

TO: Freightliner Dealer Principals, General Managers, Sales Managers, Service Managers, Parts Managers	FROM: Anthony Washington, Senior Manager, Regulations and Certifications
Re: Initial Recall Campaign Notification Model: Sprinter Model Year: 2021 Top Coat Paint Adhesion	DATE: December, 2023



IMPORTANT RECALL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

Please see the attached documents related to the campaign listed above.

Campaign No. :	Campaign Desc. :	Top Coat Paint Adhesion
2013120001	PDGLACKHA	
<p>This is to notify you of an INITIAL Recall Campaign concerning the Top Coat Paint Adhesion on approximately 5 MY 2021 Freightliner Sprinter Vans. The recall campaign will be visible on the www.safercar.gov website and may generate questions from customers. All affected VINs will be flagged as "PENDING" in VMI and cannot be sold.</p>		
Background		
Issue	<p>Mercedes-Benz AG, the manufacturer of Sprinter vehicles, has determined that on certain Sprinter (907 platform) vehicles, the chemical composition of the topcoat paint might not meet specifications. In such case, adhesion of the fixed windows to the vehicle body might be impaired. As a result, a loosening or detachment of the windows cannot be ruled out over the vehicle's lifetime, which could increase the risk of injury in the event of a crash. In addition, loosening of secured objects cannot be ruled out for vehicles with lashing rails, which could increase the risk of injury for vehicle occupants.</p>	
What We're Doing	<p>DVUSA is conducting a voluntary recall. As a precautionary measure, an authorized Freightliner Sprinter dealer will check the adhesion of the topcoat paint on the affected vehicles. Depending on the result of that check, the window area of the affected vehicles will be stripped, and repainted, and the windows will be reinstalled. If the repair is not feasible, DVUSA will offer to repurchase the vehicle from the customer.</p>	
Remedy	Remedy is not yet available	
Vehicles Affected		
Vehicle Model Year(s)	2021	
Vehicle Model	Sprinter	
Vehicle Populations		
Population	5	
Dealer Inventory	0	
<p>Given this notice, it is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to sell or lease any new vehicles in dealer inventory covered by this notification until the vehicle has been repaired.</p> <p>Loaner and demonstrator vehicles may continue to be driven, but must not be retailed until repaired.</p> <p>Additionally, given this notice, it is a violation of Federal Law for rental companies to rent new vehicles covered by this notification until the vehicle has been repaired.</p>		
Next Steps/Notes		
Customer Notification Timeline	An owner notification letter to be mailed in January, 2024.	
AOMS/SOMS	AOMs – This recall may generate questions from your dealers. Please forward this notice to your dealers ASAP.	
Rental Fleet Partners	This recall may affect vehicles in your fleet. Please contact your respective DVUSA fleet representative for further information and next steps. For repairs, please contact your preferred DVUSA dealer.	
<p>While we regret any inconvenience this may cause, we are determined to maintain a high level of vehicle quality and customer satisfaction.</p>		