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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

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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	2008	01/17/2008 until 02/26/2008

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

79 Sprinter 3500 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 approximately 3%.

573.6(c)(5): Description of Defect

Daimler AG has determined that within a specific range of production some of the left drive shaft of the rear axle for Sprinter model 3500 labeled with the charge indicator "S" may contain cracks at the radius between the shaft and the flange. These cracks may cause a breakage of the drive shaft. Due to the production process the affected drive shafts were admixed with drive shafts of other charges. Therefore only a part of the noted vehicles under paragraph (c) (3) are subject to contain the defect.

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

The cracks arise from an irregularity during the hardening process and were detected by internal quality checks.

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

Chrysler, LLC will conduct a voluntary recall campaign for the subject 79 Sprinter vehicles described above. The recall will be conducted in order to check the left rear drive shaft for charge indicator "S" and replace if necessary.

There will be no charge to owners of the subject vehicles. Daimler AG is unaware of any prior drive shaft 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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