

**IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL #2019120002** 

This notice applies to your vehicle VIN: WD3PE7CC0

Abutting Wedge

NHTSA Recall #19V716

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- A remedy is available for your vehicle.
- Schedule an appointment with your authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer as soon as possible.
- This repair will be provided free of charge.

Dear Mercedes-Benz Sprinter Owner or Lessee:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Mercedes-Benz AG ("MBAG"), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Model Year 2019 Sprinter vehicles. Our records indicate that your vehicle is included in the affected population of vehicles.

## What is the CONCERN?

MBAG determined that on certain Mercedes-Benz Sprinter vans (platform 907 (VS30)), the wedge-type stop on the B-pillar (abutting wedge) on the driver & front passenger side may not have been installed as intended. The abutting wedge may have been mounted on holes that were drilled too large and/or incorrectly rotated. If a vehicle has an incorrectly installed abutting wedge and is involved in a severe frontal collision, the front doors could compress into the B-pillar. If this were to occur, significantly greater forces may be required to open the doors, which could make it difficult to exit the vehicle or lead to delay in accessing the vehicle from the outside, which could increase the risk of injury to vehicle occupants in the event of a crash.

What will your DEALER DO?

An authorized Mercedes-Benz Sprinter dealer will check the installation of the wedge-type stop and correct if necessary. This service will be provided free of charge. We are dedicated to always delivering the best customer experience, and respect for your time is a top priority. While the minimum repair time can be up to approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes, your dealer can provide you with a better estimate of the overall time for this service visit. As a matter of normal service process, an authorized Mercedes-Benz Sprinter dealer will also check for other repair measures which might be applicable to your vehicle and this may increase the required working time.

## What should YOU DO?



To find the most convenient authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer from your smartphone, scan the QR code to the left

Information for Owners

For additional information and to schedule an appointment, please contact your preferred authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer at your earliest convenience. To locate authorized dealers see <a href="https://www.mbvans.com/sprinter/shopping-tools/find-a-dealer">www.mbvans.com/sprinter/shopping-tools/find-a-dealer</a>. Please mention you are scheduling an appointment to check the wedge-type stop on the B-pillar under Recall Campaign # 2019120002.

You may be asked for your 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) which for your convenience is located above your name at the top of this letter.

In the event that you are no longer the vehicle owner, or have had a change of address, please complete the reverse side and return the updated information in the enclosed envelope.

If this is a leased vehicle and the lessor and registered owner receive this notice, please forward this information by first class mail to the lessee within 10 business days to comply with Federal Regulations.

A VIN-based recall lookup tool on our MBVans.com website now offers a search feature that will indicate whether a vehicle has been subject to a safety recall, and whether that vehicle has had the free remedy performed. See <a href="https://www.mbvans.com/sprinter/owners-resources/recall">www.mbvans.com/sprinter/owners-resources/recall</a>. Should you have any questions or encounter any difficulty regarding this Recall Campaign, please contact an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer. If for any reason a dealer is unable to remedy your situation, we are always happy to hear from you. Please contact us at 1-(800) FOR-MERCEDES (1-800-367-6372).

If an authorized Mercedes-Benz Sprinter dealer for any reason is unable to remedy the situation without charge, or within a reasonable amount of time, pursuant to law 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153); or go to <a href="http://www.safercar.gov">http://www.safercar.gov</a>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this situation may cause you.

Sincerely,

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC



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If for any reason YOU NO LONGER OWN THIS VEHICLE OR have a CHANGE OF ADDRESS, please COMPLETE THE SECTION BELOW, place in the ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, and DROP IN ANY MAIL BOX. If possible, provide the name and address of the present owner so that we may contact them. ■ EXPORTED ■ SOLD ☐ STOLEN ☐ LEASE, VEHICLE RETURNED □ SCRAPPED ☐ OTHER ■ NEW OWNER INFORMATION **☐** MY NEW NAME OR ADDRESS IS: Last Name, First Name Street Apt ZIP City State **Email Address** Phone (numbers only) Mobile (numbers only)

**Signature** 

Date