

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

17V-092

Manufacturer Name : Daimler Vans USA, LLC**Submission Date :** FEB 10, 2017**NHTSA Recall No. :** 17V-092**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :****Population :**

Manufacturer Name : Daimler Vans USA, LLC

Number of potentially involved : 2

Address : 303Perimeter Center North
Suite 202 Atlanta GA 30346

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Company phone : 7707052070

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2015-2015 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : VAN

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : 2015 Mercedes-Benz Van

Production Dates : SEP 26, 2014 - OCT 09, 2014

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR

 Not sequential**Description of Noncompliance :**

Description of the Noncompliance : Daimler AG ("DAG"), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz Sprinter Vans, has determined that certain SPRINTER 4x4 market introduction vehicles for the US market were built with a fuel tank, which does not comply with the safety standards. The fuel tank is not equipped with a protective plate at the front and the foam ring at the filler neck. Fulfilment of the FMVSS 301 crash safety requirements has only be confirmed in tests in which the protective plate at the front part of the tank and foam ring were fitted to the vehicle. Fulfilment of the FMVSS 301 without these parts cannot be guaranteed.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : 301 - Fuel system integrity

Description of the Safety Risk : NR

Description of the Cause : The affected vehicles were built prior to the official start of series production. At that point in time the certification was not yet complete and the vehicles were equipped with pre-series fuel tanks.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR
Address : NR
NR
Country : NR

Chronology :

DAG was aware that as of December 2014 several market introduction vehicles reached Mercedes-Benz USA Vehicle Preparation Centers (VPC). The purpose of these vehicles was the use for exhibitions, sales pictures and showroom presentations and these vehicles should remain in possession of MB USA until re-work to final series configuration was carried out properly. In March 2016 DAG received unconfirmed information that some vehicles were probably sold to customers without completion of the required re-work. DAG started investigation and identification of explicit configuration of each vehicle. Moreover, DAG checked the complete population of the market introduction vehicles with respect to their current location. The remaining vehicles in the VPC were instantly blocked to prevent sale/dispatch and to start the required re-work accordingly. In December 2016 DAG received the final information on the exact number of affected vehicles in customers' hands.

Daimler AG is not aware of any complaints from customers concerning this matter.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program :	Topic Fuel tank Line/Model name Sprinter 2500, 3500 VIN Range 5972758 - 5975026 If noncompliance, FMVSS FMVSS 301 Estimated percentage of affected The percentage of vehicles that are projected to be actually affected by the issue described below is 100%.
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Descriptive Information

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Supplier Information

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Remedy Program

An authorized Mercedes-Benz Sprinter dealer will replace the fuel tank on affected vehicles. Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 577.11 (e), Daimler Vans does not plan to provide notice about pre-notice reimbursement to owners since all involved vehicles remain covered under the new vehicle warranty.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :

The remedy component is a fuel tank built according to the certified configuration with the protective plate and the foam ring.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :

From the start of series production all manufactured vehicles were equipped with the correct fuel tank and are thus built according to the certified configuration.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule :

Dealers will be notified of the pending voluntary recall campaign in February 2017. A copy of all communications will be provided when available.

Owners will be notified one week after the recall launch to the dealers.

Planned Dealer Notification Date :

NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date :

NR - NR

* NR - Not Reported