

ATTACHMENT 8

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Subject: Chrysler Public Statements Regarding Reference – WUSA-9 News Report

Reference: EA12-005 File Update (Jeep Grand Cherokee, et al. Fuel Tank System Defect)

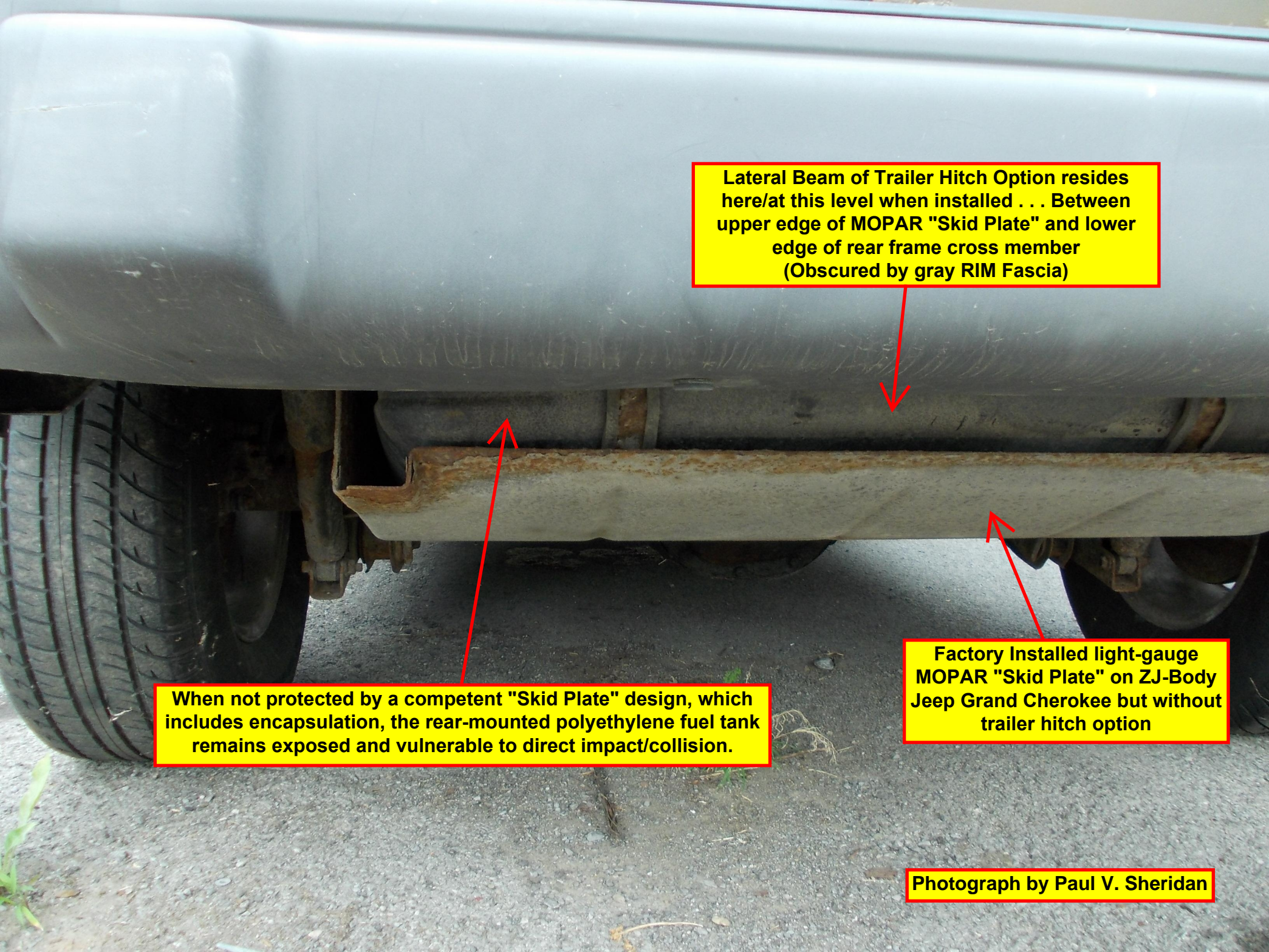
Typical ZJ-Body with factory installed light-gauge MOPAR "Skid Plate" but without trailer hitch option



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A photograph of the undercarriage of a vehicle, showing a fuel tank and a skid plate. The fuel tank is a large, cylindrical component mounted on the rear of the vehicle. The skid plate is a metal plate mounted below the fuel tank. The vehicle's body is visible at the top of the frame, and the tires are visible at the bottom. Red arrows point from the text boxes to the fuel tank and the skid plate.

Lateral Beam of Trailer Hitch Option resides here/at this level when installed . . . Between upper edge of MOPAR "Skid Plate" and lower edge of rear frame cross member (Obscured by gray RIM Fascia)

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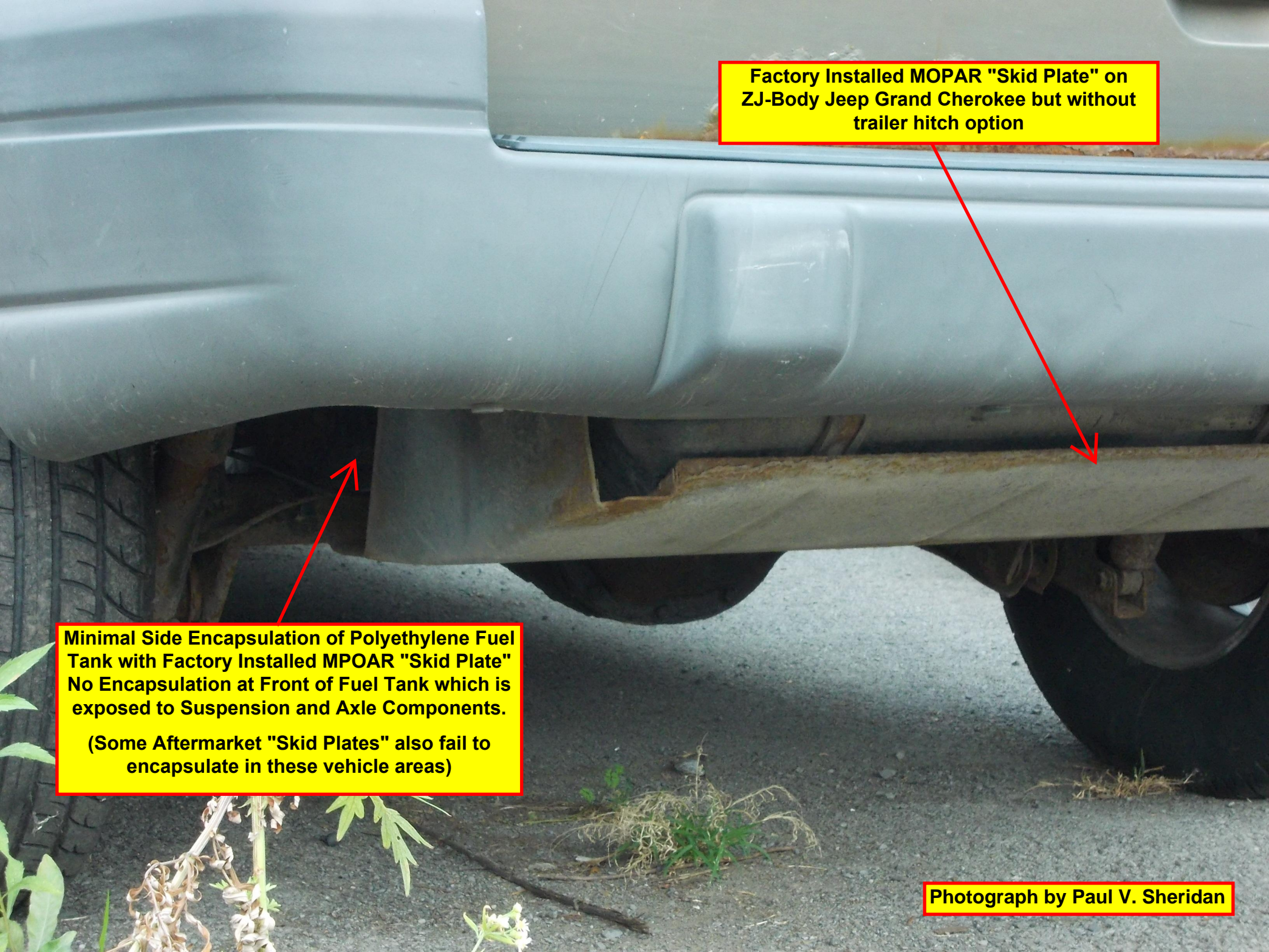
Factory Installed light-gauge MOPAR "Skid Plate" on ZJ-Body Jeep Grand Cherokee but without trailer hitch option

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When not protected by a competent heavy gauge "Skid Plate" design, which includes encapsulation, the rear-mounted polyethylene fuel tank remains exposed and vulnerable to direct impact/collision. (Right rear corner of fuel tank)

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Minimal Side Encapsulation of Polyethylene Fuel Tank with Factory Installed MPOAR "Skid Plate" No Encapsulation at Front of Fuel Tank which is exposed to Suspension and Axle Components.

(Some Aftermarket "Skid Plates" also fail to encapsulate in these vehicle areas)

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