



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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

NEF-107MR  
21V-513

**Subject:** Seatbelt Assembly Malfunction/FMVSS 208/Petition

Dear Mr. Mole:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Vans USA, LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 208, "Occupant Crash Protection." Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 1500/2020-2021  
FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 2500/2020-2021  
FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 3500/2020-2021  
FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 4500/2020-2021  
MERCEDES-BENZ/METRIS/2020-2021  
MERCEDES-BENZ/SPRINTER (VS30)/2020  
MERCEDES-BENZ/SPRINTER 1500/2020-2021  
MERCEDES-BENZ/SPRINTER 2500/2020-2021  
MERCEDES-BENZ/SPRINTER 3500/2020-2021  
MERCEDES-BENZ/SPRINTER 4500/2020-2021

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 21V-513

**MFR's Report Date:** 7/7/2021

**Components:**  
SEATBELTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,000

**Summary:**

Daimler Vans USA, LLC (DVUSA) has notified NHTSA that certain 2020-2021 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter, Metris, and 2020-2021 Sprinter vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 208, "Occupant Crash Protection." In certain seat belt assemblies, the ALR function deactivates early before the webbing is fully retracted. DVUSA believes this noncompliance does not affect vehicle safety.

**Consequence:**

See Notes

**Remedy:**

See Notes

**Notes:**

The manufacturer is petitioning NHTSA for a determination that this matter is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. The manufacturer is not obligated to conduct an owner notification and remedy campaign until NHTSA has resolved this petition. If the petition is denied, the manufacturer will be notified and must then undertake its notification and remedy campaign obligations.

Under 49 C.F.R. § 556, the manufacturer is required to submit their petition for exemption within **30 days**. This requirement is detailed in Part 556 found [here](#).

Should you wish to submit your petition electronically you may e-mail a copy to Enforcement\_Correspond@dot.gov. For any questions regarding the submission of inconsequential noncompliance petitions, please contact Kim Childers at Kimberley.Childers@dot.gov.

Your 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  
Enforcement