

URGENT - IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL 2017080008

This notice applies to your vehicle

VIN:

Brake Lamp MIL Bulb Check

NHTSA Recall #16V833

Daimler Vans USA, LLC
A Daimler Company

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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 Freightliner Sprinter vehicles, has decided that certain MY 2003-2006 Freightliner Sprinter vehicles fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 105 (Hydraulic and Electric Brake Systems). Our records indicate that your vehicle is included in the affected population of vehicles.

What is the CONCERN?

Certain MY03 – 06 Freightliner Sprinter vehicles are equipped with an instrument cluster that fails to activate the BRAKE indicator lamp during the lamp function check when the ignition is turned to the "on" (run) position. This instrument cluster failure does not comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 105 (*Hydraulic and Electric Brake Systems*). During vehicle operation, the purpose of the BRAKE indicator lamp is to alert the driver of a low brake fluid level condition. In vehicles affected by this recall, in the event of a low brake fluid level, both the BRAKE indicator lamp and the brake fluid level indicator still properly function to alert the driver.

What will your DEALER DO?

An authorized Freightliner Sprinter dealer will upload the latest instrument cluster software. **This service will be provided free of charge.** While the minimum repair time is approximately **1 hour**, your dealer can provide you with a better estimate of the overall time for this service visit. As a matter of normal service process, an 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. You will not be charged for other service or repairs unless so requested.

What should YOU DO?



Schedule an appointment immediately at your preferred authorized Freightliner Sprinter Dealer. See www.freightlinersprinterusa.com/freightliner/owners-resources/recall for the Dealer Locator. **Please mention you are scheduling an appointment to upload the latest instrument cluster software under Recall Campaign #2017080008.** You may be asked for your 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) which for your convenience is located above your name at the top of this letter.

Information for Owners

We encourage you to sign up for recall alerts at www.nhtsa.gov/alerts. In the event that you are no longer the vehicle owner, or have had a change of address, please complete the reverse side and return the updated information 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 business days to comply with Federal Regulations.

Should you have any questions or encounter any difficulty regarding this Recall Campaign, please contact an authorized Freightliner Sprinter dealer. If for any reason a dealer is unable to remedy your situation, we are always happy to hear from you. Please contact us at 1-877-496-3691.

If an authorized Freightliner Sprinter dealer for any reason is unable to remedy the situation without charge, or within a reasonable amount of time, 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, but your safety is of utmost concern to us.

Sincerely,

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VIN:

IMPORTANT

If for any reason YOU NO LONGER 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.

- EXPORTED
- LEASE, VEHICLE RETURNED
- SCRAPPED
- SOLD
- STOLEN
- OTHER _____

- NEW OWNER INFORMATION
- MY NEW NAME OR ADDRESS IS:

Last Name, First Name

Street

Apt

City

State

ZIP

Email Address

Phone (numbers only)

Mobile (numbers only)

Date Signature

**** PLEASE DO NOT DETACH. RETURN COMPLETE LETTER ****
DO NOT USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE FOR OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

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 Mercedes-Benz 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 MBUSA within 60 days of receipt with the reason(s) for the denial.

Please speak with your dealer concerning this matter. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.