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RECALL Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Rupture , 1 INVESTIGATION(S)

Report Receipt Date: MAY 27, 2016
NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V379000
Component(s): AIR BAGS
Potential Number of Units Affected: 5,100

All Products Associated with this Recall ▲

Vehicle Make	Model	Model Year(s)
DODGE	SPRINTER 2500	2009
DODGE	SPRINTER 3500	2009
FREIGHTLINER	SPRINTER 2500	2009-2011
FREIGHTLINER	SPRINTER 3500	2009-2011
MERCEDES BENZ	SPRINTER 2500	2010-2011
MERCEDES BENZ	SPRINTER 3500	2010-2011

Details ▲

2 Associated Documents ▼

Manufacturer: Daimler Vans USA, LLC

SUMMARY:
Daimler Vans USA, LLC (DVUSA) is recalling certain model year 2010-2011 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter, 2009-2011 Freightliner Sprinter, and 2009 Dodge Sprinter vehicles, originally sold, or that have ever been registered, in Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands (Saipan), and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Vehicles not originally sold or ever registered in these states are not subject to this safety recall. These vehicles are equipped with certain air bag inflators assembled as part of the passenger frontal air bag modules, and used as original equipment or replacement equipment. In the event of a crash necessitating deployment of the front air bags, these inflators may rupture due to propellant degradation occurring after long-term exposure to absolute humidity and temperature cycling.

CONSEQUENCE:
An inflator rupture may result in metal fragments striking the vehicle occupants resulting in serious injury or death.

REMEDY:
DVUSA will notify the Freightliner owners, Mercedes-Benz will notify their owners and Fiat Chrysler will notify the Dodge owners. Dealers will replace the passenger frontal air bag modules, free of charge. Parts are not currently available. Owners will be sent an interim notification around June 30, 2016. A second notice will be mailed when remedy parts are available. Freightliner owners may contact DVUSA customer service at 1-877-762-8267. Mercedes-Benz owners may contact Mercedes-Benz customer service at 1-800-367-6372. 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.