Chrysler to recall 26,000 vehicles for fire risk concerns

CHICAGO — Chrysler will recall 26,000 vehicles to inspect the potential power steering problem, which could cause a fire. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced Wednesday.

NHTSA said on its website that the recall affects some 2010 models of both models and includes the Chrysler 300 and Sebring, the Dodge Avenger, Challenger and Journey, along with 2011 Dodge Ram pickup trucks.

The steering fluid hoses in the affected vehicles can separate at the cramped end and leak fluid onto hot engine components that could cause a fire, according to NHTSA.

Dealers will check and replace the power steering pressure hose in the recalled vehicles and make repairs free of charge. The safety recall, which may affect 26,397 vehicles, is expected to begin this month.

BMW recalls 21,771 sedans in China; Jaguar Land Rover recalls 30 vehicles

BEIJING — German auto giant BMW Group on Friday began recalling more than 21,000 cars in China to fix a faulty brake system, while British carmaker Jaguar Land Rover recalled 30 Discoveries 3 TDV6 diesel vehicles, China’s quality watchdog said Friday.


BMW’s recall is to fix faulty brake boosters, which may be contaminated by lubrication inside the vacuum pump and could cause the failure of the brake boosting function, according to the GAQSI statement. Jaguar Land Rover’s recalls include 2010 V70, along with 2011 XC 2003, and Nov. 30, 2009, according to figures published by student unions (Rennes-2, Lyon-2, Montpellier-3 and Toulouse-2) were closed by their administrations, citing security concerns.

Interior Minister Brice Hortefeux voted that police forces would "unblock the refineries as much as possible.” However, figures cited by Energy and Ecology Minister Jean-Louis Borloo suggested that gasoline shortages were continuing to plague the country.

The Jaguar vehicle defect may cause a fuel leak or even fire under extreme conditions, and is a potential hazard to safety, according to GAQSI.

President Nicolas Sarkozy strike, especially in southern France. In Marseille, authorities mobilized army civil service units wearing white overalls to collect garbage. Marseille’s Governor Robert Prevost dispatched agents to Marseille to de-mobilize the Marseille municipality employees, but one added that it was a “way to break the movement.”

Six hundred high schools were closed and 130,000 students, according to figures published by student unions (Rennes-2, Lyon-2, Montpellier-3 and Toulouse-2) were closed by their administrations, citing security concerns.

Interior Minister Brice Hortefeux traveled yesterday to Lyon, where police clashed with 1,300 youth (according to police) or 3,000 students (according to the downtown of the month). He denounced demonstrators as “breakers, looters, and shoot- ers,” adding, “France belongs to honest people who want to work peaceably.”

Lyon city authorities closed down the subway and municipal transport networks to prevent suburban youth from traveling into the city to protest Hortefeux’s visit. Nonetheless, youth in the downtown area greeted Hortefeux with cries of “Vive les étudiants.”

The central issue that is rapidly emerging in the strikes against Sarkozy’s austerity program is the trade unions’ capacity to respond to the use of police repression to break occupations and attack picket lines. This strengthening of the mass movement against the cuts leaves strikers, notably the oil workers, vulnerable to being isolated.

The unions refuse to respond to the state attacks by expanding the strike movement because this would encourage the development of an anti-austerity movement. It would also lead to the government’s announcement that there were “a feeling of total un- preparedness [and] the desire on the part of the union leaderships to do anything but prepare… This episode forces us to clear up the government’s neo-fascistic plans of Sarkozy, as well as to organize the functioning of a workers’ government.

French President Sarkozy moves to break strikes against austerity measures

By Alex Lantier

President Nicolas Sarkozy promised to break strikes against his government’s pension cuts and social austerity policies yesterday, vowing to “end the grip of the strikes” after a bitter round of protests. His first vote on the bill is expected by early next week.

The government is pressing ahead with its cuts, defying over-