

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

June 2, 2021

Mr. Antonio Mole Daimler Vans USA, LLC 8501 Palmetto Commerce Pkwy Ladson, SC 29456 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-107MR 21V-360

**Subject:** ESP Software Not Updated for Camper Option

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:

MERCEDES-BENZ/SPRINTER (VS30)/2019

Mfr's Report Date: May 17, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-360

### **Components:**

ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL: CONTROL MODULE: SOFTWARE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 168

## **Problem Description:**

Daimler Vans USA, LLC (DVUSA) is recalling certain 2019 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter vehicles equipped with the camper upfit option. The Electronic Stability Control (ESP) software was not updated for vehicles with a higher center of gravity.

### **Consequence:**

The ESP may not respond as intended during certain driving scenarios, increasing the risk of a crash.

### Remedy:

Dealers will update the software, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed June 21, 2021. Owners may contact DVUSA customer service at 1-877-762-8267. DVUSA's number for this recall is VS3HOLAPLI.

#### 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:



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.

Daimler Vans USA, LLC's contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

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