



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

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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 2002-2003 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, 3500	2002, 2003	October 2001 – September 2003



Is a registered trademark of Daimler, Stuttgart, Germany.

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

Approximately 13,509 Sprinter 2500 and 3500 MY 2002 and MY 2003 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

The 2002 and 2003 MY Sprinter Van has an intake manifold that is equipped with an integrated but separate exhaust channel for exhaust recirculation. Daimler AG has determined that due to the former content of sulfur in the diesel fuel of 500ppm, a chemical reaction takes place, that under certain driving conditions leads to the creation of sulfuric acid in the aforementioned exhaust channel in such a high concentration, that a pre-damage in form of corrosion within the exhaust channel occurs. The progress of the corrosion may lead finally to a leakage of exhaust gas and a possible damage to the fuel return line or to heat damage to the insulation at the front wall.

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

Internal investigations after receiving field complaints regarding leaking intake manifolds showed the failure mechanism and the possible consequences.

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

Chrysler, LLC will conduct a voluntary recall campaign for the subject Sprinter vehicles described above. On the subject vehicles the intake manifold will be replaced.

There will be no charge to owners of the subject vehicles. Owners who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall 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.

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

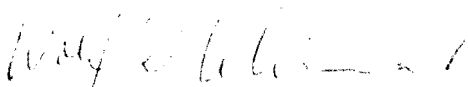
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573.6(c)(11): Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number

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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