make-up air tube from the rubber elbow that is connected to the throttle body assembly (Figure 1).
2. Remove the rubber elbow from the throttle body assembly (Figure 1). Save the elbow for later use.
3. Install the provided rubber cap on the throttle body nipple.

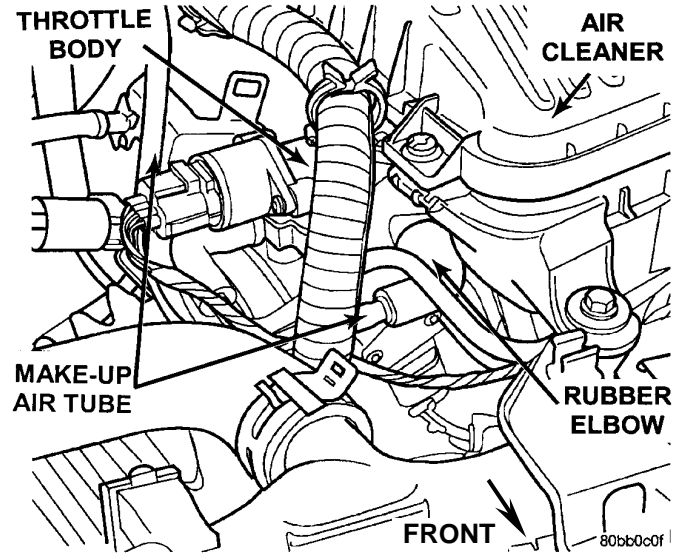


Figure 1

Service Procedure (Continued)

4. Disconnect the nylon make-up air tube from the elbow on the rear of the engine (Figure 2). Discard the make-up air tube.

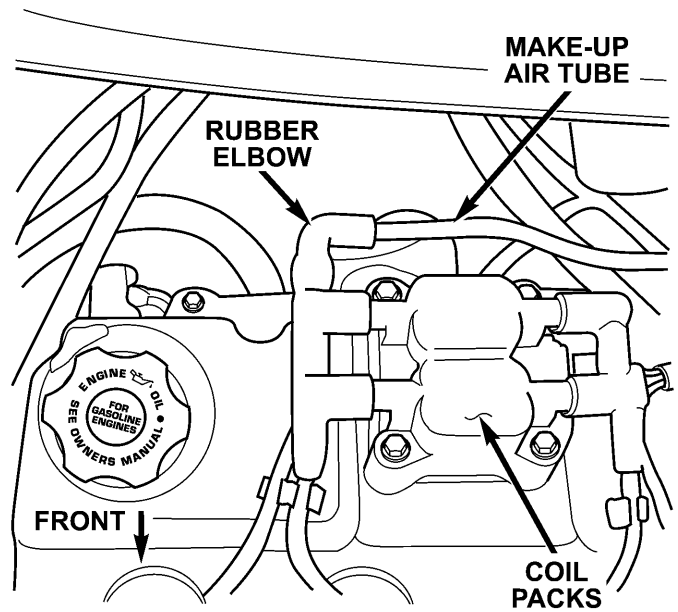


Figure 2

5. Inspect the air cleaner for the presence of a capped nipple on the rear of the right side (Figure 3).

- **If the air cleaner does NOT have a nipple on the rear of the right side**, install the large end of the rubber elbow that was removed from the throttle body onto the nipple of the provided filter pack and then set the filter pack assembly aside.
- **If the air cleaner has a nipple on the rear of the right side**, remove the cap from the air cleaner nipple and then install the large end of the rubber elbow that was removed from the throttle body on the air cleaner nipple so that the small end of the elbow is facing rearward and slightly upward.

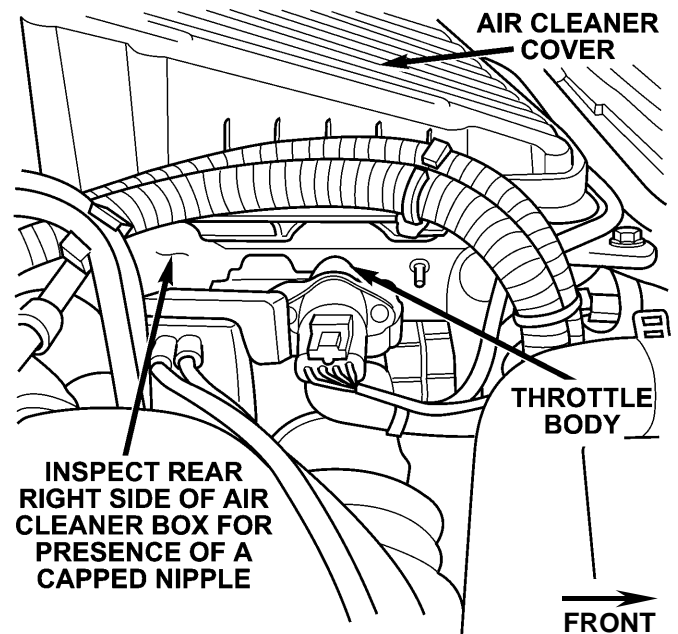


Figure 3

so that the small end of the elbow is facing rearward and slightly upward. **Skip to Step 12.**

**NOTE: Very few vehicles will have a nipple on the air cleaner.**

**Service Procedure (Continued)**

- Remove the air cleaner cover and filter element.

**NOTE: To remove the filter element, pull up on the underside of the filter element at the end opposite of the throttle body.**

- Mark the inside of the air cleaner 1.75" (44 mm) down from the top next to the rear edge of the support rib (Figure 4).
- Drill a 1/8" (1.6 mm) diameter pilot hole in the right side of the air cleaner at the location marked above (Figure 4).
- Using a 3/4" (18 mm) hole saw, enlarge the hole, removing the air cleaner wall and rib.

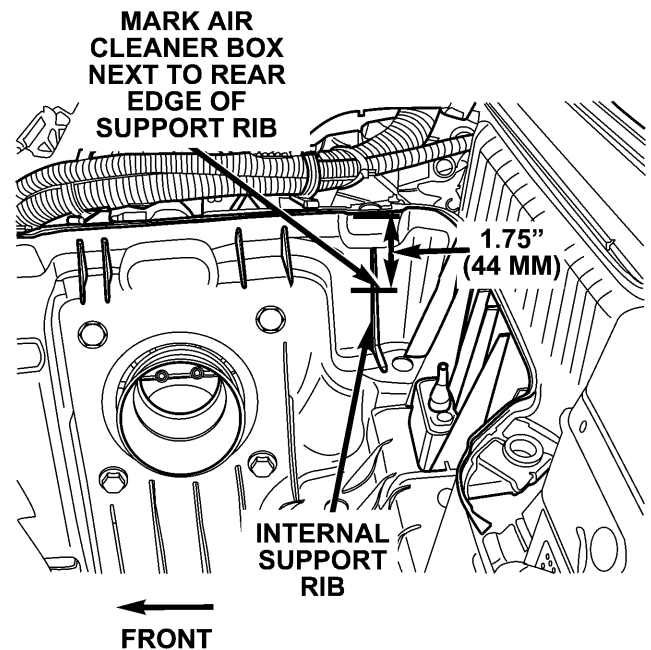


Figure 4

- Remove any debris from the hole and air cleaner.
- Install the filter pack assembly through the air cleaner hole so that the filter pack is inside the air cleaner with the open side facing rearward and the small end of the rubber elbow is outside of the air cleaner, facing rearward and slightly upward (Figure 5).

**Note: The rubber elbow should fit tightly through the hole. If necessary, use a rubber lubricant to ease installation.**

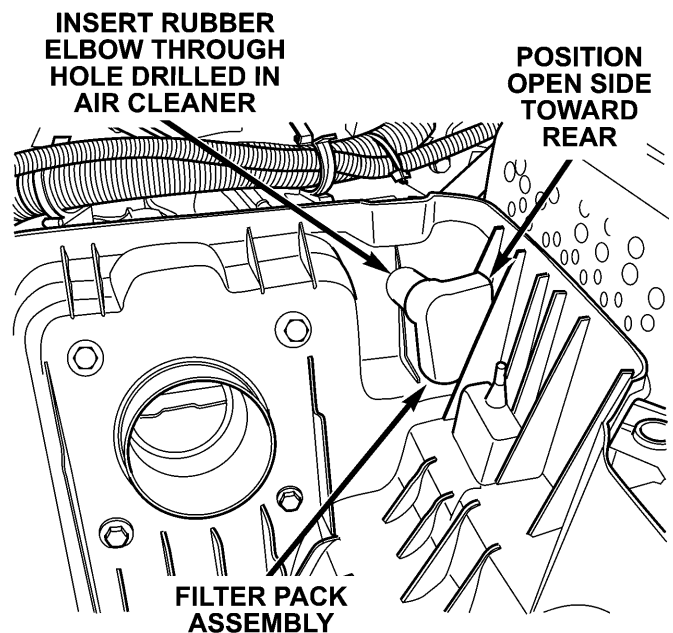


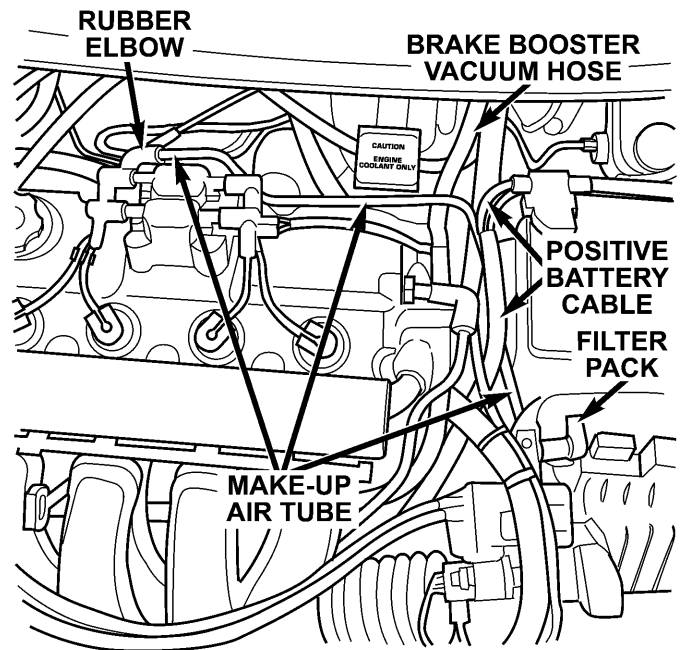
Figure 5

**Service Procedure (Continued)**

12. Connect the provided make-up air tube to the rubber elbow at the rear of the engine (Figure 6).

**NOTE: Route the make-up air tube under the positive battery cable and above the brake booster vacuum hose.**

13. Connect other end of the make-up air tube to the rubber elbow on the air cleaner (Figure 6).
14. Install the air cleaner filter element, if necessary, by sliding it over the throttle body flange while pushing downward.



**Figure 6**

15. Install the air cleaner cover, if necessary. Tighten the cover screws to 35 in-lbs (4 N·m).

**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 PCV system make-up air tube	25886182	0.2 hours

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

**NOTE:** See the Warranty Administration Manual, Recall Claim Processing Section, for complete recall claim processing instructions.

**Parts Return**

Not required.

**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** (or the current dealer at the same street address) **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 "ORD886".

**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



## ***SAFETY RECALL TO REPLACE YOUR VEHICLE'S PCV TUBE***

Dear Neon 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 **2000 model year Dodge and Plymouth Neon vehicles**.

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

**Vapors from the Positive Crankcase Ventilation (PCV) system on your Neon (identified on the enclosed form) can condense and freeze inside of the throttle body when the vehicle is operated in extremely cold ambient temperatures. This can prevent the throttle from fully returning to idle, which could cause an accident without warning.**

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

**DaimlerChrysler will repair your vehicle free of charge (parts and labor).** To do this, your dealer will replace and relocate a PCV system tube. The work will take less than ½ 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 Owner Notification 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 1-800-992-1997. 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: Recall Center

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 1-800-424-9393. Washington, DC area residents may call 1-202-366-0123.

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

***Buckle up  
for Safety***

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