

Dodge van flunks crash test. (Ram Van 2500)

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ABSTRACT: Informed sources revealed that **Chrysler Corp.**'s 1995 Dodge Ram Van 2500 failed to meet federal standards for 30-mph frontal **crash tests**. The Ram Van reportedly failed to meet **Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 208** for protecting the driver's chest from potentially serious or fatal injury despite Chrysler's claims that the vehicle met all safety standards in its own tests. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has initiated an investigation into the matter. Observers believe that the test failure comes at an importune time for Chrysler, which is already fending off safety questions regarding its minivans.

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