

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

This notice applies to your vehicle

VIN: [REDACTED]

Inspect Driveshaft Crossmember

NHTSA Recall #23V874

April, 2024



- A remedy is available for your vehicle.
- Schedule an appointment with your authorized Freightliner Sprinter Dealer as soon as possible.
- This repair will be provided free of charge.

Dear Freightliner Sprinter Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Mercedes-Benz AG, the manufacturer of Freightliner Sprinter vehicles, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Model Year 2020 Freightliner Sprinter vehicles. **Our records indicate that your vehicle is included in the affected population of vehicles.**



What is the issue?

On certain Sprinter vehicles, the strength of a crossmember on the body-in-white might not meet specifications. The bolt connection of the propeller shaft bearing on the crossmember might loosen over time, which could reduce vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash. In addition, in the event of a crash, the propeller shaft might damage the fuel tank and result in a fuel leak, increasing the risk of a fire.



What will your Freightliner Dealer do?

An authorized Freightliner Sprinter dealer will inspect the crossmember and replace it, if necessary.

This could take approximately 1 hour. This service will be provided **free of charge**. You may be asked for your 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) which for your convenience is located above your name at the top of this letter.



Steps to take.

For additional information and to schedule an appointment, please contact your preferred authorized Freightliner Sprinter dealer at your earliest convenience. To locate the nearest Freightliner Sprinter dealer, scan the QR code on the left, visit <https://www.freightlinersprinterusa.com/en/freightliner-service-centers> or call 1-800-367-6372. Please mention you are scheduling an appointment to Check Driveshaft Crossmember under **Recall Campaign #2024010017**.



If you have already paid to have this recall condition corrected, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement. Requests for reimbursement may include parts, labor, fees and taxes. Reimbursement may be limited to the amount the repair would have cost if completed by an authorized Freightliner Sprinter dealer. Please see the following page for more information.

A VIN-based recall lookup tool on our website offers a search feature that will indicate whether a vehicle has been subject to a safety recall, and whether that vehicle has had the free remedy performed. Please visit <https://www.freightlinersprinterusa.com/en/recall-information>. Should you have any questions, please contact your authorized Freightliner Sprinter dealer. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and look forward to taking care of this important safety issue immediately.

Sincerely,
Daimler Vans USA

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Additional Information for Owners:

If an authorized Freightliner Sprinter dealer for any reason is unable to remedy the situation without charge, or within a reasonable amount of time, pursuant to law 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153); or go to <https://www.safercar.gov>.

If this is a leased vehicle and the lessor and registered owner receive this notice, please forward this information by first class mail to the lessee within 10 business days to comply with Federal Regulations.

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VIN: [REDACTED]

If for any reason YOU NO LONGER OWN THIS VEHICLE OR have a CHANGE OF ADDRESS, please COMPLETE THE SECTION BELOW, place in the ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, and DROP IN ANY MAIL BOX. If possible, provide the name and address of the present owner so that we may contact them.

- EXPORTED
- LEASE, VEHICLE RETURNED
- SCRAPPED
- SOLD
- STOLEN
- OTHER _____

- NEW OWNER INFORMATION
- OR
- MY NEW NAME OR ADDRESS IS:

[Grid for Last Name, First Name]

Last Name, First Name

[Grid for Street]

Street

Apt

[Grid for City, State, ZIP]

City

State

ZIP

[Grid for Email Address]

Email Address

[Grid for Phone (numbers only)]

Phone (numbers only)

[Grid for Mobile (numbers only)]

Mobile (numbers only)

Date

Signature

**** PLEASE DO NOT DETACH. RETURN COMPLETE LETTER ****
DO NOT USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE FOR OTHER CORRESPONDENCE



Reimbursement to Customers for Repairs Performed Prior to Recall

If you have already paid to have this recall condition corrected, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement. Requests for reimbursement may include parts, labor, fees and taxes. Reimbursement may be limited to the amount the repair would have cost if completed by an authorized Freightliner Sprinter dealer. The following documentation must be presented to your dealer for reimbursement.

Original or clear copy of all receipts, invoices and/or repair orders that show:

- The name and address of the person who paid for the repair.
- The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the vehicle that was repaired.
- What problem occurred, what repair was done, when it was done and who repaired it.
- The total cost of the repair expense that is being claimed.
- Proof of payment of repair (copy of front and back of cancelled check or copy of credit card receipt).
- Reimbursement will be made by check from your dealer. If your claim is denied you will receive a letter from DVUSA within 60 days of receipt with the reason(s) for the denial.