

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 16V-077

**Manufacturer Name :** Daimler Vans USA, LLC

**Submission Date :** NOV 03, 2016

**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 :** 7707052070

### 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

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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

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

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

☐ Not sequential

### Description of Defect :

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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.

## 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 : Dealers will be notified of the pending voluntary recall campaign in February 2016. A copy of all communications will be provided when available.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : APR 11, 2016 - JUN 09, 2016

\* NR - Not Reported