#### OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 20V-802

Manufacturer Name: Daimler Vans USA, LLC

**Submission Date:** DEC 21, 2020 **NHTSA Recall No.:** 20V-802 **Manufacturer Recall No.:** VS3BREPB



#### **Manufacturer Information:**

Manufacturer Name: Daimler Vans USA, LLC

Address: One Mercedes-Benz Drive

Sandy Springs GA 30328

Company phone: 854-888-3374

### **Population:**

Number of potentially involved : 9,094 Estimated percentage with defect : 100%

#### **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle 1: 2019-2020 MERCEDES BENZ SPRINTER Vehicle Type: BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style: VAN Power Train: NR

Descriptive Information : Based on the analysis of the production information, the affected population was

determined to be Sprinter vehicles (VS30, Platform 907) produced from May 29, 2018

to December 16, 2020, which are equipped with an electrical parking brake.

Production Dates: MAY 29, 2018 - DEC 16, 2020

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR Not sequential

Vehicle 2: 2019-2020 FREIGHTLINER SPRINTER Vehicle Type: BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style: VAN Power Train: NR

Descriptive Information: Based on the analysis of the production information, the affected population was

determined to be Sprinter vehicles (VS30, Platform 907) produced from May 29, 2018

to December 16, 2020, which are equipped with an electrical parking brake.

Production Dates: MAY 29, 2018 - DEC 16, 2020

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR ☐ Not sequential

#### **Description of Defect:**

Description of the Defect: Mercedes-Benz AG ("MBAG"), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz and

Freightliner vans, has determined that on certain Sprinter vehicles from platform 907 (VS30) equipped with an electrical parking brake (EPB), if the EPB is used frequently, then over time, the brake caliper of the rear axle may leak brake fluid into the housing of the electric parking brake connected to the rear axle service brake system and could allow air to enter the hydraulic brake system. This could lead to extended brake pedal travel and a changed brake

pedal feel.

FMVSS 1: NR FMVSS 2: NR

Description of the Safety Risk: If the brake caliper leaks at the rear axle and air has intruded the hydraulic

system, over time, this could lead to a change in brake pedal feel for the driver and extended brake pedal travel. If the condition is not addressed, there may

be an increased risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause: NR

Identification of Any Warning The driver may observe the condition due to a gradually increased extended

that can Occur: brake pedal travel and a soft brake pedal feeling.

#### **Involved Components:**

Component Name 1: BRAKE CALIPER

Component Description: BRAKE CALIPER REAR AXLE LEFT SIDE

Component Part Number: A9074231100

Component Name 2: BRAKE CALIPER

Component Description: BRAKE CALIPER REAR AXLE RIGHT SIDE

Component Part Number: A9074231200

Component Name 3: BRAKE CALIPER

Component Description: BRAKE CALIPER REAR AXLE RIGHT SIDE

Component Part Number: A9074234900

#### **Supplier Identification:**

#### **Component Manufacturer**

Name: NR

Address: NR

NR

Country: NR

#### **Chronology:**

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT

#### **Description of Remedy:**

Description of Remedy Program: Mercedes-Benz customers affected by this measure will be informed about the recall and the necessary next steps in writing and will receive ahead notice through the interim customer notification.

> MBAG is currently working on developing a final technical remedy. For this purpose, various development and production optimization measures are currently being implemented with the supplier.

As soon as a remedy is available, customers will be informed with a final owner notification letter.

A service bulletin will be provided to dealers and the service network to instruct them how to adequately address any related customer complaint in the interim. This repair will also be provided free of charge.

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 MBAG is currently working with high pressure on a technical remedial from Recalled Component: action, for this purpose, various development and production optimization measures are currently being implemented with the supplier.

Identify How/When Recall Condition The vehicles still in plant access were blocked as an immediate measure was Corrected in Production: until an optimized system is available in production. The equipment code for the electric parking brake is currently blocked, which means that vehicles with EPB will not be produced in the interim.

#### **Recall Schedule:**

Description of Recall Schedule: Dealers will be notified of the pending voluntary recall campaign approx.

in January 2021. A copy of all communications will be provided when

available.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: JAN 18, 2021 - JAN 18, 2021 Planned Owner Notification Date: JAN 25, 2021 - JAN 25, 2021

\* NR - Not Reported