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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
NVS-200, Room W45-306
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Part 573 Information Report

Dear Mr. Smith,

This letter is submitted by the Sprinter Engineering and Compliance Support Team, a division of Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC, on behalf of our parent company, Daimler AG, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 573. Specifically, this report advises you of a safety campaign involving certain model year 2008 Sprinter vehicles, badged as Dodge or Freightliner.

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

Daimler AG, Stuttgart, Germany

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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	2500	2008	10/24/2007 until 11/12/2007



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573.6(c)(3): Total Number of Parts/Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect

277 Sprinter 2500 MY2008 vehicles are potentially affected and are sold under both the Dodge and Freightliner brand name.

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

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

573.6(c)(5): Description of Defect

Daimler AG has determined that within a specific range of production the rear axle spring leafs for Sprinter models 2500 were produced from an incorrect raw material. Therefore the leafs are 1 mm thicker than the serial components. As a consequence the affected rear axle springs may fail earlier than designed.

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

Testing programs showed an expected durability of about 50% less than the serial component.

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

Chrysler, LLC will conduct a voluntary recall campaign for the subject 277 Sprinter vehicles described above. On the subject vehicles the rear axle springs will be replaced

There will be no charge to owners of the subject vehicles. Daimler AG is unaware of any prior rear axle spring replacements for this condition but any owners who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for this condition prior to the recall will be reimbursed.

Chrysler, LLC will shortly determine when the action will begin, as well as when owner notification letters will be sent.

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

A copy will be provided when available.

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

A copy will be provided when available.

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

The Recall Campaign Number will be provided when available.

If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (843)695-5041 or Michael Scott of my staff at (843)6955057.

Sincerely



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