



U.S. Department of Transportation

**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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26V063

Monica Cole
Daimler Coaches North America
2477 Deerfield Drive
Fort Mill, SC 29715

Subject: Defective Door Control Valve May Prevent Door from Opening

Dear Monica Cole:

This letter serves to acknowledge Daimler Coaches North America'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/TOURRIDER PREMIUM/2026
MERCEDES-BENZ/TOURRIDER BUSINESS/2026

Mfr's Report Date: February 04, 2026

NHTSA Campaign Number: 26V063

Components:

LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES:DOORS:LATCH

Potential Number of Units Affected: 51

Problem Description:

Daimler Coaches North America (Daimler Coaches) is recalling certain 2026 Mercedes Benz Tourrider Business and Premium transit buses. The door control valve may not release the self holding mechanism, preventing the door from opening.

Consequence:

A door that cannot be opened can prevent or delay passengers from evacuating during an emergency, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Daimler Coaches will replace the door control valve, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed April 3, 2026. Owners may contact Daimler Coaches' customer service at 1-416-

624-3558. Daimler Coaches' number for this recall is 72.40U26365A.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-888-275-9171), or go to www.nhtsa.gov.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Reimbursement Plan Not Supplied

Provide a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of your company's notification of owners, purchasers, and dealers, in accordance with 49 CFR 573.13. Your company's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. If your company submits one or more general reimbursement plans, your company shall update each plan every two years (49 CFR 573.13). If the vehicles are new and would be covered under the manufacturer's warranty program, please state that in the reimbursement section of an amended Part 573 Recall Report through the NHTSA Recalls Portal.

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

Daimler Coaches North America's contact for this recall will be Hensly Guerra who may be reached by email at hensly.guerra1@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley

Alex Ansley
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Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement