

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****15V-191****Manufacturer Name :** Thor Motor Coach**Submission Date :** MAR 27,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-191**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Thor Motor Coach

Address : PO Box 1486

701 County Road 15 Elkhart IN 46516

Company phone : 877-500-1020

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 197

Estimated percentage with defect : 2

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2015-2015 Thor Motor Coach Siesta

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM &amp; HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : VAN

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : Thor Motor Coach Siesta Motorhome built on a Sprinter Chassis

Production Dates : SEP 26, 2014 - FEB 27, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2015-2015 Thor Motor Coach Citation

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM &amp; HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : VAN

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : Thor Motor Coach Citation Motorhome built on a Sprinter Chassis

Production Dates : SEP 26, 2014 - FEB 27, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Daimler AG (DAG) has determined that due to the NAFTA specific vehicle types and NAFTA specific crashworthiness requirements, the introduction of OM651 engine in model year 2015 vehicles made an abutting wedge at the B-pillar necessary to meet the internal requirements concerning door opening forces after crash testing conditions with a severe frontal impact. DAG has determined that despite existing

assembly instructions, individual worker errors could have led to an incorrectly installed abutting wedge in certain vehicles in the affected production range. In these cases the abutting wedge may have been attached to the B-pillar with an improper orientation.

Description of the Safety Risk : If the vehicle with an incorrectly installed abutting wedge is involved in an accident with heavy frontal collision, it cannot be excluded that significantly greater forces are necessary to open the doors.

Description of the Cause : DAG has determined that despite existing assembly instructions, individual worker errors could have led to an incorrectly installed abutting wedge in certain vehicles in the affected production range. In these cases the abutting wedge may have been attached to the B-pillar with an improper orientation.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

FOREIGN STATES

Country : NR

**Chronology :**

Thor Motor Coach was notified by DAG on March xx, 2015 of the defect. MB referenced their campaign in the USA #2015020004.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Thor Motor Coach has provided Mercedes Benz a current list of owner's and will continue to assist them to correct the affected vehicles. Mercedes Benz will notify owners and will inspect and if necessary, correct the abutting wedge installation using new mounting bolts, free of charge. Mercedes Benz will provide this service through their authorized dealer network.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Mercedes Benz has indicated that the recall is scheduled to begin in March 2015. Owner's may contact Sprinter Customer Service at 1-877-762-8267

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

\* NR - Not Reported