

# DAKOTA CAUTIONARY NOTES

## CAUTIONARY NOTES TO BODY BUILDERS

To provide a safe and serviceable vehicle to the customer, certain precautions must be observed to ensure correct assembly and construction of the finished vehicle.

1. Do not revise tubes or hoses as service systems' performance may be seriously impaired.
2. Body interior layout, body structure, accessory installation, water and holding tanks, fuel and propane tank, and motor generator locations should be designed to provide equal side-to-side loading on chassis to avoid vehicle lean and adverse effects on vehicle handling. The combined weight of the chassis, plus all items installed by the body builder, and an additional load allowance for reasonably anticipated passengers, liquids, luggage, and other equipment should not exceed the gross vehicle weight for which the particular chassis is designed, and the weight should be distributed between the front and rear axles so the maximum capacity rating of each axle system is not exceeded.
3. Undercoating or sound deadening material should not be sprayed on any chassis, power train or suspension parts. Hardware that requires special care includes such items as electrical wiring, radiator, engine, accessory drive, transmission, prop shaft, steering mechanism, springs, shocks, exhaust pipes or linkages.

## NEW VEHICLE STORAGE

Protection of new vehicles from damage and deterioration prior to retail delivery is the body builder's and his dealer's responsibility as is any expense incurred as the result of such damage or deterioration.

- \* Check engine coolant and antifreeze protection
- \* After storage for more than 21 days the battery should be recharged for a minimum of 24 hours. For long storage in cold temperatures, the battery should be disconnected, removed and stored at a temperature above freezing. Inflate tires to recommended pressure
- \* Place parking brake in "off" position
- \* Observe necessary security precautions to avoid pilferage and vandalism
- \* Keep windows closed, doors locked and trim covers intact and in position
- \* Keep engine, steering wheel and cab back covers intact and in position when applicable
- \* Do not use chalk or crayon on glass or painted surfaces. Scratches may result

## Upgraded Driver Restraint System

1. Disconnect battery negative terminal before removing the driver's side seat belt retractor.
2. The OEM driver's side retractor cover must be used unless approval is given from DaimlerChrysler Modified Vehicles Engineering for an alternate retractor cover.
3. Store driver's side retractor in a secure area when removed from the vehicle to avoid damage or loss.
4. The driver's side retractor must be connected to the Air Bag Electronic Control Module located under the HVAC Module in the center Console area.