

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

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INTERIM NOTICE

This notice applies to your vehicle

VIN: [REDACTED]

Replace Torsion Bar Linkage

NHTSA Recall #22V131

April, 2022

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

- A safety defect exists in your vehicle.
- Remedy parts are not yet available for your vehicle.
- We will contact you again once parts are available.

Dear Valued Mercedes-Benz Sprinter Owner:

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 Sprinter vans, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Model Year ("MY") 2021 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter vehicles. Our records indicate that your vehicle is included in the affected population of vehicles.

On certain MY21 Sprinter vehicles, the torsion bar was not bolted to the torsion bar linkage in accordance with design specifications during front axle assembly by the component supplier. The shim on the torsion bar was incorrectly installed between the nut and the torsion bar, rather than between the ball stud and the torsion bar. Due to the incorrect assembly, the torsion bar may not meet operational strength requirements and settling effects may occur between the journal flange and the torsion bar. These effects reduce the bolt preload at the connection, which increases fatigue on the journal and could lead to a fatigue fracture of the journal, which could increase the risk of a crash.

An authorized Mercedes-Benz Sprinter dealer will correct the position of the shim and replace the torsion bar linkage.

Unfortunately, the parts to remedy this issue are currently not yet available.

We are working to obtain the necessary parts to correct this condition as quickly as possible. As the parts become available, we will send you another letter asking you to take your vehicle to an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer to have the recall completed free of charge.

Should you have any concerns or questions regarding your vehicle before you receive the next recall letter when parts are available, 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 1-800-367-6372. A vehicle identification number (VIN)-based recall lookup tool on our MBUSA.com website offers a search function that will indicate whether a vehicle has been subject to a safety recall, and whether that vehicle has had the free remedy performed.

Please visit www.mbvans.com/sprinter/owners-resources/recall and enter your 17 digit VIN in the VIN Look-up tool.

We also encourage you to sign up for recall alerts at www.nhtsa.gov/alerts.

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.

We apologize for any inconvenience this situation may cause you.

Sincerely,
Mercedes-Benz USA

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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
- LEASE, VEHICLE RETURNED
- SCRAPPED
- SOLD
- STOLEN
- OTHER _____

NEW OWNER INFORMATION

MY NEW NAME OR ADDRESS IS:

[Grid for Last Name, First Name]

Last Name, First Name

[Grid for Street]

Street

Apt

[Grid for City, State, ZIP]

City

State

ZIP

[Grid for Email Address]

Email Address

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Phone (numbers only)

[Grid for Mobile (numbers only)]

Mobile (numbers only)

Date

Signature

