

Campaign No. 2011080003, September 2011

TO: ALL AUTHORIZED SPRINTER COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DEALERS

SUBJECT: **Model 906, Model Year 2011**
Check IsoFix (LATCH) Bracket, Replace “Three Passenger” Bench Seat(s) If Necessary

Daimler AG (DAG), the manufacturer of Freightliner and Mercedes-Benz Sprinter vehicles, has determined that on certain Sprinter vehicles, the IsoFix (LATCH) bracket may not have been welded properly on certain “three passenger” bench seats. As a result, a child restraint may not stay properly secured increasing the risk of injury during a crash. DVUSA therefore has initiated a recall of all potentially affected vehicles described above. An authorized Freightliner or Mercedes-Benz Sprinter dealer will remedy this condition by checking identification marks on the two “three passenger” bench seats and replacing the “three passenger” bench seat(s) if necessary.

Attached is a sample copy of a letter which owners of the affected vehicles will receive.

Prior to performing this Recall Campaign:

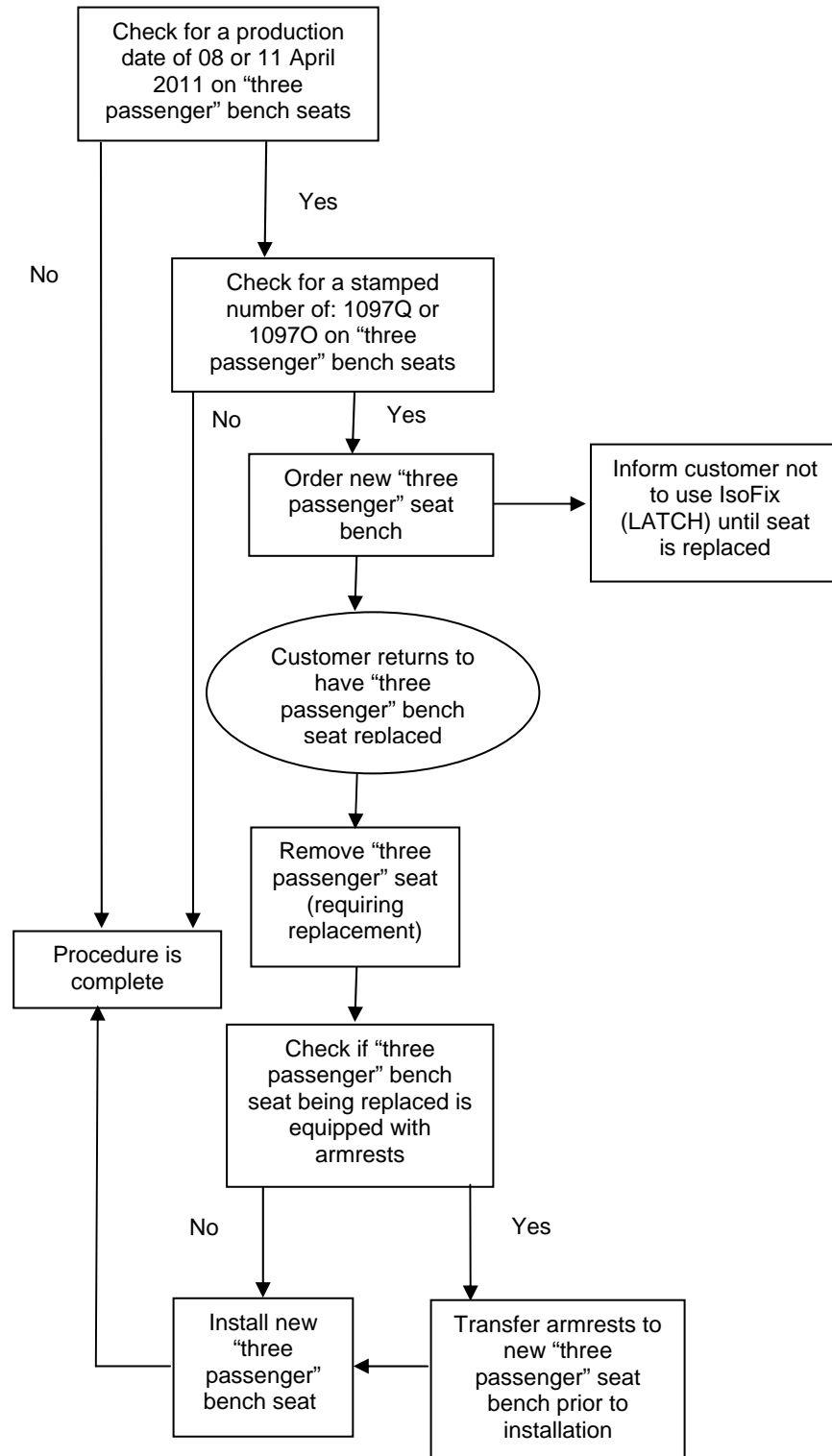
- Please check VMI to insure the vehicle is involved and to determine if the vehicle has been previously repaired.
- Please review the entire Recall Campaign bulletin and follow the repair procedure exactly as described.

Approximately 47 vehicles are involved.

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This bulletin has been created and maintained in accordance with MBUSA-SLP S423QH001, Document and Data Control, and MBUSA-SLP S424HH001, Control of Quality Records.

Work process flow chart



Please note, this flow chart does **not** include **all** the steps for this procedure. **Please be sure to perform all steps included in the Procedure starting on the following page:**

Procedure

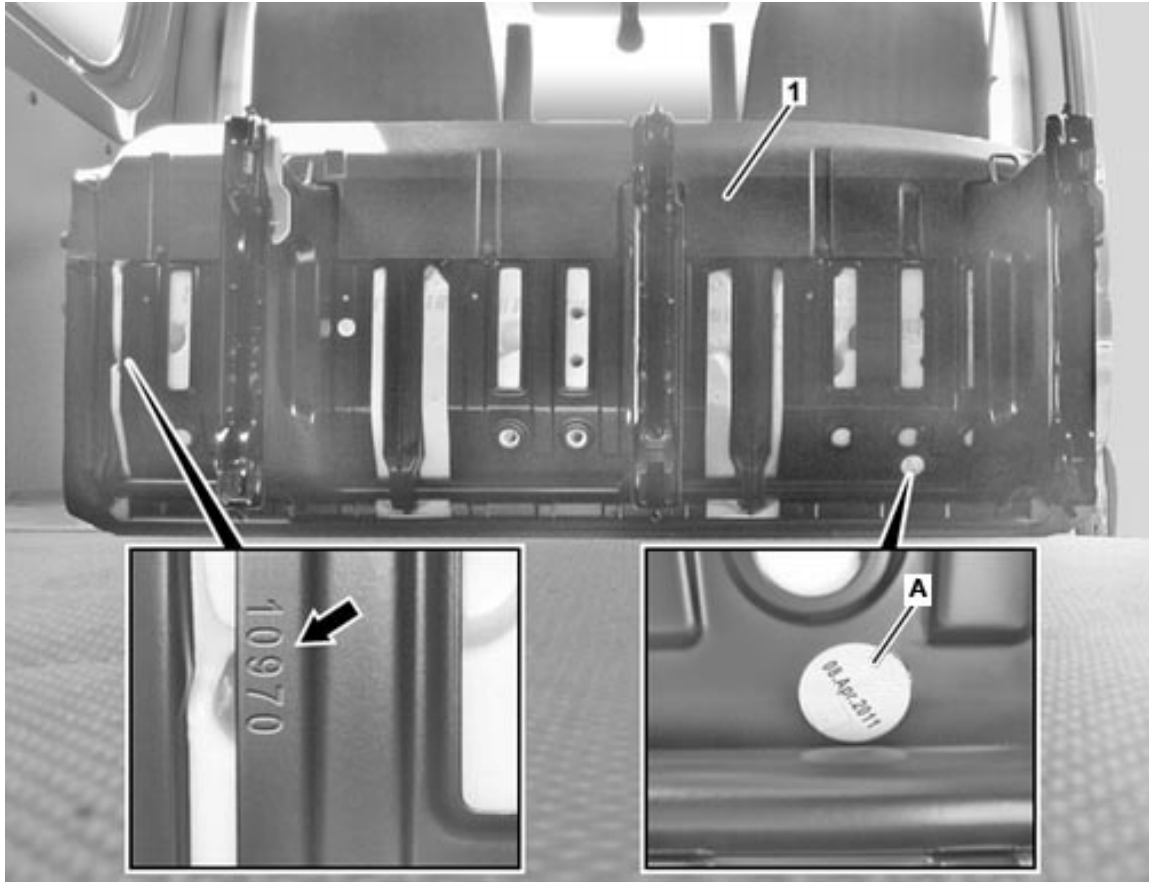


Figure 1

Work summary

The “three passenger” bench seats will be checked for production date and stamped number. If production date is 08 or 11 April 2011 **and** the stamped number is: 1097Q or 1097O the bench seat(s) require(s) replacement. If the bench seat(s) requiring replacement is/are equipped with armrests, the armrests must be transferred to new bench seat. Please note, this summary does **not** include **all** the steps in this Procedure.

Please be sure to perform all steps as indicated below:

1. Check production date on “three passenger” bench seats (1, Figure 1):
 - If production date (A, Figure 1) is **NOT**: 08 or 11 April 2011 Procedure is complete.
 - If production date (A, Figure 1) **IS**: 08 or 11 April 2011 Proceed to step 2.
2. Check stamped number bench seat:
 - If stamped number (arrow, Figure 1) is **NOT**: 1097Q or 1097O Procedure is complete.
 - If the stamped number (arrow, Figure 1) **IS**: 1097Q or 1097O proceed to steps 3 - 5.
3. Attach 1 cable tie to each IsoFix (LATCH) anchor (on bench seat requiring replacement). This will help prevent usage of IsoFix (LATCH) anchors (on bench seat requiring replacement) while the new seat is on order.

Note: Inform customer **not** to use IsoFix (LATCH) until seat(s) is/are replaced.

4. Order new bench seat
5. Install new bench seat when it arrives.

Note:

If bench seat requiring replacement is equipped with an armrest, remove armrest from bench seat and install onto new bench seat (when new bench seat arrives); refer to WIS: AR91.21-D-3300A.

Primary Parts Information

Qty.	Part Name	Part Number	Estimated Replacement Rate
As required	"Three-passenger" bench seat, narrow, NAFTA, black imitation leather (code ZU7/ZU8) VU9 option code	A 000 950 01 08 7F61	26 %
	"Three-passenger" bench seat, narrow, NAFTA, black lima (code ZU7/ZU8) VH5 option code	A 000 950 01 08 9G66	
As required ¹⁾	Cable ties	A 901 997 01 90	

¹⁾ Maximum of 12 (1 per IsoFix [LATCH] anchor) depending on no. of bench seat rows (1 or 2) requiring replacement.

Note:

- Please be aware that only the part number(s) referenced in the Campaign Bulletin is approved for use to repair the vehicle. Repairs performed using any other part(s) will not have been performed in accordance with the campaign. Accordingly, warranty claims submitted with reference to an improper part number(s) will be denied.
- The following allowable labor operation should be used when submitting a warranty claim for this repair:

Warranty Information**Repair 1**

Operation: Check ISOFIX bracket of bench seat, "three-passenger" (02 7599)

Damage Code	Operation Number	Labor Time (hrs.)	Model Indicator(s)
93 900 59 8	02 7599	0.2	Not available ¹⁾

¹⁾ Use vehicle's VIN

Repair 2

Operation: Check ISOFIX bracket of bench seat, "three-passenger" (02 7599)
Replace bench seat, "three-passenger" (02 7600)

Damage Code	Operation Number	Labor Time (hrs.)	Model Indicator(s)
93 900 59 7	02 7599	0.2	Not available ¹⁾
	02 7600 ²⁾	0.1	

¹⁾ Use vehicle's VIN

²⁾ This operation number can be claimed up to 2 times

Repair 3

Operation: Check ISOFIX bracket of bench seat, "three-passenger" (02 7599)
 Replace bench seat, vehicle with armrests (02 7612)

Damage Code	Operation Number	Labor Time (hrs.)	Model Indicator(s)
93 900 59 7	02 7599	0.2	Not available ¹⁾
	02 7612 ²⁾	0.6	

¹⁾ Use vehicle's VIN

²⁾ This operation number can be claimed up to 2 times

Daimler Vans USA, LLC
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Vice President, Customer Services

**Safety Recall # 2011080003
Bench Seat IsoFix (LATCH) Brackets**

September, 2011

Dear Freightliner Sprinter Owner,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Daimler AG (DAG), the manufacturer of Sprinter vehicles, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Model Year 2011 Freightliner Sprinter vehicles with regard to the three-passenger bench seat IsoFix (LATCH) brackets used to secure some types of child restraints. Daimler Vans USA, LLC (DVUSA), a subsidiary of Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC, therefore has initiated a recall of these vehicles. Our records indicate that your vehicle is included in the affected population of vehicles.

WE SENT YOU THIS NOTICE BECAUSE WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR SAFETY.

DAG has determined that on certain Sprinter vehicles equipped with three-passenger bench seats the IsoFix (LATCH) brackets may not have been welded properly. As a result, a child restraint may not stay properly secured increasing the risk of injury during a crash.

DVUSA therefore has initiated a recall of all potentially affected vehicles described above. An authorized Freightliner Sprinter dealer will remedy this condition by checking a production date of the affected three-passenger bench seats and replacing the seat(s) if necessary. This service will be provided free of charge. The working time required is approximately one half hour. As a matter of normal service process, your authorized Freightliner Sprinter dealer will also check for other repair measures which might be applicable to your vehicle and this may increase the required working time. Please contact your authorized Freightliner Sprinter dealer for additional information and to schedule an appointment at your earliest convenience. Please mention Recall Campaign #2011080003.

Please visit an authorized Freightliner Sprinter dealer to have this recall repair performed.

If you are no longer the vehicle owner, or have a change of address, please complete the reverse side of this letter and return the complete letter in the enclosed envelope. If this is a leased vehicle and the lessor and registered owner receive this notice, please forward this information by first class mail to the lessee within 10 days to comply with federal regulations. If you have paid to have this recall condition corrected prior to this notice you may be eligible to receive reimbursement. Please see the reverse side of this notice for details.

Please contact an authorized Freightliner Sprinter dealer should you have any questions or encounter any difficulty regarding this recall. If your dealer is unable to remedy your situation please contact us at 1-877-762-8267.

If an authorized Freightliner Sprinter dealer or DVUSA, LLC, fails or is unable to perform this service without charge within 60 days, pursuant to law 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this situation may cause you.

Sincerely,



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IMPORTANT

IF FOR ANY REASON YOU DO NOT NOW OWN THIS VEHICLE OR HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PLEASE COMPLETE THE SECTION BELOW, PLACE IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, AND DROP IN ANY MAIL BOX. IF POSSIBLE, PROVIDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PRESENT OWNER SO THAT WE MAY CONTACT THEM.

- SCRAPPED
- STOLEN
- OTHER _____
- SOLD _____ I HAVE SOLD THE VEHICLE TO:
- MY NEW ADDRESS IS:

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STREET _____ APT. _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

**** PLEASE DO NOT DETACH. RETURN COMPLETE LETTER ****
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Reimbursement to Customers for Repairs Performed Prior to Recall

If you have already paid to have this recall condition corrected you may be eligible to receive reimbursement.

Requests for reimbursement may include parts, labor, fees and taxes. Reimbursement may be limited to the amount the repair would have cost if completed by an authorized Freightliner Sprinter dealer. The following documentation must be presented to your dealer for reimbursement.

Original or clear copy of all receipts, invoices and/or repair orders that show:

- The name and address of the person who paid for the repair.
- The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the vehicle that was repaired.
- What problem occurred, what repair was done, when it was done and who repaired it.
- The total cost of the repair expense that is being claimed.
- Proof of payment of repair (copy of front and back of cancelled check, or copy of credit card receipt).
- Reimbursement will be made by check from your dealer. If your claim is denied you will receive a letter from Daimler Vans USA, LLC within 60 days of receipt with the reason(s) for the denial.

Please speak with your dealer concerning this matter.



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