



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

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NVS-215paw
08V-687

Subject: PARKING BRAKE ADJUSTMENT

Dear MR. KLEIMEIER:

This letter serves to acknowledge Sprinter Engineering and Compliance Support Team's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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:
DODGE/SPRINTER 3500/2007
FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 3500/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-687

Mfg's Report Date: December 18, 2008

Components: PARKING BRAKE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 6

Summary:
SPRINTER WILL RECALL 6 MY 2007 DODGE 3500 AND FREIGHTLINER 3500 VEHICLES. THE THREADED BUSH OF THE BRAKE ADJUSTMENT OF THE PARKING BRAKE MAY BREAK. THE THREADED BUSH TOGETHER WITH THE ADJUSTMENT SCREW MAY DETACH FROM ITS BRACKET.

Consequence:

IF THIS OCCURRED, THE PARKING BRAKE FUNCTION MAY BE LOST. THIS COULD ALLOW THE VEHICLE TO MOVE INADVERTENTLY AND CAUSE A CRASH WITHOUT WARNING.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE PARKING BRAKE ADJUSTMENT. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS MAY CONTACT SPRINTER AT 1-843-695-5000.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at Patricia.wallace@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement