

# CHIME/BUZZER WARNING SYSTEMS

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### INTRODUCTION

This group covers the chime warning system, which is standard factory-installed equipment on this model. The chime warning system provides an audible warning to the driver under the following conditions:

- Check gauges lamp illumination
- Driver side seat belt is not fastened with the ignition switch in the On position
- Head or park lamps are turned on with the ignition switch Off and the driver side front door open
- Key is in the ignition switch with the ignition switch Off and the driver side front door open
- Low fuel warning lamp illumination - less than about one-eighth tank of fuel remaining
- The optional Smart Key Immobilizer System (SKIS) is in the “customer programming” mode.

Following are general descriptions of the major components in the chime warning system. Refer to 8W-40 Instrument Cluster or 8W-44 - Interior Lighting in Group 8W - Wiring Diagrams for complete circuit descriptions and diagrams.

## DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION

### INSTRUMENT CLUSTER

The instrument cluster is an electromechanical unit that contains integrated circuitry and internal programming to perform a variety of functions. The instrument cluster circuitry monitors hard-wired switch inputs, as well as message inputs received from other vehicle electronic modules on the Chrysler Collision Detection (CCD) data bus network.

The instrument cluster uses these many inputs along with its internal programming and an integral

chime tone generator to perform the functions of the chime warning module on this model. The instrument cluster circuitry also has a self-diagnostic capability. Refer to Group 8E - Instrument Panel Systems for more information on this feature.

Hard-wired chime warning system inputs to the instrument cluster include the following:

- Driver door jamb switch
- Driver seat belt switch
- Headlamp switch
- Key-in ignition switch.

The only instrument cluster diagnosis found in this group consists of confirming the viability of the hard-wired chime request inputs to the instrument cluster circuitry. For diagnosis of the CCD data bus and the data bus message inputs, a DRB scan tool and the proper Diagnostic Procedures manual are recommended.

Refer to Group 8E - Instrument Panel Systems for the service procedures for the instrument cluster. The instrument cluster chime warning circuitry and chime tone generator cannot be repaired and, if faulty, the instrument cluster assembly must be replaced.

### DRIVER DOOR JAMB SWITCH

The driver door jamb switch is mounted to the driver side door hinge pillar. The switch closes a path to ground for the instrument cluster chime warning circuitry through the key-in ignition switch and/or the headlamp switch when the driver door is opened, and opens the ground path when the driver door is closed.

The driver door jamb switch cannot be repaired and, if faulty or damaged, it must be replaced. Refer to Group 8L - Lamps for the service procedures.

## DESCRIPTION AND OPERATION (Continued)

**DRIVER SEAT BELT SWITCH**

The driver seat belt switch is integral to the driver seat belt buckle-half assembly. The switch is normally closed, providing a ground path to the instrument panel chime warning circuitry. When the tip-half of the seat belt is inserted into the seat belt buckle, the switch opens the ground path.

The driver seat belt switch cannot be repaired and, if faulty or damaged, the entire driver seat belt buckle-half unit must be replaced. Refer to Group 23 - Body for the service procedures.

**KEY-IN IGNITION SWITCH**

The key-in ignition switch is integral to the ignition switch, which is mounted on the left side of the steering column, opposite the ignition lock cylinder. It closes a path to ground for the instrument cluster chime warning circuitry when the ignition key is inserted in the ignition lock cylinder and the driver door jamb switch is closed (driver door is open). The key-in ignition switch opens the ground path when the key is removed from the ignition lock cylinder.

The key-in ignition switch cannot be repaired and, if faulty or damaged, the entire ignition switch must be replaced. Refer to Group 8D - Ignition Systems for the service procedures.

**HEADLAMP SWITCH**

The headlamp switch is located in the instrument panel, outboard of the steering column. It closes a path to ground for the instrument cluster chime warning circuitry when the park or head lamps are on and the driver door jamb switch is closed (driver door is open). The headlamp switch opens the ground path when the headlamp switch is turned off.

The headlamp switch cannot be repaired and, if faulty or damaged, it must be replaced. Refer to Group 8E - Instrument Panel Systems for the service procedures.

**DIAGNOSIS AND TESTING****DRIVER DOOR JAMB SWITCH**

For circuit descriptions and diagrams, refer to 8W-40 - Instrument Cluster or 8W-44 - Interior Lighting in Group 8W - Wiring Diagrams.

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(1) Rotate the headlamp switch knob counterclockwise to ensure that the dome lamps are not switched off. Open the driver door and note whether the interior lamps light. They should light. If OK, see the diagnosis for the Key-In Ignition Switch or the Headlamp Switch in this group. If not OK, go to Step 2.

(2) Disconnect and isolate the battery negative cable. Unplug the driver door jamb switch from its wire harness connector. Check for continuity between the door jamb switch output circuit cavity of the driver door jamb switch wire harness connector and a good ground. There should be continuity. If OK, go to Step 3. If not OK, repair the circuit to ground as required.

(3) Check for continuity between the door jamb switch output circuit terminal and the left front door jamb switch sense terminal of the door jamb switch. There should be continuity with the switch plunger released, and no continuity with the switch plunger depressed. If not OK, replace the faulty switch.

**DRIVER SEAT BELT SWITCH**

For circuit descriptions and diagrams, refer to 8W-40 - Instrument Cluster or 8W-44 - Interior Lighting in Group 8W - Wiring Diagrams.

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(1) Disconnect and isolate the battery negative cable. Unplug the driver seat belt switch wire harness connector on the floor under the driver seat near the seat belt buckle-half anchor. Check for continuity between the seat belt switch sense circuit and the ground circuit cavities of the seat belt half of the driver seat belt switch wire harness connector. There should be continuity with the seat belt unbuckled, and no continuity with the seat belt buckled. If OK, go to Step 2. If not OK, replace the faulty seat belt buckle-half assembly.

(2) Check for continuity between the ground circuit cavity in the body half of the driver seat belt switch wire harness connector and a good ground. There should be continuity. If OK, see the Instrument Cluster diagnosis in this group. If not OK, repair the circuit to ground as required.

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**KEY-IN IGNITION SWITCH**

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(1) Disconnect and isolate the battery negative cable. Remove the steering column shrouds. Refer to Group 8D - Ignition Systems for the procedures. Unplug the key-in ignition switch wire harness connector from the ignition switch.

(2) Check for continuity between the key-in switch sense circuit and the left front door jamb switch sense circuit terminals of the key-in ignition switch. There should be continuity with the key in the ignition lock cylinder, and no continuity with the key removed from the ignition lock cylinder. If OK, go to Step 3. If not OK, replace the faulty ignition switch assembly.

(3) Check for continuity between the left front door jamb switch sense circuit cavity of the key-in ignition switch wire harness connector and a good ground. There should be continuity with the driver door open, and no continuity with the driver door closed. If OK, see the diagnosis for Instrument Cluster in this group. If not OK, repair the circuit to the driver door jamb switch as required.

**HEADLAMP SWITCH**

For circuit descriptions and diagrams, refer to 8W-40 - Instrument Cluster or 8W-44 - Interior Lighting in Group 8W - Wiring Diagrams.

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(1) Disconnect and isolate the battery negative cable. Remove the headlamp switch from the instrument panel. Refer to Group 8E - Instrument Panel Systems for the procedures. Unplug the headlamp switch wire harness connectors. Check for continuity between the left front door jamb switch sense circuit cavity of the headlamp switch wire harness connector and a good ground. There should be continuity with the driver door closed, and no continuity with the driver door open. If OK, go to Step 2. If not OK, repair the circuit to the driver door jamb switch as required.

(2) Check for continuity between the key-in switch sense circuit terminal and the left front door jamb switch sense terminal of the headlamp switch. There should be no continuity with the switch in the Off position, and continuity with the switch in the park or head lamps On position. If OK, see the diagnosis for the Instrument Cluster in this group. If not OK, replace the faulty headlamp switch.

**INSTRUMENT CLUSTER**

Before performing this test, complete the testing of the hard-wired chime warning system switches as described in this group. For circuit descriptions and diagrams, refer to 8W-40 - Instrument Cluster or 8W-44 - Interior Lighting in Group 8W - Wiring Diagrams.

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(1) Disconnect and isolate the battery negative cable. Remove the instrument cluster from the instrument panel. Refer to Group 8E - Instrument Panel Systems for the procedures.

(2) Unplug the headlamp switch and the key-in ignition switch wire harness connectors. Check for continuity between the key-in switch sense circuit cavity of the right instrument cluster wire harness connector (connector B) and a good ground. There should be no continuity. If OK, go to Step 3. If not OK, repair the short circuit as required.

(3) Check for continuity between the key-in switch sense circuit cavities of the right instrument cluster wire harness connector (connector B) and the headlamp switch wire harness connector. There should be

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continuity. If OK, go to Step 4. If not OK, repair the open circuit as required.

(4) Unplug the driver seat belt switch wire harness connector. Check for continuity between the seat belt switch sense circuit cavity of the right instrument cluster wire harness connector (connector B) and a good ground. There should be no continuity. If OK, go to Step 5. If not OK, repair the short circuit as required.

(5) Check for continuity between the seat belt switch sense circuit cavities of the right instrument cluster wire harness connector (connector B) and the driver seat belt switch wire harness connector. There should be continuity. If OK, test the instrument cluster as described in Group 8E - Instrument Panel Systems. If not OK, repair the open circuit as required.

## REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

## CHIME WARNING SYSTEM SWITCHES

Service procedures for the various hard-wired switches used in the chime warning system can be found in the proper group as follows:

- Driver door jamb switch - refer to Group 8L - Lamps
- Driver seat belt switch - refer to Group 23 - Body
- Headlamp switch - refer to Group 8E - Instrument Panel Systems
- Key-in ignition switch - refer to Group 8D - Ignition Systems.