

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

18V-113

Manufacturer Name : Daimler Vans USA, LLC**Submission Date :** FEB 15, 2018**NHTSA Recall No. :** 18V-113**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Daimler Vans USA, LLC

Address : 303Perimeter Center North
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Population :

Number of potentially involved : 17

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2016-2017 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : VAN

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : The recall population refers to the NAFTA Sprinter vehicles (Platform 906) with folding seat (Sales Code S20) and a total permissible weight of under 10,000 lbs, for which a label for subsequent manufacturer / final stage manufacturer hasn't confirmed compliance with the correct respective vehicle weight limitations of the individual vehicles completed.

Other NAFTA Sprinter vehicles (Platform 906) are not equipped with a folding seat (Sales Code S20) or do not have a total permissible weight of under 10,000 lbs or the relevant label for subsequent manufacturer / final stage manufacturer has already confirmed compliance with the correct respective vehicle weight limitations of the individual vehicles completed.

Production Dates : JAN 19, 2016 - NOV 14, 2017

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Daimler AG (DAG), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz Vans, has determined that on certain Mercedes-Benz Sprinter vehicles for the NAFTA market with folding seat (Sales Code S20) and a total permissible weight of under 10,000 lbs, the information label for body builders contains incorrect information regarding the unloaded vehicle weight (UVW).
The manufacturer of an incomplete vehicle is obliged to provide information on the maximum unloaded vehicle weight not to be exceeded by a subsequent manufacturer / final stage manufacturer. The purpose of the data on the UVW label is to identify the maximum curb weight that may not be exceeded by a subsequent manufacturer / final stage manufacturer without invalidating the fuel economy values determined by the incomplete automobile manufacturer. The information is not intended to allow the subsequent manufacturer / final stage manufacturer to determine the allowed maximum weight with respect to the safety of the vehicle after the up-fitting process.
Information referring to the total permissible weight or the total permissible axle loads is on the certification label or included in the "Incomplete Vehicle Document" (IVD), which is provided to the subsequent manufacturer / final stage manufacturer. The information on the certification label and in the IVD is correct. It is likely that a downstream manufacturer would rely on the certification label and the IVD in determining the total permissible weight of the completed vehicle, as required by its up-fitter agreement. However, if a body builder were to refer to the incorrect information relating to the UVW, it cannot be ruled out that the maximum permissible UVW may be exceeded after the vehicle modification is complete.
In the event the UVW is exceeded, the information as to vehicle fuel consumption remains correct.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : Should the maximum UVW be exceeded, and in the event of a crash, an increased risk of injury may arise.

Description of the Cause : The cause of the present issue is the configuration based reduction of the vehicle weight to comply with specific crash requirements for the realization of the incorporation of a folding seat, which is offered from model year 2016 onwards.
Due to failure of differentiation within the relevant technical documentation system, the body builder label for this vehicle configuration with the folded seat was not adapted accordingly.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Daimler AG
Address : NR
NR
Country : NR

Chronology :

Daimler AG became aware of this issue at the end of November 2017 after a notification from the R&D department.

Upon identification, analysis and evaluation as to the root cause and impact of this issue were commenced.

On February 8, 2018, Daimler AG decided to initiate a recall campaign based on the results of the preceding analysis and evaluation.

To date Daimler AG is not aware of any customer complaints concerning this matter.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : An authorized Mercedes-Benz Sprinter dealer will replace the label for subsequent manufacturers / final stage manufacturers on the vehicles affected and check that the UVW of these vehicles is not exceeded.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 577.11(e), Daimler Vans does not plan to provide notice about pre-notice reimbursement to owners since all involved vehicles remain covered under the new vehicle warranty.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The new information label for subsequent manufacturers / final stage manufacturers on the vehicles affected will show the correct weight values. Information label for subsequent manufacturers / final stage manufacturers:
A 906 584 74 06

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Upon identification the missing differentiation within the relevant technical documentation system and the set-up of a correct label for subsequent manufacturers / final stage manufacturers for this vehicle configuration with the folded seat were executed.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Owners will be notified approximately one week after the recall launch to the dealers.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

* NR - Not Reported