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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Wednesday, August 22 has a consumer protection bulletin.

The U.S. Department of Transportation is investigating some Chrysler-built cars with warning to owners about the danger of an electrical power failure which would stop the engine.

The Department's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says it has received reports of at least 838 such failures which included a reported fatality and a serious injury.

The cars involved cover the 1969 through 1973 time period and include: Chrysler Newports, New Yorkers, and Town and Country 300's; Dodge Monacos and Polaras as well as Plymouth Furys and Suburbans.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator, Dr. James Gregory, commented:

"The investigation centers on an electrical connection under the left hand corner of the dashboards of these cars. I want to stress that owners should have this connector inspected. Where they have already had problems, details should be reported to us here at the Safety Administration. This continues our policy of giving the earliest possible warning to motorists by telling them what we have found during our investigation -- whether the investigation is complete or not -- just as soon as we know the scope of the problem and the vehicles that are likely to be affected."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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