

Customer Notification



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Customer Notification: 51-1275

- o *Integrity*
- o *Safety*
- o *Quality*
- o *Customer Service*

<<OWNER NAME/DEALERNAME>>
<<ADDRESS>>
<<CITY>>, <<ST>> <<ZIP-XXX>>

January 14, 2021

This Notice applies to your vehicle VIN listed above.

Dear Forest River Customer:

Forest River is alerting you to a Mercedes-Benz Recall 20V663 involving certain 2020 Isata Class C Motorhomes, 2018 – 2021 Prism Class C Motorhomes, 2018 – 2021 Forester Class C Motorhomes, 2018 – 2021 Sunseeker Class C Motorhomes and 2018 – 2021 Galleria Class B Motorhomes. Please see the information below, which describes the issue and provides you with details on the steps you should take to have your vehicle repaired.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

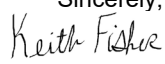
As per Mercedes-Benz Recall 2020-545; MBAG has determined that on certain Mercedes-Benz Sprinter vehicles, the hydraulic power steering return line hoses might detach at their connection points under certain operating conditions, which could cause hydraulic fluid to leak, resulting in the loss of power steering assist. If the hydraulic power steering hose detaches, the driver will still have manual steering functionality, but increased steering effort will be needed, particularly at low speeds. Sudden loss of power steering assist as well as the loss of hydraulic steering fluid to the road surface may increase the risk of a crash.

OWNERS: WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Please contact your Mercedes-Benz Dealer to arrange an appointment to have the recall remedied.

DEALERS: WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

DO NOT DEMONSTRATE OR DELIVER any new in-stock vehicles involved in this safety recall. A complete Dealer Bulletin will be provided to dealers when parts are available to support this safety recall.

Sincerely,

Keith Fisher
Forest River, Inc.
Office of Corporate Compliance



December, 2020

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL #2020120007
This notice applies to your vehicle, VIN: WD3PE7CC0A [REDACTED]
Inspect Power Steering Hose Clamps
NHTSA Recall #20V663

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC

Robert Veit
Managing Director
Vans USA

20V663

WD3PE7CC0A [REDACTED]

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

Dear Mercedes-Benz Sprinter Owner:

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

Mercedes-Benz AG ("MBAG"), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz Sprinter vans, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Model Year 2015-2020 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter vehicles. Our records indicate that your vehicle is included in the affected population of vehicles.

What is the CONCERN?

MBAG has determined that on certain Mercedes-Benz Sprinter vehicles, the hydraulic power steering return line hoses might detach at their connection points under certain operating conditions, which could cause hydraulic fluid to leak, resulting in the loss of power steering assist. If the hydraulic power steering hose detaches, the driver will still have manual steering functionality, but increased steering effort will be needed, particularly at low speeds. Sudden loss of power steering assist as well as the loss of hydraulic steering fluid to the road surface may increase the risk of a crash.

What will your DEALER DO?

An authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will check the return line connections of the power steering system and if needed, install the respective replacement clamp.

This service will be provided free of charge. We are dedicated to always delivering the best customer experience, and respect for your time is a top priority. While the minimum repair time can be up to **approximately 1 hour 30 minutes**, your dealer can provide you with a better estimate of the overall time for this service visit. As a matter of normal service process, an authorized Mercedes-Benz Sprinter dealer will also check for other repair measures which might be applicable to your vehicle and this may increase the required working time.

What should YOU DO?



To find the most convenient authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer from your smartphone, scan the QR code to the left.

For additional information and to schedule an appointment, please contact your preferred authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer at your earliest convenience. To locate authorized dealers see www.mbvans.com/sprinter/shopping-tools/find-a-dealer. **Please mention you are scheduling an appointment to inspect power steering hose clamps under Recall Campaign # 2020120007.**

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.

Information for Owners

In the event that you are no longer the vehicle owner, or have had a change of address, please complete the reverse side and return the updated information in the enclosed envelope.

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.

A VIN-based recall lookup tool on our MBVans.com 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. See www.mbvans.com/sprinter/owners-resources/recall. Should you have any questions or encounter any difficulty regarding this Recall Campaign, please contact an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer. If for any reason a dealer is unable to remedy your situation, we are always happy to hear from you. Please contact us at 1-(800) FOR-MERCEDES (1-800-367-6372).

If an authorized Mercedes-Benz 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 <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this situation may cause you.

Sincerely,

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC

A Mercedes-Benz AG Company
One Mercedes-Benz Drive
Sandy Springs, GA 30328
Phone (770) 705-0600

IMPORTANT

VIN: WD3PE7CC0A [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** ☐ **MY NEW NAME OR ADDRESS IS:**

[illegible]

Last Name, First Name

[illegible]

Street

Apt

[illegible]

City

State

ZIP

[illegible]

Email Address

[illegible]

Phone (numbers only)

[illegible]

Mobile (numbers only)

Date _____

Signature