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DAIMLERCHRYSLER SUPPORTS ADAC ROAD INSPECTIONS WITH TWO MERCEDES VITOS

The extensive ADAC road test is entering its decisive phase. On Tuesday 21 September DaimlerChrysler Director Sales Transporters, Peter-Alexander Trettin, handed over two Mercedes Vitos to ADAC Vice President for Transport, Dr Erhard Oehm. With the Vitos, which will be used for the inspections, DaimlerChrysler supports the biggest study ever on the safety performance of German roads.

At the Hanover event Dr Oehm explained the aim of the test: "The systematic inspection of roads is an important contribution of ADAC towards the improvement of road safety in Germany. Black spots of the road network are identified by in-depth analysis and thorough elimination."



During the next few weeks specially trained inspectors will digitally record the safety features of the major motorways and federal and state road stretches, driving the two high-tech vehicles. Their inspections will incorporate a number of assessments including junction design and the distance between hazardous obstacles and the road edge. Using the data collected, roads will be given star ratings to indicate their safety, in the same way that new cars are awarded stars for safety in the Euro NCAP crash test programme.

The launch of the ADAC road test results is proposed for mid-2005.