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**Sprinter Engineering and
Compliance Support Team**
A Division of MBUSA, LLC

Date: March 7, 2008

Daniel C. Smith, Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E..
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Re: Part 573 Defect Information Report

Dear Mr. Smith,

This letter is submitted by Sprinter Engineering and Compliance Support Team - A Division of Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) on behalf of our parent company, Daimler AG, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 573. Specifically, this report advises you of a potential noncompliance in certain model year 2007 and 2008 Sprinter cargo vans.

573.6(c)(1): Manufacturer's Name

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573.6(c)(2): Identification of Vehicles

<u>Make</u>	<u>Model / Type</u>	<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Inclusive Dates of Manufacture</u>
Sprinter	3500	2007 and 2008	December 12, 2006 through January 24, 2008

The affected vehicle population was identified through an analysis of production records for vehicles with implausible data regarding the fitment of braking components.

573.6(c)(3): Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Noncompliance

Approximately 40 Sprinter vehicles, marketed under Dodge and Freightliner brands, are potentially affected. These “subject vehicles” are MY 2007 and MY 2008 cargo vans, which in some cases, may not have had the correct brake components installed.

573.6(c)(4): Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Noncompliance

The percentage of vehicles that are projected to actually contain the issues described below is 100%.

573.6(c)(5): Description of Noncompliance

On 6 Sprinter 3500 vehicles it is possible that the smaller master brake cylinders and brake fluid reservoirs of Sprinter 2500 models have been installed during the assembly process. On further 34 vehicles only the smaller brake fluid reservoirs have been installed. The above mentioned parts on all subject vehicles do not match the certification documents. However, all subject vehicles fulfill the set standards of FMVSS No. 105 “Hydraulic and electric brake systems”. Therefore only non-certified but not defective parts have been installed in the brake system.

573.6(c)(6): Chronology of principal events:

Daimler AG received information from the plant through an internal audit that the issue was present. It was then determined that a recall campaign would be performed.

573.6(c)(7): Basis for Determination of Noncompliance

During an internal audit a vehicle was found with an incorrect master brake cylinder installed. The following investigation of fitment data has shown implausibilities at the subject vehicles, which might have been potentially equipped with incorrect master brake cylinders and brake fluid reservoirs.

573.6(c)(8)(i): Remedy Program

Chrysler, LLC will conduct a voluntary recall campaign for the subject Sprinter vehicles described above. The recall will be conducted in order to install the appropriate master brake cylinders and brake fluid reservoirs on all subject vehicles.

There will be no charge to owners of the subject vehicles. Daimler AG is unaware of any injuries or installations for this conditions but any owners who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for this condition prior to the recall will be reimbursed.

573.6(c)(8)(ii): Estimated Date on which Remedy Program will begin

Chrysler, LLC will provide the dates when the action will begin, as well as when it will complete sending notifications to owners and dealers as soon as it is determined.

573.6(c)(9): Copies of Communication with Dealers and or Purchasers

A copy will be provided by Chrysler, LLC when available.

73.6(c)(10): Copies of Proposed Owner Notification Letter

A copy will be provided by Chrysler, LLC when available.

573.6(c)(11): Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number

Chrysler, LLC will provide the Recall Campaign Number when available.

If you or any of your staff has any questions, please feel free to contact Michael Scott of my staff at 843-695-5057. Customers should call 800-992-1997.

Sincerely

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