

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

20V-181

Manufacturer Name : Daimler Vans USA, LLC**Submission Date :** MAR 25, 2020**NHTSA Recall No. :** 20V-181**Manufacturer Recall No. :** VS3BRADVER**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 : 48,775

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2019-2019 Freightliner Sprinter

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : VAN

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : Based on the identification of a production error and analysis of the production information, the affected population was determined to be Sprinter (VS30, Platform 907) produced from May 16, 2018 to March 12, 2020. Vehicles outside of the scope of the population were delivered with an adapted fender liner.

Production Dates : MAY 16, 2018 - MAR 12, 2020

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR

 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2019-2019 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

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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) the rear part of the fender liner on the front axle could touch and chafe the brake hose.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the distance between the fender liner and the brake hose is not sufficient, the front wheel suspension could make contact with the brake hose, which could lead to chafing of the brake hose and the loss of brake fluid. Over time, if the operator ignores the brake fluid warning indicator and continues to operate the vehicle until the brake fluid runs dry, this may extend the braking distance and increase the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : NR

Component Description : NR

Component Part Number : NR

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

In early 2020, MBAG initially became aware of a report from a customer in the United Kingdom where the red brake fluid warning indicator displayed, indicating a brake fluid leak.

MBAG launched an investigation to understand whether this individual report was indicative of a broader issue.

In February - March 2020, MBAG's investigation included a detailed review of the parts and components in the front axle wheel housing, including tolerances in the mounting process, a materials analysis, geometry analysis and tire sequencing. The investigation found certain fender liner were deformed. Sprinter plants were advised to inspect all vehicles still located at the plant and to check and correct them if necessary.

On March 18, 2020, MBAG determined that a safety risk could not be ruled out and decided to initiate a recall

campaign.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : An authorized Mercedes-Benz or Freightliner Sprinter dealer will check the condition and clearance of the brake hoses and, if necessary, to renew them. Additionally, the corresponding fender liner will be cut accordingly, on the right and left side of it.

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 from Recalled Component : An authorized Mercedes-Benz or Freightliner Sprinter dealer will check the condition and clearance of the brake hoses and, if necessary, to replace them. Additionally, the corresponding fender liner will be manually cut to permit additional space between the front axle wheelhouse and the brake lines.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : The condition was corrected in production in February 2020, including vehicles that remained within the plant.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Owners will be notified approximately one week after the recall launches to dealers. Dealers will be notified of the pending voluntary recall campaign approx. in April 2020. A copy of all communications will be provided when available.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAY 01, 2020 - MAY 01, 2020

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAY 08, 2020 - MAY 08, 2020

* NR - Not Reported