

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****15V-354****Manufacturer Name :** Daimler Vans USA, LLC**Submission Date :** JUN 12,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-354**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Daimler Vans USA, LLC

Address : 8501 Palmetto Commerce Pkwy

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Company phone : 843-695-5057

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 40,061

Estimated percentage with defect : 0

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2007-2008 Freightliner Sprinter

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM &amp; HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : VAN

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : Freightliner Sprinter 2500 and 3500

Production Dates : JUL 01, 2005 - JUL 31, 2008

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2006-2008 Dodge Sprinter

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM &amp; HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : VAN

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : Dodge Sprinter 2500 and 3500

Production Dates : JUL 01, 2005 - JUL 31, 2008

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : The subject Sprinter vehicles were equipped with passenger side front airbags provided by the supplier TK Holdings Inc. ("Takata"). On May 18, 2015 Takata filed a Defect Information Report with NHTSA announcing a defect in the subject inflators.

According to Takata, the propellant wafers in some of the subject inflators may experience unusual signs of aging over time, which could potentially lead to over-aggressive combustion in the event of an airbag activation. The potential consequences may include an irregular air bag deployment or a failure of the airbag due to a rupture or breakage of the inflator module.

**Description of the Safety Risk :** According to Takata, an activation of the subject airbags can lead to an irregular airbag deployment and - in extreme cases - to a failure of the airbag due to a rupture or breakage of the inflator module. As a result, loose parts can potentially be propelled to the cabin potentially increasing the risk of injury for the passengers.

**Description of the Cause :** According to Takata, the cause of failure may be affected by climatic conditions such as high temperature, high humidity, water intrusion or the assembly of the inflator module. However, the root cause of the failure itself cannot be determined with certainty by Daimler on the basis of the available information.

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** NR

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : TK Holdings Inc.

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

**Chronology :**

On May 18, 2015 the supplier TK Holdings Inc. filed a Defect Information Report with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for the U.S. market. This report led to an announcement by NHTSA on May 19, 2015 that TK Holdings Inc. has agreed to support a national recall of the type of Takata airbag inflators used in certain Sprinter vehicles manufactured by Daimler AG ("Daimler"), and sold under the Freightliner and Dodge brand names.

Following the May 19 announcement, Daimler and Takata have exchanged information on this topic. Based on the information provided by Takata, Daimler investigated its production figures in order to isolate the potentially affected vehicle population. On June 02, 2015 Daimler determined that the vehicles equipped with these airbags may contain a defect, and that the potentially affected vehicles should be recalled.

**Description of Remedy :**

**Description of Remedy Program :** DVUSA will conduct a voluntary safety recall to replace the passenger side front airbags of the potentially affected Freightliner branded Sprinter vehicles. DVUSA will work with Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) to implement a recall for the Dodge branded Sprinter vehicles. Some subject vehicles were sold as incomplete vehicles to final stage manufacturers. DVUSA and FCA will work with the final stage manufacturers in those cases to complete customer notification to end-users.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR  
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

\* NR - Not Reported