



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

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NVS-215KS
15V-354

Subject: Passenger Side Front Air Bag Inflator may Rupture

Dear Mr. Scott:

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:

DODGE/SPRINTER 2500/2006-2008
DODGE/SPRINTER 3500/2006-2008
FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 2500/2007-2008
FREIGHTLINER/SPRINTER 3500/2007-2008

Mfr's Report Date: June 12, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-354

Components:

AIR BAGS:PASSENGER SIDE FRONTAL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 40,061

Problem Description:

Daimler Vans USA, LLC (DVUSA) is recalling certain model year 2007-2008 Freightliner Sprinter 2500 and 3500 vehicles, and certain model year 2006-2008 Dodge Sprinter 2500 and 3500 vehicles manufactured July 1, 2005, to July 31, 2008. The affected vehicles are equipped with a passenger side frontal air bag that may be susceptible to moisture intrusion which, over time, could cause the inflator to rupture upon its deployment.

Consequence:

In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the front passenger's frontal air bag, the inflator could rupture with metal fragments striking the passenger seat occupant or other occupants possibly causing serious injury or death.

Remedy:

Daimler Vans USA will notify the Freightliner owners and Fiat Chrysler will notify the Dodge owners. Dealers will replace the passenger air bag inflator, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Freightliner owners may contact DVUSA customer service at 1-877-762-8267. Dodge owners may contact Fiat Chrysler customer service at 1-800-853-1403.

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.

This recall was the subject of an engineering analysis, EA15-001, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Please provide a list of the final stage manufacturers affected by this recall.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

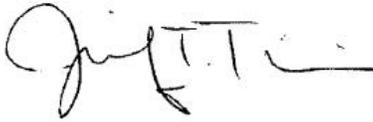
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification 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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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. Please confirm that DVUSA will be reporting the completion rates for all of the vehicles.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement