



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

December 30, 2020

Mr. Antonio Mole  
Daimler Vans USA, LLC  
8501 Palmetto Commerce Pkwy  
Ladson, SC 29456

NEF-150MR  
20V-802

**Subject:** Brake Caliper May Leak

Dear Mr. Mole:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Vans USA, 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:**

FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 1500/2019-2020  
FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 2500/2019-2020  
FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 3500/2019-2020  
FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 4500/2019-2020  
MERCEDES-BENZ/SPRINTER 1500/2019-2020  
MERCEDES-BENZ/SPRINTER 2500/2019-2020  
MERCEDES-BENZ/SPRINTER 3500/2019-2020  
MERCEDES-BENZ/SPRINTER 4500/2019-2020

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 21, 2020

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 20V-802

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:DISC:CALIPER

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 9,094

**Problem Description:**

Daimler Vans USA, LLC (DVUSA) is recalling certain 2019-2020 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter and Freightliner Sprinter vehicles equipped with electric parking brakes. The rear brake calipers may leak brake fluid into the housing of the electric parking brake connected to the rear axle service brake system, allowing air to enter the hydraulic brake system.

**Consequence:**

Air in the brake system can result in extended brake pedal travel, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

DVUSA has not yet established a remedy. The recall is expected to begin January 25, 2021. Owners may contact DVUSA customer service at 1-877-762-8267. DVUSA's number for this recall is VS3BREPB.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

**Please ensure the following requirements are met:**

A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)).

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

Per the requirements of 573.6(c)(2)(iv), please provide the supplier name, contact information, address and country of origin (if known) for the rear brake calipers. If your company manufactured the component itself, then please state so in 573.

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), 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](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Joshua Neff  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement