



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NEF-150MR
19V-238

Subject: Seat Back may not Stay Upright

Dear Mr. Hagstrom:

This letter serves to acknowledge Vantage Mobility International, LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

FORD/F-250/2007
FORD/TRANSIT/2015-2018
FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 2500/2015
FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 3500/2015
MERCEDES BENZ/SPRINTER 2500/2015
MERCEDES BENZ/SPRINTER 3500/2015

Mfr's Report Date: March 26, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-238

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 12

Problem Description:

Vantage Mobility International, LLC (Vantage) is recalling certain 2015-2018 Ford Transit Van, Mercedes-Benz Sprinter, and 2007 Ford F-250-based shuttle vehicles equipped with Freedman GO-3S foldaway seats. When the back seat cushion is rotated from the stowed position to the upright position, the seat cushion may not remain locked into place when under load, such as in a crash or a sudden stop.

Consequence:

In the event of a crash, if the seat back moves, the seat occupant has an increased risk of injury.

Remedy:

Vantage has notified owners, instructing them to contact Freedman for a repair kit, free of charge. The recall began March 25, 2019. Owners may contact Freedman customer service at 1-800-443-4540.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

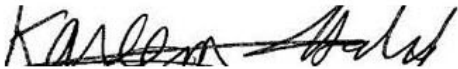
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Kareem Habib
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement