



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

March 22, 2021

Mr. Antonio Mole
Daimler Vans USA, LLC
8501 Palmetto Commerce Pkwy
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NEF-107MR
21V-152

Subject: Brake Pedal Bolt Could Come Loose

Dear Mr. Mole:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Vans USA, LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 1500/2019-2020
FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 2500/2019-2020
FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 3500/2019-2020
FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 4500/2019-2020
MERCEDES-BENZ/SPRINTER 1500/2019-2020
MERCEDES-BENZ/SPRINTER 2500/2019-2020
MERCEDES-BENZ/SPRINTER 3500/2019-2020
MERCEDES-BENZ/SPRINTER 4500/2019-2020

Mfr's Report Date: March 10, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-152

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:PEDALS AND LINKAGES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 56,534

Problem Description:

Daimler Vans USA, LLC (DVUSA) is recalling certain 2019-2020 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter and Freightliner Sprinter vehicles. The retaining washer and bolt that connect the brake pedal to the bearing block, may come loose and detach. This could cause the brake lights to stay illuminated, even when the brake pedal is not pressed.

Consequence:

Malfunctioning brake lights can fail to alert other motorists of the driver's intention, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

The remedy is currently under development. The recall is expected to begin April 19, 2021. Owners may contact DVUSA customer service at 1-877-762-8267. DVUSA's number for this recall is VS3BREBOL.



Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Daimler Vans USA, LLC's contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement