

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

June 9, 2021

Mr. Antonio Mole Daimler Vans USA, LLC 8501 Palmetto Commerce Pkwy Ladson, SC 29456 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-107MR 21V-410

Subject: Front Seat Wiring Harnesses Routed Incorrectly

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 1500/2019-2021 FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 2500/2019-2021 FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 3500/2019-2021 FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 4500/2019-2021 MERCEDES-BENZ/SPRINTER 1500/2019-2021 MERCEDES-BENZ/SPRINTER 2500/2019-2021 MERCEDES-BENZ/SPRINTER 3500/2019-2021 MERCEDES-BENZ/SPRINTER 4500/2019-2021

Mfr's Report Date: June 2, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-410

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4.078

Problem Description:

Daimler Vans USA, LLC (DVUSA) is recalling 2019-2021 Mercedes Benz Sprinter and Freightliner Sprinter vehicles equipped with swivel seats. The wiring harnesses for the front seats may have been routed incorrectly and could become jammed and damaged in the swivel seat frames.

Consequence:

Damage to the wiring harness can prevent the side air bag within the seat to deploy inadvertently or not deploy as designed, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Dealers will attach the mounting clip to the correct position, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed July 12, 2021. Owners may contact DVUSA customer service at 1-877-762-8267. DVUSA's number for this recall is VS3DREHSEL.



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.nhtsa.gov.

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

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