

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

16V-077

Manufacturer Name : Daimler Vans USA, LLC

Submission Date : MAR 23, 2017

NHTSA Recall No. : 16V-077

Manufacturer Recall No. : NR



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Daimler Vans USA, LLC

Address : 303Perimeter Center North
Suite 202 Atlanta GA 30346

Company phone : 8548883214

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 136,361

Estimated percentage with defect : NR

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2007-2009 Dodge Sprinter

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Certain Sprinter vehicles are equipped with driver-side front airbags provided by the supplier TK Holdings Inc. ("Takata"). On January 25, 2016 Takata filed a Defect Information Report with NHTSA announcing a potential defect in some of the subject inflators. Based upon Takata's information to date, "Takata is aware of three field ruptures of non-desiccated SDI inflators. One of these was in the United States and two were outside of the United States. "

DAG is not aware of any field incidents with the subject Takata SDI inflators. However, based on the information above and in an abundance of caution, DAG will conduct a voluntary recall of the vehicles equipped with subject Takata SDI inflators in the United States as identified by Takata in the Defect Information Report.

Production Dates : JUL 01, 2006 - JUL 31, 2008

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

☐ Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2007-2014 Freightliner Sprinter

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Certain Sprinter vehicles are equipped with driver-side front airbags provided by the supplier TK Holdings Inc. ("Takata"). On January 25, 2016 Takata filed a Defect Information Report with NHTSA announcing a potential defect in some of the subject inflators. Based upon Takata's information to date, "Takata is aware of three field ruptures of non-desiccated SDI inflators. One of these was in the United States and two were outside of the United States."

DAG is not aware of any field incidents with the subject Takata SDI inflators.

However, based on the information above and in an abundance of caution, DAG will conduct a voluntary recall of the vehicles equipped with subject Takata SDI inflators in the United States as identified by Takata in the Defect Information Report.

Production Dates : JUL 01, 2006 -JUL 01, 2014

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

☐ Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2010-2014 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Certain Sprinter vehicles are equipped with driver-side front airbags provided by the supplier TK Holdings Inc. ("Takata"). On January 25, 2016 Takata filed a Defect Information Report with NHTSA announcing a potential defect in some of the subject inflators. Based upon Takata's information to date, "Takata is aware of three field ruptures of non-desiccated SDI inflators. One of these was in the United States and two were outside of the United States."

DAG is not aware of any field incidents with the subject Takata SDI inflators.

However, based on the information above and in an abundance of caution, DAG will conduct a voluntary recall of the vehicles equipped with subject Takata SDI inflators in the United States as identified by Takata in the Defect Information Report.

Production Dates : JUL 01, 2010 -JUL 01, 2014

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

☐ Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Certain Sprinter vehicles are equipped with driver-side front airbags provided by the supplier TK Holdings Inc. ("Takata"). On January 25, 2016 Takata filed a Defect Information Report with NHTSA announcing a potential defect in some of the subject inflators. Based upon Takata's information to date, "Takata is aware of three field ruptures of non-desiccated SDI inflators. One of these was in the United States and two were outside of the United States."

DAG is not aware of any field incidents with the subject Takata SDI inflators. However, based on the information above and in an abundance of caution, DAG will conduct a voluntary recall of the vehicles equipped with subject Takata SDI inflators in the United States as identified by Takata in the Defect Information Report.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : According to Takata, in the event of an inflator rupture, metal fragments could pass through the air bag cushion material, which may result in injury or death to vehicle occupants.

Description of the Cause : According to Takata, "the propellant tablets in some of the subject inflators may experience an alteration over time, which could potentially lead to over-aggressive combustion in the event of an air bag deployment. Depending on the circumstances, this potential condition could create excessive internal pressure when the air bag is deployed, which could result in the body of the inflator rupturing upon deployment. Based upon Takata's investigation to date, the potential for such ruptures may occur in some of the subject inflators after several years of exposure to persistent conditions of high absolute humidity. The potential for rupture may also be influenced by other factors, including manufacturing variability."

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : TK Holdings (Address to follow)

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

On October 14, 2015, Daimler submitted the response to a NHTSA inquiry, including the number of all US-vehicles equipped with Takata SDI inflators. NHTSA released a press statement on January 22, 2016, regarding the recall of approximately 5 million US-vehicles of various manufacturers, including Mercedes-Benz. On January 26, 2016, Takata submitted a Defect Information Report to NHTSA for their SDI-inflators. DAG met with NHTSA in Washington D.C. on February 3, 2016 to discuss the Takata Defect Information Report and DAG's field experience. Daimler determined on February 8, 2016 to recall all vehicles with subject Takata SDI inflators in the US as identified by Takata. This step is taken by DAG as a reaction to Takata's filing of the Defect Information Report and in an abundance of caution.

****2017 03 03 – FCA US LLC Chronology – 16V-077 (S14) Takata PSAN (Non-Desiccated) DAB Inflators – 2007 - 2009 MY VB Vehicles****

- On February 10, 2017, FCA US discovered that some vehicles may have been omitted from recall S14/16V-077 during a read across review for all Takata campaigns.
- On February 14, 2017, FCA US confirmed that vehicles manufactured at Ludwigsfelde (9) had been omitted from recall S14/16V-077. Ludwigsfelde Plant was missed as a specified plant in the population scope.
- On February 14, 2017, FCA US confirmed that some vehicles not equipped with a Driver Airbag were included in recall S14/16V-077. The Driver Airbag Delete sales code for vehicles not equipped with a DAB was missed in the population scope definition.
- FCA US LLC will be mailing approximately 7,757 customers an interim letter during the week of March 6, 2017 for vehicles manufactured at the Ludwigsfelde Plant.
- FCA US LLC will be mailing approximately 222 customers an apology letter during the week of March 6, 2017 for vehicles built without a driver airbag.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Daimler Vans USA LLC will conduct a voluntary recall to replace the driver-side front airbag modules in the potentially affected Daimler Vans vehicles, and will work with Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) to implement a recall for affected Dodge vehicles. MBUSA will provide notice about pre-notice reimbursement to owners in the customer letter. Daimler Vans is developing a final remedy; Planned Owner Letter (577) is March, 2017.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

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

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : 3/23/2017: DVUSA will start the campaign for FTL Sprinter with dealer notification on 3/27 and customer notification on 3/31

3/23/2017: FCA US will launch S14/16V-077 in two phases. Phase 1: Planned dealer and owner notification to occur 3/30/2017. Phase 2: Planned dealer and owner notification to occur 5/1/2017

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

* NR - Not Reported