



#### **Dear Grech Sprinter Owner,**

Thank you for purchasing a Grech Motors product. Your decision to own a true luxury vehicle is what drives our efforts every day and we appreciate your vote of confidence. A substantial investment has been made and we want to insure that your experience is priceless.

Discover a new standard in elite travel with the LUSSO Luxury Mercedes Sprinter Jet Van by Grech Motors. Designed with the utmost precision and superior craftsmanship, this vehicle delivers an unrivaled experience for those who value comfort, convenience, and high-quality features. Based on a Mercedes-Benz Sprinter chassis and augmented with the expertise of Grech Motors- a leader in high-end vehicle manufacturing- the LUSSO is the epitome of luxury and functionality.

Stepping inside the LUSSO Jet Van, one is immediately greeted with GRECH Exclusive Seating, providing an oasis of comfort. The seats are not merely designed for sitting; they are engineered for relaxation with power reclining, leg lift, and integrated heating and cooling functions, as well as a massage feature.

With an intuitive iPad Control System, managing the interior environment is simple and effortless. The power side sofas, which transform into a sleeping area, provide added versatility, effectively turning our Luxury Sprinter Van into a home away from home. Further enhancing the convenience are a refrigerator, a secure safe, and a Nespresso machine.

The bathroom, fitted with a porcelain toilet and macerator, reflects the LUSSO's commitment to providing a comprehensive luxury experience. This innovative design effortlessly transitions the LUSSO into a Sprinter Mobile Office, setting a new standard for on-the-go luxury and functionality.

Whether you're in need of a quiet space to focus before an important event, or a comfortable setting for meaningful conversations, the LUSSO Private Jet Van offers the perfect blend of amenities and functionalities to meet a wide range of needs. Trust in Grech Motors' commitment to innovation, quality, and excellence to make every journey unforgettable.

#### **OWNER'S MANUAL**

It is important to carefully read and understand this manual to assure yourself and your loved ones one of the best possible experiences.

To accomplish this, we recommend to take the time to become fully acquainted with the vehicle before ever taking it on the open road.

In this Owner's Manual you will find several suggestions and information that will make your ownership a long and enjoyable one! This manual's main objective is to serve as a reference document for the operations and maintenance procedures that will be required throughout the life of your vehicle.

It contains vital information used to identify your specific vehicle and the safety features that must be understood and followed in order to operate this vehicle safely. This manual is not intended to serve as a maintenance manual. It provides the basic procedures, along with a comprehensive overview of your vehicle's operating systems.

There are many safety notices that appear throughout the manual that alert you to items that require your attention and/or understanding to assure the safety of you and your passengers as well as other drivers on the road. We urge you to take the time to completely understand your vehicle, so you can drive with confidence.

The information contained in this document is intended to reflect standard and optional equipment included in a typically equipped model at the time of delivery to the initial retail owner. In case that you are not the initial retail owner of the unit, this document will not reflect modifications that may have been performed by previous owners.

It is the policy of GRECH MOTORS, to incorporate product improvements whenever possible or practical to do so. We reserve the right to make changes and or improvements at any time without incurring any obligation to make such changes on previously sold products. The information and specifications contained in this manual are subject to change at any time, without notice.

If there are any questions or doubts regarding what is written and disclosed in this handbook for your vehicle, feel free to call Grech Motors at (855)-994-GRECH (7324).

In the event that you require any type of service concerning any difficulty with the vehicle, be sure to have your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and mileage available before you call.





The information and specifications contained in this manual are current at time of printing. Subsequently, all information contained in this manual is subject to change at any time, without notice. Please note that this manual applies to the LUSSO Luxury Mercedes Sprinter Jet Van and explains standard equipment as well as many options and may include equipment not presently installed on your vehicle.

#### • NOTICE

For your safety and the safety of others, we ask that you completely familiarize yourself with this manual, and all other operators manuals before you operate this vehicle for the first time.

PLEASE NOTE: Updates to all manuals are online at www.grechmotors.com

#### WARNING

- Breathing diesel engine exhaust exposes you to chemicals (engine exhaust, carbon monoxide, phtalates, and lead) known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.
- Wear gloves or wash your hands frequently when servicing your vehicle.
- Always start and operate the engine in a well-ventilated area.
- If in an enclosed area, vent the exhaust to the outside.
- Do not modify or tamper with the exhaust system.
- Do not idle the engine except as necessary.

For more information visit:

www.P65warnings.ca.gov/diesel FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD RESULT IN DEATH OR INJURY.

#### NOTICE

Product information and specifications are shown herein as of the time of printing. The vehicle manufacturer reserves the right to change product specifications, designs and standard equipment without notice and without incurring obligation.

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#### CAUTION

No standing while vehicle is in motion. It could cause bad injuries.

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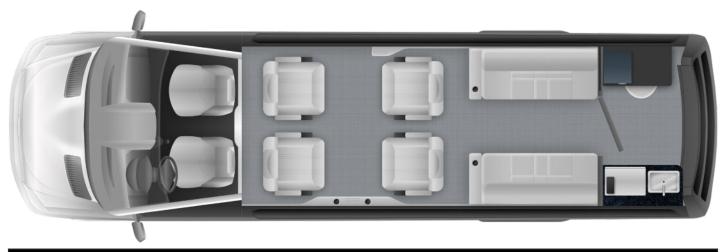
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# FLOOR PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

# LUSSO FLOOR PLAN PRIVATE CLASS LUSSO 2WD | LUSSO AWD

Length Seats up to 24' 10



LUSSO LUXURY MERCEDES SPRINTER JET VAN MERCEDES-BENZ CHASSIS FEATURES			
COMPONENT	CHARACTERISTICS		
DIESEL	4 Cylinder Diesel High Output		
HORSEPOWER	208		
TORQUE	332 lb-ft		
TRANSMISSION	9G-TRONIC-9-Speed Transmission		
TOUCHSCREEN	MBUX Multimedia System with 10.25" touchscreen		
CONNECTIVITY AND ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES	-WIFI: Mercedes me connect (Requires Subscription) -Smartphone Integration -Sirius MX S		
STEERING WHEEL	Multifunction Leather Steering Wheel		
ADVANCED SAFETY AND DRIVER ASSISTANCE SYSTEMS	-Active Lane-Keeping Asset -Active Distance Assist DISTRONIC -Active Brake Assist -Blind Spot Assist Mirror -Attention Assist -Wet Wiper System -Parking Assist		
HEADLAMPS	LED High Performance Headlamps		
SEATS	-Power Driver and Co-drivers seat -Heated Driver and Co-drivers seat		
TOWING	Trailer Tow Package		
DOOR	Electric Sliding Door		





LUSSO LUXURY MERCEDES SPRINTER JET VAN GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS			
COMPONENT	CHARACTERISTICS		
OVERALL HEIGHT	Lusso 2WD: 9'10" Lusso AWD: 10'		
OVERALL WIDTH	80"		
OVERALL LENGTH	290"		
INTERIOR HEIGHT	73"		
TANK CAPACITIES	Fresh Water: 9 Gallon (12V Heated) Gray Water: 9 Gallon (12V Heated) Black Water: 10.5 Gallon		

LUSSO LUXURY MERCEDES SPRINTER JET VAN GRECH RV CHASSIS FEATURES			
COMPONENT	CHARACTERISTICS		
SUSPENSION	Air Suspension		
WHEELS	Aluminum Wheels		
	Lusso 2WD: LT 215/85 R 16		
	Lusso AWD: LT 215/85 R 16		
GROUND EFFECTS	Custom Fiberglass Ground Effects		
BODY MOLDING	Custom Stainless Steel Body Molding		

LUSSO LUXURY MERCEDES SPRINTER JET VAN INTERIOR FEATURES			
COMPONENT	CHARACTERISTICS		
SEATING	-Grech Exclusive Seating with Aircraft Style Tray Tables: -Power recline (limited), power leg lift, heated, cooling and massagingPower Side Sofas -Power Recline into Sleeping Area		
CONTROL SYSTEM	Ipad Control System		
BATHROOM	Porcelain Toilet and Macerator		
BATTERIES	-610 AH (Amp Hour) / 7,808 WH (Watt Hour) -Lithium-ion batteries can run AC up to six hours		
INVERTER	3,000 Watt Inverter		
SOLAR PANELS	300 watt solar		
A/C SYSTEMS	-Dual Rear A/C Systems -Engine Driven A/C -110V Lithium-ion Battery Powered A/C		



# NOTES



#### **GRECH RV'S WARRANTY**

Grech RV is the final stage manufacturer of a previously incomplete vehicle which is manufactured and separately warranted by a vehicle manufacturer, Grech RV's Sprinter manufacturer is Mercedes-Benz.

Should your LUSSO Luxury Mercedes Sprinter Jet Van require services related to the converted areas of the vehicle, read this section first before taking any action.

By doing so, you will clearly understand the Grech RV Service Process and avoid possible delays. Never initiate or attempt to diagnose a warranty repair without prior approval of the Grech RV Service Department.

A R.A.N (Repair Authorization Number) must be obtained before each warranty repair is honored. Not following this procedure could void your warranty reimbursement for that particular repair.

#### **CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITY**

It is important you read and understand the information provided to you in the package containing all manuals pertaining to your LUSSO Luxury Mercedes Sprinter Jet Van.

Familiarize yourself with the applicable warranties. You are responsible and obligated to return your Sprinter Jet Van to an authorized Grech RV dealership for warranty service repairs.

As the owner of a LUSSO Luxury Mercedes Sprinter Jet Van, you are responsible for regular and proper maintenance performed in accordance with the Grech RV and OEM Manuals provided. Maintenance will help prevent conditions arising from neglect that are not covered under warranty.

#### **WHAT IS MY WARRANTY PERIOD?**

Grech RV, warranties the specified new vehicle to be free from defects in material and craftmanship on portions manufactured by Grech RV, Inc. under normal use and service.

When sold by an authorized dealer:

- It shall be limited to 36 months/ 36, 000 miles (whichever comes first) after the date of purchase by the first retail purchaser from an authorized Grech RV Dealer.
- Warranty shall be fulfilled by an authorized Grech RV dealer or authorized Grech RV service facility.

Grech RV, guarantees the vehicle to be free from manufacturing defects in materials and craftsmanship on portions manufactured by Grech RV under normal wear and tear. Individual components may carry their own respective warranty.

Mercedes-Benz has warranty conditions and options such as:

- Basic Limited Warranty:
  - » Coverage 3 years or 36,000 miles.
- Diesel Engine Limited Warranty:
  - » Coverage for 5 years or 100,000 miles.
- Mercedes-Benz Roadside Assistance:
  - » Coverage for 3 years or 36,000 miles.

#### **WHAT THE WARRANTY COVERS**

Warrantor's Limited Warranty (L.W) covers defects in the manufacture of your vehicle and defects in materials. Provided the prior authorization that was obtained from the Warranty Department of Grech RV, all labor costs associated with the repair or replacement of defective parts will be paid by Grech RV.

The L.W doesn't extend to any part or portion of the incomplete vehicle except as specifically required by any applicable federal law or regulation.

Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) chassis may have been modified by Grech RV from the original configuration.

#### NOTICE

Grech RV reserves the right to make a physical inspection of the vehicle by authorized factory personnel following any complaint prior to any repair.

#### **LIMITATIONS OF IMPLIED WARRANTY**

There is no warranty of any nature made by the Warrantor beyond that contained in this Limited Warranty. No person has the authority to enlarge, amend or modify the terms and conditions of the above stated Limited Warranty.

The dealer is not the Warrantors agent, it is an independent entity. The Warrantor is not responsible for any undertaking, representation or warranty made by any dealer or other persons beyond those set forth in this Limited Warranty.

#### **WHAT THE WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER**

- A vehicle that has been altered outside our factory in any way so as, in our sole opinion and discretion, may affect its stability, operation or reliability.
- Damage caused by the failure to seek repairs on time.
- Damage caused by the failure to use reasonable efforts to mitigate damage caused by defects.
- Damage caused by the failure to comply with the instructions set in the Owner's Manual.
- Vehicle damaged while stored in exterior storage compartments. Exterior storage compartments may not be moisture free due to weather and humidity conditions.



- Condensation and the results of condensation including, but not limited to, water damage and the growth of mildew or mold. Mold and mildew are natural growths given certain environmental conditions and are not covered by the terms of this warranty.
- Items which are added or changed after the vehicle leaves warrantor's possession.
- Items that are working as designed, but which you are unhappy with because of the design.
- An vehicle that, in our sole opinion and discretion, has been subject to misuse, negligence, or accidents.
- Deterioration due to normal wear and usage or exposure, such as fading or discoloration, including but not limited to rust, corrosion, oxidation and cosmetic blemishes.
- Flaking, peeling and chips or damage in or on the exterior caused by rocks or other road hazards, the environment including airborne pollutants, salt, tree sap and hail.
- Defacing, scratching, dents and chips on any surface or fabric of the vehicle, not caused by warrantor.
- A vehicle that has been declared a total loss by an insurance company, or by Grech RV indicates it is designated as "salvage", "junk", "rebuilt" or a word of similar impact.
- Routine maintenance, including wheel alignments.
- Unauthorized changes made on the vehicle such as repairs, alterations, variations or modifications.
- The automotive chassis and power train is covered by its own manufacturer's warranty, including but not limited to: power train, engine, steering and handling, tires, batteries, gauges and muffler.
- The appliances and components that are covered by their own manufacturer's warranty: microwave, refrigerator, stove, water heater, televisions, stereo, DVD player, lithium batteries, heating surface, Firefly Control System, generator and roof, air conditioners and all other electronic devices.
- Damages caused by, but not limited to: hail, tornadoes, lighting, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, fire, rain, and other environmental conditions, which include but are not limited to, tree sap, tar, chemicals, oils, salts, road hazards, stone chips, infestations, rodents.
- Failure of the coach and/or chassis resulting in incidental damages, such as but not limited to: goods stored both inside and outside the coach; loss of use and equipment of the vehicle; inconvenience; cost of rental vehicle; cost of accomodations; travel expenses; towing; meals; and other miscellaneaous incidental expenses.

- Some states do not allow exclusions or limitations of incidental or consequential damages, for this reason, the above limitations or exclusion may or may not apply to you.
- The conditions of this limited warranty shall not apply to degeneration due to wear,tear and exposure after these limitations.
- For ninety (90) days from the original retail purchase date:
  - » Adjustments to compartment door latches, light bulbs/ LEDs, fuses, remote and smoke detector batteries.
- For one (1) year from the original retail date purchase date or 12,000 miles (whichever comes first), by the original retail purchaser from an Authorized Grech RV Dealer:
  - » All seat, curtain, door panel, wall and ceiling fabrics used in the vehicle
  - » Window seals and caulking
  - » Exterior TV outlets
  - » Floor coverings
  - » Exterior striping
  - » Painted plastic exterior body molding and bumpers
    - Painting exterior moldings magnifies the original equipment manufacturer condition of the plastic molding
    - Some conditions of the plastic, such as but not limited to, body attachment points and texture may be more visible when painted (considered normal).
- For three (3) years or 36,000 miles (whichever comes first) by the original retail purchaser from an authorized Grech RV Dealer:
  - » Exterior painted surfaces

#### **OWNER'S WARRANTY**

Grech RV neither assumes nor authorizes any other person to assume for us any liability in connection with the sale of our vehicles other than expressed above.

All correspondence should be directed to the authorized Grech RV dealer from whom the vehicle was purchased and must give the serial number and date of purchase of the vehicle.

The original retail customer of the vehicle prior to performing any work in case of wanting to make any change or alteration on the vehicle, must obtain a Repair Authorization Number (RAN) of the vehicle and should contact the Warranty Department of Grech RV.

Grech RV reserves the right to make changes in vehicles already built and/or sold at any time without incuring any obligations to make the same or similar changes on vehicles previously built and/or sold by Grech RV.



#### **EMERGENCY REPAIRS**

For emergency repairs while traveling, you may choose to deal with non-authorized vehicle service facilities; however, all warranty repairs must be pre-authorized by Grech RV. Grech RV will, at its option, replace or repair free of charge any defective part, including labor. The purchaser shall notify their authorized Grech RV dealer within the warranty period.

If you obtain warranty repairs from a non-authorized vehicle service facility without Grech RV pre-authorization, it is at Grech RV sole discretion whether or not to reimburse the claim.

In the event that this vehicle is used for commercial or rental purposes, Grech RV's warranty coverage shall be limited to one (1) year 12,000 miles (whichever comes first) from the date of original purchase.

The above Limited Warranty applies to all owners, including subsequent owners, of the vehicle. However, a subsequent owner must submit a warranty transfer form by filing the form through an authorized Grech RV dealer. A subsequent owner's warranty period shall be the remaining balance of the warranty coverage period that the prior owner was entitled to under this Limited Warranty. Warranty transfer forms can be obtained by contacting the Grech RV's service department. There is no charge for the transfer.

#### WHAT WE'LL DO TO CORRECT PROBLEMS

Warrantor will repair and/or replace, at its option, any covered defect if:

- 1. You notify the Warrantor or one of its authorized servicing dealers of the defect during the warranty coverage period time and within five (5) days of discovering the defect.
- 2. You deliver your vehicle to Warrantor or Warrantor's authorized servicing dealer at your cost and expense.

For the repair of your vehicle, warrantor may use new and/or remanufactured parts and/or components of substantially equal quality to complete any repair.

Defects and/or damage to interior and exterior surfaces, trim, upholstery and other appearance items may occur at the factory during manufacture, during delivery of the vehicle to the selling dealer or on the selling dealer's lot. Normally any defect or damage is detected and corrected at Grech RV or by the selling dealer during the inspection process performed by the warrantor and/or the selling dealer.

If, however, you discover any defect or damage when you take delivery of the vehicle, you must notify your dealer or Warrantor within five (5) days of the date of purchase to have repairs performed at no cost to you as provided by this Limited Warranty.

In case that two or more unsuccessful repair attempts have been made to correct any covered defect that you believe substantially impairs the value and/or use of safety of your vehicle, you must, to the extent permitted by law, notify warrantor directly in writing of the failure to successfully repair the defect so that Warrantor can become involved in performing a successful repair to the identified defect.

#### **WARRANTY SERVICE FORMS**

The Warranty Registration form must be returned to Warrantor promptly upon purchase to assure proper part replacement or repair of your vehicle. Failure to return the warranty registration form will not affect your rights under the Limited Warranty so long as you can provide proof of purchase.

For warranty service, simply contact one of warrantor's authorized service centers for an appointment, and then deliver the vehicle (at your expense) to the service center.

If you need help or assistance in locating an authorized warranty service facility, contact Grech RV Warranty Department's number (1-855 994-7324) or at:

Grech RV Attn: Service Department Manager 6915 Arlington Avenue Riverside, California 92504

In the event the Roadside Assistance is needed refer to Mercedes Benz Road Side Assistance. The warrantor will not have control and is not responsible of the authorized servicing dealers scheduling of service work.

Some delay in scheduling and/or in the completion of the repairs may or may not happen when trying to repair your vehicle at the nearest authorized repair facility.

#### CAUTION

In the event that it becomes necessary and/or required to tow your vehicle, refer to Mercedes-Benz guidelines.

#### **OBTAINING WARRANTY REPAIRS**

To obtain warranty repairs, you must contact your authorized Grech RV dealer and schedule an appointment. It is best if you have a written list of defects or items in need of repair. As the owner, you are solely responsible for the maintenance of the vehicle as required or recommended by this owner's manual and associated costs by failure to maintain the vehicle as required or recommended are not covered by warranty.



#### **WARRANTY REPAIRS PERFORMED**

There are three (3) methods:

- 1. Repair is done at the Grech RV Service Department, in Riverside, California.
- 2. Repair is done at a Grech RV authorized service facility near you.
- 3. Repair is done at a shop of your choice, with prior approval of the Grech RV Service Department.

#### • NOTICE

Grech RV does not control the scheduling of service work at authorized or independent dealerships. You may encounter some delay in scheduling or completion of work.

If either method 2 or 3 are to be used, you must obtain pre-authorization and a Repair Authorization Number (R.A.N), Grech RV Service Department in advance of performing any repairs.

Both requirements may be accomplished from a single phone call to the Grech RV Service Department, at (1-855-994-7324).

#### **WARRANTY SERVICE PROCEDURES**

Warranty repairs must be within three years or 36,000 miles (whichever comes first) limited warranty. Grech RV warranty registration cards must be on file before any claims will be processed. Claims made without warranty registration cards will be rejected until proof of ownership can be established.

Grech RV will not reimburse any claims for work done on any components or appliances that are covered under their respective manufacturer's warranties. These warranties must be claimed through the manufacturer of the appliance or component. Examples include but are not limited to: refrigerator, microwave, roof air-conditioning, water pump, TV etc.

All warranty work required to be done on the chassis must be taken to an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer and processed through their warranty procedures.

Grech RV will not reimburse any claims regarding the chassis. Grech RV will pay for the removal and reinstallation of vehicle components only if it is absolutely necessary to perform chassis warranty repairs. Grech RV will not reimburse any costs in the removal and re-installation of these components if it is: out of the warranty period; non-warranty repairs; and/or routine maintenance or service.

#### **WARRANTY VERSUS NON-WARRANTY**

Whether a particular problem is covered under the Grech RV Warranty depends, in some cases, on several factors. The Grech RV Service Department, determines coverages ahead of time on a case-by-case basis, either over the phone or at our Riverside, California facility.

#### **NON-WARRANTY REPAIRS PERFORMED**

If the service manager has determined that the repair is not covered, or you are sure that it is not covered, we would be pleased to recommend a service shop in your area, or schedule an appointment with the Grech RV Service Department, whichever is more convenient.

Other non-warranty parts and/or components needs may be handled by contacting the Grech RV Parts Department, directly at (1-855-994-7324). In order to expedite your parts order, have your Grech RV serial number, which starts with G-######, it is located on the driver's door jamb of the vehicle.

# EVENTS DISCHARGING WARRANTOR FROM OBLIGATION UNDER WARRANTY

Grech RV shall have no liability for any defect or damage caused by the original owner's use of parts or services which are not authorized by Grech RV or for any parts or paint which have been subject to misuse, neglect or accidents, or have been subject to external mechanical or chemical influences, especially stone chips, airborne rust or industrial fall-out.

Additionally, Grech RV will not have accountability for: misuse or neglect, accidents, unauthorized alterations, failure to provide reasonable and necessary maintenance, damage caused by off-road use, collision, fire, theft, vandalism, explosions, overloading, and odometer tampering shall discharge warrantor from any expressed or implied warranty obligation to repair any resulting defect.

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The information and specifications stated in this manual are current at time of publishing. Subsequently, all information contained in this manual is subject to change at any time, without notice.

If there is any doubt as to whether or not a repair is related to the Grech RV Warranty, call the Grech RV Service Department at (1-855-994-7324), this may save you time wasted at a chassis dealer or another service shop for a problem appropriately solved by contacting Grech RV Service Department.



#### **CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE**

Warranty repairs to your vehicle must be performed by an authorized dealer. While any authorized dealer handling your vehicle line will provide warranty service, we recommend to return to your selling authorized dealer who will want to ensure your continued satisfaction.

Some warranty repairs require special training and equipment, so not all authorized dealers are authorized to perform all warranty repairs. This means that, depending on the warranty repair needed, you may have to take your vehicle to another authorized dealer.

Time must be allowed to perform a repair after taking your vehicle to the authorized dealer. Repairs shall be made using new or remanufactured Grech RV components or other elements or components that are previously authorized by Grech RV.

#### **AWAY FROM HOME**

If you are away from home when your vehicle needs service, contact the Grech RV Customer Relations or use the online resources listed below:

Grech RV
Customer Relationship
6915 Arlington Avenue
Riverside, California 92504
Telephone: (1-855-994-7324)

#### **ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE**

If any questions or concerns arise or you are unsatisfied with the service you are receiving follow these steps:

- 1. Contact your Sales Representative or Service Advisor at your selling/servicing authorized dealer.
- 2. If the defect or concern remains unresolved, contact the sales manager, service manager or customer relations manager.
- 3. If you require assistance or clarification on Grech RV policies, please contact the Grech RV Customer Relationship Center.

For an easier and faster process please have the following information available when contacting Customer Relationship Center:

- VIN (Vehicle Identification Number)
- Your telephone number (home and business)
- The name of the authorized dealer and city where it is located.
- · The vehicle's current odometer reading.

In some states, you must directly notify Grech RV in writing before persuing remedies under your state's warranty laws. Grech RV is also allowed a final repair attempt in some states.

In the United States, a warranty dispute must be submitted to the BBB AUTO LINE before taking action under the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, or to the extent allowed by state law, before pursuing replacement or repurchase remedies provided by certain state laws.

To learn more about the specific automotive chassis not covered under the Grech RV Warranty or any other component in your vehicle, please contact your authorized selling dealer, Grech RV or review your Mercedez-Benz warranty package information.

<u>ww</u>If you believe that your vehicle has a defect which could cause a crash or could cause injury or death, you should inmmediately inform the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in addition to notifying Grech RV.

If NHTSA received similar complaints, it may open an investigation, and if it finds that a safety defect exists in group of vehicles, it may order a recall and remedy campaign. However, NHTSA cannot become involved in individual problems between you, your dealer or Grech RV.

To contact NHTSA, you may call the Vehicle Safety Hotline toll-fee at:

<u>1-888-327-4236</u> (TTY: 1-800- 424-9153)

Or visit, <a href="http://www.safercar.gov">http://www.safercar.gov</a> to obtain other information regarding vehicle safety or write to:

Administrator

1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast

Washington, D.C. 20590





Any item not passing inspection, must be reported immediately, before operating vehicle. Failure of highlighted item(s) to pass inspection will cause vehicle to be grounded.

	INSPECTION PROCEDURE	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
1	Check preventative maintenance schedule for services due at present mileage		
2	Calculate Load Carrying/Payload Capacity		
3	Check operation of drivers seat and seat belt		
4	Check operation of steering wheel and shift levers		
5	Check operation of turn indicators		
6	Check operation of foot pedals and parking brake		
7	Check operation of all gauges, for normal reading with engine running		
8	Check operation of dash indicator lights with key on, engine not started, then again with engine started		
9	Check operation of ventilation system: heating, defrosters, fans and air conditioning		
10	Check horn, wipers, washers, and mirrors for cleanliness, adjustment, operation and damage		
11	Check conditions of fire extinguisher and first aid kit		
12	Check all doors, glass and windows for operation, cleanliness, and damage.		
13	Check all emergency exits for operation, warning devices, markings, to be free and clear.		
14	Check interior lighting: for operation and damage.		
15	Check exterior lighting for operation and damage.		
16	Check exterior for cleanliness, markings and damage.		
17	Check fuel cap in place and secure.		
18	Check all tires and wheels for tread depth, cracks & bulges, missing lug nuts, and air pressure.		
19	Check engine coolant level.		
20	Check power steering fluid level.		
21	Check brake fluid level.		
22	Check DEF (Diesel Exhaust Fluid).		
23	Check belts for tension and wear.		
24	Check operation of cameras, if applicable		
25	Check operation of audio and video system, if applicable		

#### • WARNING

Discontinue operation of the vehicle, if a door opens while the vehicle is in motion.

#### NOTICE

Never operate this vehicle until the problem has been resolved.

#### • WARNING

Discontinue operation of the vehicle, if any critical item on the pre-trip inspection list fails to pass, or until all problems have been resolved.

#### CAUTION

If a door ajar warning light is lit, check all doors for proper closure.



# VEHICLE PREPARATION AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

Before beginning any trip, ensure you are throughly familiar with the operation and conditions of your vehicle. Make sure you know all about the components, features, appliances and limitations.

It is the responsibility of the owner and operator to read, understand and follow all considerations and instructions in this manual, the chassis manual, all appliances/equipment system manuals located in the information kit provided to you .

Adecuate preparation is essential for an enjoyable, successful and safe trip. The time you spend getting to know all about your vehicle will enhance the enjoyment of you and the passengers, will maximize the experience and contribute to a more prosperous, rewarding and fortunate trip.

Safety, comfort and easy of operation of your vehicle are key considerations during the design and manufacture of all vehicles.

In this manual you will find boxes with safety labels with key words such as: Danger, Warning, Caution and Notice which will emphasize areas of special concern in your sprinter. The meaning of these key words are:

#### DANGER

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, WILL result in death or serious injury.

#### • WARNING

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, COULD result in death or serious personal injury and/or damage to the vehicle.

#### **Q**CAUTION

Indicates a hazardous sitation which, if noy avoided, COULD result in minor or moderate personal injury and/or damage to the vehicle.

#### NOTICE

Identifies hazards not related to personal injury.

#### **CHECKLISTS**

#### **SAFETY CHECKLIST**

The following checklists highlights items that need to be checked on the vehicle before traveling. Prior to departing several items will need to be prepared.

Regular use of this checklist will provide a safe operation and long life span of your vehicle. It will also help to find a malfunction in an equipment or component before there is a bigger problem. By doing so, there is a better chance of not facing problems in the future.

#### **EXTERIOR CHECK LIST**

Before entering the Lusso Jet Van, follow these esential steps:

#### 1. Tire Inspection

- · Verify the condition of the tires.
- Maintain cold inflation pressure as recommended per tire specifications.

#### 2. Exterior Component Check

 Ensure all exterior components are unhooked and securely stored.

#### 3. Compartment Security

 Confirm that compartments and water filling openings are closed and locked.

#### 4. Securing Items

• Check that any items hooked or tied on the vehicle are properly secured.

#### 5. Fluid Levels

Adhere to all guidelines for checking and filling fluid levels.

#### 6. Lights and General Condition

 Inspect exterior lights and asses the overall condition of the vehicle.

#### 7. Safety Clearances

• Ensue there are no obstacles in the vehicle's path that could cause accidents or damage to the vehicle.

#### 8. Belongings Verification

- Confirm that all personal belongings are safely stored inside the vehicle.
- · Verify that no items are left behind on the exterior.

#### 9. Hitch Cover Safety

 If the hitch is not in use, ensure the hitch cover is securely in place and closed.

By adhering to this exterior checklist, you contribute to the safety and optimal performance of the Lusso unit.



#### **INTERIOR CHECK LIST**

Before driving the Lusso Jet Van, adhere to these guidelines:

#### 1. Refrigerator Safety

• Ensure the refrigerator door is securely closed and latched to prevent spills or injuries.

#### 2. Secure Loose Objects

- Check for small and potentially dangerous objects on countertops or shelves.
- Secure items to prevent injuries or loss in the event of crash or sudden braking.

#### 3. Cabinet Weight Distribution

 Avoid storing heavy items in high cabinets; place them in low cabinets for stability.

#### 4. Hazard Awareness

 Be mindful of food and liquids, securing them to prevent hazards during sudden movements.

#### 5. Door Security

 Confirm all doors are closed and securely locked while traveling.

#### 6. Safe Storage

 Ensure the safe stored in the rear area is properly secured and closed.

#### 7. Internal Stowage Security

• Verify that internal stowage is securely held in place.

#### 8. Switches and Lights

• Set switches and lights in safe positions for travel.

#### 9. Driver's Seat Comfort and Control

- Adjust the driver's seat to a comfortable position within reach of all controls.
- Modify the driver's seat only when the vehicle is parked and turned off to prevent accidents.

#### 10. Passenger Seat Belts

• Ensure all passengers are secured with seat belts.

#### 11. Mirror Adjustment

 Check and modify mirror adjustments if necessary for maximum visibility.

#### 12. Child Passenger Safety

 Small children should be in a federally-approved child restraint chair or device to enhance safety during a crash or sudden braking.

#### PRE ROAD TRIP TIPS

#### 1. Traveling:

 Refer to the chassis manual in the Lusso Information Kit for the engine starting, operation and stopping instructions.

#### 2. Inspection:

 Be aware of differences between passenger automobiles and a Jet Van when travelling. The key to safely operating the Lusso is inspection. Any defect found could result in problems on the road, causing a loss of time and money. Check for any required inspections before registration, as laws may vary. A systematic inspection conducted prior to moving the LUSSO will ensure nothing is overlooked and will assist in familiarizing the owner with the vehicle.

#### 3. Get Acquainted

• The location and height of the driver's seat in the Lusso is higher and further to the left than in most vehicles. This creates a different perspective of the roadway. Rely on the outside mirrors to align with the center of the road and check conditions behind the vehicle. The dashboard may contain more gauges and controls than what is normally found in a passenger car. Become familiar with these gauges and their indications before starting your journey.

#### 4. Controls

Lusso driver controls are similar to those of an automobile.
 Steering and braking controls are power-assisted to make driving as comfortable as possible. Since the LUSSO is higher, wider, and heavier than any automobile, the operator must anticipate and account for these differences.



#### **SEAT BELT SAFETY GUIDELINES**

For the safety of all occupants, adherence to seat belt usage is imperative while the vehicle is in motion. Both the driver's seat and all designated passenger seats equipped for travel are fitted with safety seat belts. Avoid occupying beds or seats lacking safety belts during vehicle movement.

#### To optimize safety:

- The driver and passenger seats must be consistently locked in the forward-facing position while the vehicle is in motion.
- Proper seat belt fastening involves pulling the belt from the retractor and inserting it into the buckle until a distinct dick is heard.

These measures contribute to a secure and protected travel environment for all.

#### **CARE FOR SEAT BELTS**

Maintaining clean and dry seat belts is essential for their effectiveness and longevity. Follow these guidelines for proper care:

#### Cleaning:

- Use mild soap and lukewarm water to clean the seat belts.
- Avoid using bleach, lye, or abrasive cleaners, as they can weaken the belt.

#### **Periodic Inspection:**

- · Regularly inspect the seat belts for any signs of damage.
- Check for cuts, frays, or loose parts that may compromise safety.

#### **Severe Impact:**

• In the event of a severe impact, consider replacing the entire belt assembly, even if there is no visible damage.

By adhering to these practices, you ensure that seat belts remain in optimal condition, contributing to the safety of all occupants.

#### CAUTION

#### For optimal safety:

#### **Seat Belt Attachment:**

- Use seat belts exclusively on permanently mounted seats.
   Individual Use:
- Do not use a single seat belt for more than one person. Following these guidelines ensures the effectiveness of seat belts and enhances the safety of each occupant during travel.

#### **DRIVING TIPS**

#### **MOUNTAIN DRIVING**

When navigating hilly or mountainous terrain, apply safe driving techniques tailored to the specific conditions. Prioritize checking and becoming familiar with the area to preemptively address potential challenges.

#### **CLIMBING A HILL**

Effectively traverse steep inclines by employing the following strategies:

#### **Utilize Lower Gears:**

 Opt for lower gears when ascending steep inclines. Lower gears provide increased torque, aiding in efficiently pulling the weight uphill.

#### **Transmission Strategy:**

 The vehicle's transmission is designed to automatically down-shift during prolonged uphill climbs. If you notice frequent shifting, manually select the lower gear for the duration of the climb to mitigate unnecessary wear and tear on the transmission.

Implementing these practices enhances safety, efficiency, and minimizes stress during mountainous journeys.

#### **DESCENDING A HILL**

- Selecting Lower Gear: When descending a hill, opt for a lower transmission gear to avoid prolonged brake applications.
   Continuous use of brakes under extreme conditions can lead to excessive wear, overheating, and potential failure, compromising control of the vehicle.
- Utilizing Engine Braking: For long descents, leverage the engine's braking force to maintain a safe, gradual speed.
   Avoid relying solely on the service brakes, as this can lead to overheating and reduced effectiveness.
- Caution Against "Pumping" Brakes: Avoid the practice of "pumping" or riding the service brakes during a descent, as it can lead to brake overheating and diminished effectiveness. Instead, use moderately heavy pressure on the brake pedal to achieve the desired speed and then release it.
- Transmission Downshifting: Before descending a grade, downshift the transmission to a lower gear, allowing the engine to assist in slowing the vehicle. Continuously monitor the speed during the descent.
- Auxiliary Braking Device: In the event of acceleration or the need to slow down while descending, activate the auxiliary braking device for additional control.



#### • NOTICE

A safe driving practice is to use the same lower gear position when descending a hill that you used while climbing the hill.

#### CAUTION

Extended brake applications can cause excessive wear, overheating and under extreme conditions, brake failure that could cause you to lose control of the vehicle.

#### **BACKING UP GUIDANCE**

Backing up poses a perpetual challenge, whether you're an experienced owner or a novice. To navigate this task successfully, rely on a combination of mirrors, a back-up camera, and the assistance of a co-pilot. It is advisable to practice in a parking lot before hitting the road, emphasizing the collaborative nature of backing up.

#### **Initiate the Process:**

 Begin the backing-up process while the vehicle is in forward motion.

#### **Alignment Maneuver:**

 Maneuver the vehicle to align with a chosen reference point or sign. This initial alignment sets the stage for a straight approach to the desired site.

#### **Visibility Check:**

 Ensure the vehicle is properly aligned with the site, making the parking area visible in both mirrors.

#### **Utilize Reference Points:**

• Use straight lines, such as road markings, as reference points to guide the backing-up process.

Remember, backing up is a team effort. Utilize the resources available, practice in controlled environments, and leverage reference points for a smoother and more precise backing-up experience.

#### NOTICE

If the destination does not have a "pull through" site, try to pick a solid, level site. If possible pick a site located on the left/drivers side of the vehicle.

#### **BACKING UP PROCEDURE**

In situations where there is no available spot on the left side, the driver will rely on right-side mirrors, which offer reduced road vision and increased blind spots

#### **Pre-Backing Checks:**

 Before initiating the backing-up process, it is crucial to bring the vehicle to a complete stop. Exit the vehicle and survey the area for potential obstacles such as rocks, low-hanging limbs, and signposts.

#### Co-Pilot's Role:

 The co-pilot plays an equally vital role. When backing up, position the co-pilot at the roadside corner for continuous visibility in the roadside mirror. This ensures the co-pilot can monitor for obstacles and provide hand signals during the process.

#### Safety Measures:

- If the driver loses sight of the co-pilot, the backing-up process halts until visibility is restored.
- If uncertainties arise, or if the driver is unsure of the surroundings, it's essential to pause the process and inspect all angles and potential concerns.

#### **Communication:**

 Utilizing walkie-talkies can greatly enhance communication efficiency between the co-pilot and driver, ensuring a smooth and well-coordinated backing-up process.

#### **ON THE ROAD GUIDELINES**

While the vehicle is designed for safe and comfortable travel at regular highway speeds, consider the following factors:

#### **Passing Other Vehicles:**

 Due to the extended time required to reach normal highway speeds, plan ahead when attempting to pass another vehicle. This is particularly crucial when passing uphill.

#### **Descending a Hill:**

 When descending a hill, be mindful of the added weight of the vehicle, necessitating heightened attention to speed, road conditions, and distance from other vehicles.

#### **Traffic Awareness:**

 Before entering traffic, practice stopping to familiarize yourself with the vehicle's stopping distance. Understand the distance required to come to a complete stop.

By being mindful of these considerations, you enhance safety and ensure a more controlled and informed travel experience on the road.



#### **DRIVING SAFETY TIPS**

#### **Backing Assistance:**

• When backing the vehicle, have someone stand on the rear, driver's side to guide you.

#### **Route Planning:**

 Before embarking on a trip, check routes for height restrictions, especially considering tunnels that may prohibit vehicles with LP gas systems.

#### Seatbelt Usage:

 While traveling, ensure all occupants correctly use their seatbelts for safety.

#### **Secure Interior Items:**

 Check that all doors are closed, and secure cabinets, drawers, and loose objects while in motion.

#### Fire Safety:

 Instruct passengers on fire safety protocols and maintain a properly charged fire extinguisher on board.

#### **Tire Maintenance:**

• Regularly check tires while traveling, monitoring tire pressures before each trip and refueling.

#### **Emergency Preparedness:**

 Carry a cell phone for emergencies. Do not drink and drive, text and drive, or use a cell phone while driving. Use hands-free systems.

#### **Defensive Driving:**

 Recognize the vehicle's limitations, including longer stopping distances and slower acceleration. Maintain ample space between vehicles and stay alert.

#### Mirror Usage:

 These vehicles have large blind spots, so use mirrors constantly. Signal early when changing lanes and be cautious of traffic in blind spots.

#### **Braking Techniques:**

• Stopping requires time and space. Maintain a safe distance from other vehicles to allow for proper braking.

#### Steep Hills and Downhill Slopes:

 Vehicles may struggle on steep hills. Slow down, shift to a lower gear, and monitor temperature gauges. Exercise caution on downhill slopes to prevent brake overheating.

#### **Road Placement:**

• Keep the vehicle in the center of the lane, as it is wider than a regular vehicle.

#### **Turning Maneuvers:**

 Make extended, wide turns, especially for right turns. Plan ahead, staying close to the center lane to avoid accidents.

#### Parking Precautions:

 If uncomfortable, have someone assist in directing the vehicle into parking spots. Be mindful of the reverse movement of trailers while towing.

By adhering to these safety tips, you enhance your driving experience and contribute to a safer journey on the road.



#### **TRAVEL TIPS**

As you embark on your journeys, drawing from personal experiences and sharing insights with fellow travelers can enrich your adventures. Explore camping and travel tips in outdoor magazines for additional guidance.

Here are some fundamental suggestions to enhance your travel and camping experience:

- Ensure all refrigerator and cabinet doors are securely closed.
   Exercise caution when opening after travel, as contents may have shifted.
- Familiarize yourself with the height and width of your vehicle, considering bridges and tunnels during your travels.
- Utilize mirrors while driving to gauge your position on the road. Remember, your vehicle requires a unique driving style compared to standard vehicles.
- When towing, ensure the combined weight of the towed vehicle stays within the GCWR specified on the vehicle certification label.
- · Review travel routes in advance.
- Fill your water tank with clean, potable water.
- Avoid using a new hose to prevent any residual taste of rubber or vinyl.
- Practice water conservation, especially during showers, as holding tanks have limited capacity.
- Dispose of sewage only at approved dumping sites.
- Store liquids in plastic containers with secure seals to prevent leaks.
- · Monitor holding tank levels regularly.
- Dumping regularly helps prevent buildup and potential odors.
   After dumping, add water to the black water tank to prevent solids from settling. Dump the black tank first, followed by the gray tank, to ensure effective waste removal.

- Avoid leaving odor-causing food or materials in your vehicle for extended periods. Ensure wet clothing and towels are thoroughly dried before storage.
- Confirm the readiness of your fire extinguisher and ensure all
  passengers are familiar with its operation. Prioritize safety by
  understanding the proper use of the extinguisher in case of
  emergencies.



#### **DRIVING CAUTIONS**

#### Edge of the Road:

 Avoid getting too close to the road's edge; soft shoulders may not support the weight of the vehicle.

#### **Lane Positioning:**

 Maintain optimal side spacing by centering the vehicle in the driving lane.

#### **Work Zone Awareness:**

 Exercise caution in work zones with uneven, congested, and narrower driving lanes.

#### **Debris Awareness:**

 Be vigilant for road debris that may damage the undercarriage or become lodged in dual tires, risking damage to tires or wheel rims.

#### **Adapting to Speed Limits:**

 Acknowledge that posted speed signs are rated for passenger automobiles. Adjust speed appropriately for sprinters driving conditions, especially on corners and mountain roads.

#### **Downgrade Speed:**

 Set downgrade speed at least 5mph less than upgrade speed, or a speed attainable within three seconds of brake application.

#### **Following Distance:**

- Maintain a four-second rule when following vehicles at speeds under 40mph.
- Extend to a five-second rule when following at speeds over 40mph.

#### **NIGHT DRIVING**

#### **Rest and Alertness:**

Ensure you are well-rested and alert before night driving.
 If needed, find a safe spot to rest until ready to continue.

#### **Interior Lights:**

 Avoid using interior lights while driving to prevent glare on the windshield and enhance visibility.

#### **Dash Light Dimming:**

Dim dash lights to a comfortable level to reduce glare.

#### **LEFT TURNS**

#### **Intersection Approach:**

 Begin the left turn when the center of the intersection is reached with your hips. Opt for the right-hand lane if two lanes are available, as it offers better visibility to other drivers.

#### **O**CAUTION

#### SIDE MIRROR ADJUSTMENT

Ensure the proper adjustment of the convex wing mirrors on the vehicle for enhanced visibility down the sides of your unit. Both you and your co-pilot should be able to utilize these mirrors effectively. The convex mirrors expand the field of vision, especially in blind spot areas, providing better visibility of passing vehicles and moving tires. However, keep in mind that objects may appear closer than they are, so refrain from using convex mirrors to judge distance accurately.

#### **RIGHT TURNS**

Negotiating a right-hand turn in a vehicle can be challenging. Many drivers may worry about encroaching into the adjacent lane or jumping the curb. Here are tips to make a right-hand turn easier:

- As the turn approaches, check the left lane in the mirror to ensure it's clear, then move wide to the left.
- When about to make the turn, ensure the left rear wheel touches the center line of the road, and your hips are parallel to the curb of the corner. This helps avoid a premature turn.
- Execute the turn slowly.
- Check mirrors frequently, maintaining awareness of necessary clearance and space management while negotiating the turn.



#### **WEATHER CONDITIONS**

As a traveler and driver, exploring new and remote areas may expose you to unusual and severe weather conditions. Stay vigilant and follow safety precautions:

- Be alert to sudden weather changes. Check weather reports frequently to stay informed.
- **Weather Watch:** Severe weather may develop. Be prepared.
- Weather Warning: Severe weather is occurring or imminent. Find a safe location immediately.
- Camp away from water bodies, leaving ample space and elevation between your vehicle and the water.
- In case of a flood, do not attempt to move your vehicle.
   Abandon it and return only after water levels subside.
   Never drive through flooded areas.
- · Follow all warnings and instructions from local authorities.
- Stock up on survival supplies for several days, including food, water, first aid items, and necessary medications.
- Inform someone of your destination and schedule when leaving home. Notify them of any changes to your plans.

#### **WET CONDITIONS**

The risk of hydroplaning is higher with worn or improperly inflated tires. Be mindful that heavy rain or deep standing water can impact brake application, causing uneven application or grabbing.

#### **EXTREME HOT WEATHER**

Regularly check all gauges for any variations from normal conditions. Monitor tire pressure frequently, especially in hot conditions, as tire air pressure increases with heat. Avoid letting air out of hot tires; they will return to the correct pressure when cooled. Pay extra attention to hoses and belts, as they are more susceptible to fatigue in extreme heat.

#### **COLD CLIMATE CONDITIONS**

Prepare the van for cold weather use. Maintain slow and steady speeds, make gradual moves, and increase visual distance for improved reaction time. In treacherous road or weather conditions, find a safe stopping place and wait for conditions to improve. Ensure wipers are in good condition, the washer reservoir has sufficient antifreeze-containing fluid, use mirror heat to keep them clear, and remove any ice build-up from entry steps to prevent slipping.

#### **GENERAL HANDLING**

The power-to-weight ratio is lower than that of the average automobile. It is essential to compensate for slower acceleration when moving into traffic or when passing another vehicle. Allow extra room to corner and to change lanes. When going underneath a bridge or similar overhang, you must be aware of your maximum height.

#### **HIGH WIND HANDLING**

High winds or strong wind gusts may lead to unpredictable handling and control. When encountering high winds or strong wind gusts, proceed as follows: Slow down significantly so you can maintain control of your vehicle. Find a safe place to pull off the road and take shelter. Park your vehicle facing directly into the wind to minimize high wind buffeting.

#### NOTICE

All occupants must be familiar with the safety precautions and tips written in this manual and should be alert to changing weather.

#### • NOTICE

Always know the weather forecast for your area, along with your destination and your route on travel days.

#### CAUTION

Choose campsites with an eye toward potential hazards if a sudden storm were to sneak up on you. Trees with low-hanging branches, nearby bodies of water, and other natural or man made objects can quickly become dangerous in an extreme weather situation.

#### CAUTION

Be aware of your location and surroundings. In the event of an emergency, you'll want to be able to report the address of your location to authorities.



#### **EMERGENCIES WHILE DRIVING**

#### **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

Your vehicle is designed with features that allow the driver and occupants to resolve some emergencies or failures while traveling. Review this section to become familiar with the recommended procedures to resolve these conditions or situations.

When traveling with your vehicle, there might be certain situations, emergencies, or failures that the driver and passengers should know how to handle and resolve. Review this section to familiarize yourself with the recommended procedures to resolve any particular emergencies or problems you may encounter.

#### **HAZARD WARNING LIGHTS**

Your vehicle is equipped with a hazard warning light system. Front and rear turn signals flash in unison when the system is turned on. It is located in the cockpit.



**To switch on/off:** Press the Hazard Warning Lamp Switch. If you have indicated a turn while the hazard warning lamps are switched on, only the turn signal lamps on the side of the vehicle selected will light up.

The hazard warning lamps will switch on automatically if:

- An airbag is deployed.
- You brake sharply and bring the vehicle to a halt from a speed of more than 45 mph (70 km/h).

If the hazard warning lamps have been switched on automatically, press the hazard warning lamp switch to switch them off.

#### NOTICE

Hazard warning lamps work even when the ignition is switched off.

Activate the hazard warning lights whenever the vehicle is stopped on the side of the road or near moving traffic. The hazard warning lights alert other drivers to a potential hazard, prompting them to take extra precautions. The hazard warning lights will continue flashing when the switch is on, even when the key is in the off position or removed from the ignition.

#### **FLAT TIRE**

If you experience a flat tire while operating your vehicle, gradually slow down to prevent loss of control and pull over to the side of the road. Whether the tire blows while driving or you discover a flat in the morning, stop on a level paved surface and engage the parking brake.

This vehicle doesn't come with a spare tire, let alone a jack capable of lifting its weight. Even if you had the proper equipment, it would take up space you may not have for your vehicle. The safest and most reliable option is to contact a mechanic or a qualified roadside repair service specialist.

Follow these steps if you need to change a tire or have the opportunity and equipment to do so:

- 1. Turn on the hazard warning lights.
- **2.** Place wheel chocks in front and rear of the tires on the opposite side of the flat tire.
- **3.** Immediately contact a qualified roadside repair service specialist since your vehicle is not equipped with a spare tire.
- **4.** If roadside service is unavailable, inspect the flat tire to determine if you can service or repair it.
- **5.** If you can service or repair the flat tire, you must raise the vehicle using the jack.
- **6.** Consult the chassis manual in the vehicle information kit provided with the vehicle to locate the appropriate jack placement locations on the chassis.
- **7.** If the ground is soft or unstable, carefully move the vehicle to a safe location before attempting to lift it with the jack.
- **8.** Use a jacking board for stability on loose or soft ground.
- **9.** Raise the vehicle with the jack following the instructions in the chassis manual.
- **10.** Never allow a person to be under the vehicle at any time while raising or supporting it with the jack.
- **11.** Before resuming travel with a new or repaired tire, ensure the lug nuts are tightened in the proper sequence and to the torque specified in the chassis manual. Use a torque wrench to ensure the specified torque is achieved. Recheck and retorque the wheel lug nuts after 25 and 100 miles (40 miles and 160 km) of operation.

#### NOTICE

It is important to take a regular account of each tire's presure. You should check your tire pressure every morning before you drive. Ensuring that they're at the right pressure will not only save you from possible blowout, but it'll also keep you driving with better fuel efficiency.



#### **VEHICLE PREPARATION**

#### **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

If you are careless with dangerous materials such as cigarettes, matches, flammable material, or any hazardous material, the potential for accidents is substantially elevated.

#### **WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION**

It is highly critical that you organize great distribution for your additional cargo plus the weight of fresh water and waste water tanks and storage areas within the vehicle.

Remember, with great and equipped storage comes major responsibility. If in a situation where you want to travel and occupy all the storage compartments, the volume of fluids may have to decrease. It is preferable to hook up to a city water supply (if the place has one) and with that, the water load on the route is reduced and storage increases.

#### **TIRES**

Properly maintained tires with suitable inflation pressure are significant for proper tire load-carrying capacity, steering, stopping, traction, load-carrying, and wear.

Unsuitable pressure will lead to unusual wear and sudden tire failure. Weigh the vehicle fully loaded for travel to establish the appropriate tire inflation pressure. If one tire position on the axle is heavier than the other one, inflate both sides according to the heaviest side.

#### **MOLD**

Mold and mold spores exist throughout indoor and outdoor environments. There is no practical way to eliminate all mold and mold spores in the indoor environment; however, the way to control indoor mold growth is to control moisture.

#### **CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY**

When your vehicle is in your possession, right away as you walk in for the first time you may notice a strong odor and/or experience a chemical sensitivity. This is not a defect or flaw in your new vehicle; the reason is that it may have been closed for a prolonged period. A new vehicle has many products, such as carpet, linoleum, plywood, insulation, upholstery. Unlike a new home or a new car, a van is smaller in space, and the interior equipment and hardware are very different.

#### **HYDRAULIC JACK**

A hydraulic jack is a device designed to lift heavy loads by applying force through a hydraulic cylinder. This type of jack elevates loads using pressure within the cylinder chamber. In case of an emergency, you can locate the hydraulic jack under the passenger's seat.





#### NOTICE

#### **Starting Caution:**

Do not attempt to push or tow the vehicle to start it. The powertrain is not designed to transmit torque for turning the engine over during starting.

#### • NOTICE

Attempting to pull or tow the vehicle to start it may result in major drivetrain component failure or damage.

#### **BATTERY ISSUES**

If the vehicle won't start and there's no response when attempting to turn on the engine, a dead battery is a likely culprit. If the engine doesn't crank and no dashboard lights illuminate, consider the following steps:

#### **Check Battery Connections:**

- Inspect battery terminals for corrosion.
- Use a battery terminal cleaner to remove corrosion and ensure a clean connection.

#### Jump Start:

- If the battery is the issue, a jump start from another vehicle may be a temporary solution.
- Seek assistance from another vehicle owner or call a roadside repair service for a jump start.

#### **Professional Assistance:**

- If the problem persists, especially if the battery is dead, consider seeking professional help.
- Contact a roadside repair service for assistance.

#### **Debris Awareness:**

 Be vigilant for road debris that may damage the undercarriage or become lodged in dual tires, risking damage to tires or wheel rims.



#### **BREAKDOWN ON THE ROADWAY**

If the van breaks down on the road:

#### **Pull Off Safely:**

- Move the vehicle to a safe location off the road.
- · Engage the parking brake.

#### **Warning Lights:**

• Turn on hazard warning lights to alert other drivers.

#### **Chock Wheels:**

 If on uneven or unstable ground, use wheel chocks for stability.

#### **Contact Towing Service:**

- Call an approved towing service.
- Provide vehicle information, including weight, length, width, and height.
- Ensure they dispatch an appropriately sized truck.

If engine trouble persists and is unrelated to the battery, or if you're unable to identify and resolve the issue, seek professional assistance from a qualified service center. If the vehicle won't run at all, consider calling for a tow service to transport it to the nearest service center.

#### • WARNING

#### **Jump Starting Instructions:**

If you encounter difficulty starting your engine, refer to the Chassis Manual in the Owner's Manual provided in the Information Kit for detailed jump-starting instructions. For further assistance or to locate approved repair centers, please contact Grech. They can provide guidance and support to ensure your vehicle gets the attention it needs.

#### **CHECKING FOR STEAM AND OVERHEATING**

If you observe steam coming out of your vehicle, particularly from the engine area, it's essential to take immediate precautions:

#### **Pull Over Safely:**

 Move to the side of the road and park your vehicle in a safe location away from traffic.

#### **Turn Off the Engine:**

 Once safely parked, turn off the engine and allow it to cool down.

#### **Exercise Caution:**

 The hood will be very hot, so use caution when opening it. Allow the engine to cool for a few minutes before attempting to check.

#### Do Not Open the Radiator Cap:

 Avoid opening the radiator cap while the engine is hot to prevent burns. The cooling system is pressurized.

#### **Check Coolant Levels:**

 Open the hood and carefully check the coolant levels in the reservoir. If levels appear normal, it could indicate a faulty temperature gauge.

#### Inspect for Leaks:

 Look for any signs of coolant leaks around hoses, the radiator, or the water pump. Leaks could contribute to overheating.

#### **Verify Belt Condition:**

• Check for loose or broken belts, as they can impact the proper functioning of the cooling system.

#### **Check the Thermostat:**

 A faulty thermostat can lead to overheating. If you are familiar with the thermostat location, check for proper operation.

#### **Inspect the Water Pump:**

 A malfunctioning water pump can contribute to cooling system issues. Ensure it is working correctly.

#### **Call for Assistance:**

 If you are unable to identify or resolve the issue, call a towing service to transport your vehicle to the nearest repair facility.

#### **Consult the Chassis Manual:**

 Refer to the Chassis Manual in the Owner's Manual for specific instructions and guidance on dealing with engine overheating.

Always prioritize safety and seek professional assistance when dealing with engine overheating to avoid potential damage to your vehicle.



#### Be Prepared with Spare Parts:

 Having spare hoses, clamps, and the correct coolant for your vehicle can be helpful if you encounter issues on the road.

#### Seek Professional Assistance:

 If you cannot identify or resolve the problem, call for professional assistance or have your vehicle towed to a repair facility.

Always prioritize safety and take necessary precautions when dealing with an overheating engine to prevent further damage and ensure a prompt resolution of the issue.

If you observe any issues with your vehicle, particularly concerning the engine or overheating, it's highly recommended to promptly contact a mechanic or specialist. Continuing to drive without addressing potential problems can lead to permanent damage to your vehicle's engine or worse, result in an accident.

In the event you suspect your engine is overheating, it's crucial to prioritize safety. Pull over to a safe location, assess the situation, and do not resume driving until you have resolved the issue or sought professional assistance. Ignoring potential dangers may not only lead to lasting damage but also pose significant safety risks.

While a well-maintained engine significantly reduces the risk of overheating, even the most pristine engines can encounter problems. Being aware of warning signs and knowing how to respond when issues arise can be instrumental in saving your engine from irreversible damage.

Remember, early intervention, regular maintenance, and a commitment to safety are key to ensuring the longevity and safe operation of your vehicle.

#### **OVERHEATING SOLUTION**

If you suspect your vehicle's engine may be overheating, especially during challenging conditions like ascending a mountain on a hot summer day or covering long distances, it's essential to address the situation promptly. Here are key steps to take:

- 1. Safely pull over to the side of the road and come to a stop.
- 2. Turn off the engine.
- **3.** Check the coolant level in the recovery tank, ensuring it falls between the "full" and "add" marks.
- **4.** If the coolant level is low, take the following steps:
  - Inspect for visible leaks at hose connections, the radiator, and water pump.
  - Verify the water pump belt's tightness and confirm the cooling fan is operational.
  - Add coolant to the recovery tank if the level is low.
  - If there are leaks, a loose or broken water pump belt, or the red warning light remains on, refrain from starting the engine until the issues are resolved.
- 5. Once the temperature gauge returns to normal, cautiously resume driving, monitoring the gauge. Do not continue driving until the problem is corrected and the temperature has stabilized.
- 6. Check and replenish oil levels if necessary.
- **7.** If either issue persists, seek prompt servicing for your vehicle. Addressing the problem swiftly can prevent it from escalating into a more significant and costly concern.

#### • WARNING

To avoid burns or other injury, allow coolant to cool before removing any cap from a radiator or coolant recovery tank.

#### • NOTICE

The hazard warning lamps work even when the ignition is switched off.

#### • NOTICE

When freeze plugs wear out, or when a hose rusts, coolant can leak slowly from your car's system. Leaks can also be caused by increased water pressure from overloading the system with coolant. Regardless of the culprit, leaks should be addressed immediately, to avoid serious damage to your engine.

#### • NOTICE

Coolant, also known as anti-freeze, protects your cooling system while aiding the water in absorbing heat from the engine. With the addition of coolant, water doesn't corrode the system as much. In general, you should use a coolant to water ratio of 1:1.



#### **EMERGENCY TIPS FOR OVERHEATING**

In case you can't pull over at the moment while traveling or you are stuck in traffic please follow these tips:

#### Turn off the A/C:

 Reduce the load on the engine by turning off the air conditioning system, which consumes a significant amount of energy.

#### Switch on the Cabin Heater:

 Increase the cabin temperature by turning on the cabin heater and setting it to the highest level. While it may be uncomfortable, this action helps transfer some of the engine's heat into the passenger compartment, minimizing potential engine damage as long as the ignition is on.

#### If trapped in traffic, rev up the engine:

 In heavy traffic where pulling over is challenging, shift into neutral and rev the engine. This action increases the engine's fan speed and activates the water pump, providing an additional flow of air and fluid through the radiator to cool down the engine.

#### Pull over when safe:

 As soon as you can, locate a safe parking place and shut down the engine. Contact an emergency roadside service for assistance.

These steps can help manage the situation temporarily until you can safely address the overheating issue.

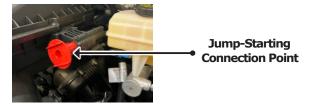
#### DANGER

Overheating is a serious mechanical issue and ignoring the issue and problem to your rig's overheating signals can result in serious injury or death.

#### **JUMP-STARTING**

Avoid using rapid charging devices to start your vehicle. In the event of a discharged battery, you can jump-start the engine using jumper cables connected to another vehicle or a donor battery. Locate the designated jump-starting connection point in the engine compartment for this purpose.

If your vehicle needs a jump-start or if you're assisting another vehicle, always utilize the designated jump-starting connection point in the engine compartment for a safe and effective procedure.



When engaging in the jump-starting process, consider the following guidelines:

- In some vehicles, the battery may not be easily accessible. If this is the case, use a donor battery or a jump-starting device as an alternative.
- Avoid starting the engine if the battery is frozen; allow it to thaw before attempting a jump-start.
- Ensure that jump-starting is only performed using batteries with a nominal voltage of 12V.
- Use jumper cables with adequate cross-section and insulated terminal clamps for a safe and effective connection.
- If the battery is fully discharged, connect it to another vehicle's battery for a few minutes before attempting to start. This helps charge the depleted battery slightly.
- Maintain a safe distance between the two vehicles to prevent any contact during the jump-starting process.

#### • NOTICE

Bare parts of the terminal clamps do not come into contact with other metal parts while the jumper cables are connected to the battery.

#### • NOTICE

Make sure the jumper cables are not damaged.

#### • NOTICE

The jumper cables cannot come into contact with parts such as the V-belt pulley or the fan. These parts move when the engine is started while it is running.

#### • NOTICE

Jumper cables and further information regarding jump starting can be obtained at any qualified specialist workshop.



#### FIRE EXTINGUISHER

When it comes to fire safety, proper testing and maintenance of fire extinguishers are not only essential but legally required. After undergoing these critical activities, your extinguisher is labeled to certify its readiness for action.

#### **KEY DETAILS ON LABELS**

- **Instructions for Use and Classification:** The label provides instructions on how to use the fire extinguisher and its classification for different types of fires.
- Serial and Model Identification: The label includes vital details like the serial number, model number, or other unique identifiers specific to your extinguisher.
- Fitness Confirmation: It confirms the extinguisher's fitness for purpose after testing and maintenance, ensuring reliability during emergencies.
- Important Characteristics: Information about the model, discharge time, and other key characteristics is provided. Intended temperatures for usage are specified.
- Inspection and Maintenance: Check the pressure indicator monthly or more frequently if exposed to weather or vandalism.
   Ensure the nozzle is free of obstructions and that the ring pull pin and tamper seal are intact. Heft or weigh the extinguisher to ensure it falls within tolerance limits.

Adhering to these guidelines ensures the fire extinguisher remains in optimal condition and ready for effective use in case of a fire emergency.

#### NOTICE

#### **Training and Education:**

- Provide training to household members or employees on how to use the fire extinguisher correctly in case of an emergency.
- Display clear instructions near the extinguisher on how to operate it effectively.
- Never allow misuse or children to play with fire extinguishers.
- Avoid testing the extinguisher as any discharge will cause pressure loss.

#### NOTICE

The extinguishing agent is non-toxic.

#### • NOTICE

**Mandatory Record-Keeping:** Compliance with legal requirements involves meticulous record-keeping. The label serves as documented history, affirming that your fire extinguisher meets regulatory standards.

**Readiness for Emergency Response:** Adhering to the information on the label contributes to the readiness of your extinguisher, ensuring it performs effectively when urgently needed.

#### WARNING

#### **Discharge and Replacement:**

After any use, the unit must be completely discharged and replaced. Discard and replace the extinguisher if it is dropped, damaged, dented, corroded, or if any discrepancies are noted.

#### • NOTICE

Regularly inspect the tag to understand its vital information, and if any adjustments are needed, seek professional help for authorized alterations. This proactive approach strengthens fire safety measures, ensuring a secure environment for yourself and those nearby.

#### WARNING

#### **Avoid Unauthorized Alterations:**

It's important to refrain from unauthorized actions on the label to preserve the extinguisher's efficacy. Unauthorized alterations, removals, or markings can compromise the documented history and effectiveness of the extinguisher.







#### **O**CAUTION

#### Storage and Environmental Condition:

- Do not expose the fire extinguisher to extreme temperatures or direct sunlight for prolonged periods.
- Avoid storing the extinguisher near corrosive materials or in areas with high humidity.

#### • NOTICE

#### **Maintenance Recommendations:**

- Schedule regular professional inspections and maintenance to ensure the extinguisher remains in optimal condition.
- Keep a log of inspection dates, maintenance activities, and any replacements made for record-keeping and compliance purposes.

#### CAUTION

#### **Maintenance Recommendations:**

- Do not break or remove the tamper seal until a fire emergency.
- Keep the extinguisher accessible and visible, avoiding obstruction by objects or furniture.
- Dispose of expired or damaged extinguishers following local regulations and guidelines for hazardous waste disposal.
- Contact a professional disposal service if unsure about proper disposal methods



#### **FIRE EXTINGUISHER LOCATION**

Portable fire extinguishers are vital lifesaving tools, especially in vehicles like sprinters where fire incidents can occur. Proper preparation and prevention are essential.

The fire extinguisher is located behind the passenger's seat.

#### • NOTICE

In reference to the U.S Fire Administration reports, the top causes for fires in sprinters are unintentional actions and failure of equipment or heat source. It is very rare that the fire is cause an act of nature. Leading areas of origin inside Sprinter's are typically in the engine area, running gear, wheel area of the vehicle. Because there can be diverse sources of ignition on a Sprinter, the NFPA requires that all Sprinters must have a B:C rated fire extinguisher.

#### **TYPES OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

Fire extinguishers come in different classes, each designed to handle specific types of fires. The NFPA mandates that vehicles like Sprinters should have a Class 1-A:10-B:C extinguisher due to potential risks such as engine fires, propane or gas spills, which are common in and around a vehicle.

- Class A: Suitable for ordinary combustibles such as wood, paper, and plastics.
- Class B: Designed for flammable liquids and gases.
- Class C: Intended for fires involving live electrical equipment.
- Class D and K: Used for fires related to metals or cooking oils.

#### WARNING

#### Safety Tips During a Fire:

- Maintain a safe distance from the fire and stay near an exit for a quick escape.
- Stay close to the floor to minimize exposure to heat and fumes, as smoke rises.
- The fire extinguisher can discharge its chemical agent up to 10 feet (3 meters) away, so aim carefully and use it from a safe distance.

#### • WARNING

Operating the vehicle is not advised without a functional fire extinguisher onboard.

#### **O**CAUTION

The first rule of vehicle firefighting is to save lives first and property second. Get yourself and the passengers to safety before attempting to extinguish any fire. Only if you can, without endangering yourself or others, should you use firefighting aids on hand. Re-emphasize to everyone aboard that objects can be replaced, people can't. NEVER re-enter a burning vehicle to retrieve anything. Get out and stay out.

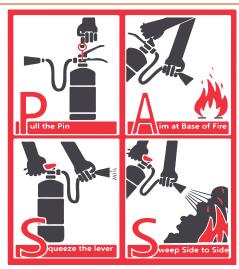
#### **FIRE EXTINGUISHER OPERATION**

A helpful mnemonic to remember the correct fire extinguisher usage is P.A.S.S, which stands for:

- P Pull: Pull the pin located at the top of the extinguisher and hold it upright.
- **A Aim:** Aim the nozzle at the base (bottom) of the fire while standing six feet away.
- **S Squeeze:** Squeeze the handle/lever to discharge the agent.
- **S Sweep:** Sweep the nozzle from side to side until the fire is extinguished.

#### • WARNING

Ensure you maintain a safe distance of 8 to 10 feet from the fire to protect yourself from heat and potential hazards. If the fire cannot be controlled quickly, evacuate the vehicle immediately and contact emergency services. Do not attempt to extinguish large or uncontrollable fires on your own.



After successfully extinguishing the fire, fully discharge the fire extinguisher and arrange for immediate recharging or replacement.

#### WARNING

After the fire is out, beware of flashback. Flashback occurs when flammable vapors from combustible liquids spread back to the ignition source and reignite the fire.

#### • WARNING

It's crucial not to attempt firefighting unless you've contacted the fire department first. Remember, a fire extinguisher is not a replacement. for professional firefighting services.

#### • NOTICE

It's essential to ensure that all family members are trained in using the extinguishers effectively.



#### **FIRE EXTINGUISHER'S MAINTENENCE**

Regular maintenance of the fire extinguisher in your vehicle is crucial for ensuring its functionality during emergencies. While professional inspections are not required for portable fire extinguishers in the vehicle, conducting visual inspections regularly is highly recommended.

Here are some key maintenance practices to follow:

- **Visual Inspections:** Check the fire extinguisher regularly for signs of damage, corrosion, or leaks. Ensure that the pressure gauge indicates green, indicating that the extinguisher is ready for use. If the extinguisher has been used previously, it should be replaced.
- Monthly Inspections: It is advisable to inspect the fire extinguisher at least once a month. This frequency may need to be increased if the extinguisher is exposed to high temperatures or potential tampering.
- Avoid Partial Discharges: Do not test the extinguisher by partially discharging it, as this can cause the internal pressure to escape, rendering the extinguisher ineffective.
   If a discharge is necessary, it should be a full discharge during an actual emergency.
- Address Powder Compression: Some extinguishers
  may experience powder compression over time, causing
  the powder to settle and harden at the bottom. To address
  this, invert or shake the extinguisher gently to loosen
  the powder. If needed, lightly tap the extinguisher to
  help dislodge the settled powder. You will feel and hear
  the powder falling, indicating that it has been effectively
  loosened.

By adhering to these maintenance practices, you can ensure that your fire extinguisher remains in optimal condition, ready to tackle any fire emergency effectively.



#### • NOTICE

Extinguishers require an annual inspection to ensure they remain fully functional for use in emergencies. During the check-up, ensure that the pin and tamper seal are intact and that the pressure gauge indicates the green zone, indicating readiness.

#### NOTICE

Following advice from the "Make it Right" Home Renovation site, it's recommended to periodically invert the extinguisher. This action helps prevent the extinguishing agent from settling at the bottom, where it can compact over time, similar to flour. By turning the fire extinguisher upside down several times, you can break up any compacted agent and maintain its effectiveness.

Regularly monitor the pressure gauge of your fire extinguisher to ensure optimal performance. A loss of pressure can lead to ineffective discharge of the dry chemical agent. Always ensure your vehicle has a fully charged fire extinguisher before operating or occupying it to maintain safety standards.



#### • NOTICE

If the pointer on the pressure gauge is not in the operating range (pointer in the green portion of the gauge), immediately replace the extinguisher. Record the inspection date on the tag provided.

#### **TIPS TO AVOID FIRE ACCIDENTS**

Before hitting the road, it is crucial that all passengers know about safety tips when travelling:

- Educate passengers on safety protocols before traveling, including the location of the fire extinguisher and how to use it effectively in emergencies.
- Be prepared during fire emergencies, as time is limited and nearby components can exacerbate the situation.
- Ensure regular inspection and maintenance of the fire extinguisher to guarantee its reliability when needed.
- Promptly clean up any fuel spills to prevent rapid ignition, gasoline and propane, which pose immediate fire risks.
- Secure small batteries in a plastic container to prevent movement and potential fire hazards.
- Maintain mechanical systems such as radiator hoses, fuel lines, brakes, and transmissions to prevent leaks or malfunctions that could lead to fire hazards.



#### **TOWING**

At times, you might find the need to tow a trailer with your vehicle, allowing you to carry additional items for your travels. However, towing a trailer can impact various aspects of your vehicle, including handling, durability, performance, and fuel economy. The factory-installed towing hitch comes with a 5,000 lb towing package, providing ample capacity for your travel needs.

The towing **capacity** of a vehicle is **how much** weight it can tow. The towing capacity is determined mainly by which **axles** the truck has and their **ratings**. Because no two vehicles are the same, it is important to know your **specific vehicle ratings**. This can be found on the **doorframe** on the driver's side. These numbers may be easy to **overlook**, but they determine what **type** of trailer you can tow **safely**.

It's crucial to adhere to the following specifications:

- **Towing Hitch Rating:** The factory-installed towing hitch is rated with a 5,000 lb towing package, ensuring you have the necessary capacity for towing.
- Gross Combined Weight Rating (GCWR): The combined weight of your vehicle and any towed vehicle must not exceed the GCWR.
- Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR): Ensure that the combined weight of your vehicle and any towed vehicle hitch weight does not surpass the sprinter's GVWR or its rear Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) as indicated on the vehicle certification label.

Adhering to these guidelines is essential to ensure safe and efficient towing without compromising the performance and safety of your vehicle.

#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTES ABOUT TOWING**

#### • NOTICE

Information on the Gross Vehicle Weight can be found on the Vehicle Identification Plate.

Towing a vehicle involves certain safety considerations to ensure a smooth and secure operation. Here are some important safety notes to keep in mind:

#### **Legal Requirements:**

 When towing, adhere to the legal requirements of the country in which you are driving. It is advisable to consider alternative transportation methods, such as having the vehicle transported on a trailer, to comply with regulations and enhance safety.

#### **Battery Connection:**

Ensure that the vehicle's battery is connected and charged.
 A charged battery is essential for turning the key in the ignition lock, preventing any complications during towing.

#### **Automatic Locking Feature:**

 Before towing the vehicle, switch off the automatic locking feature. Failure to do so may result in inadvertently locking yourself out of the vehicle during the towing process.

These safety measures are crucial for a trouble-free towing experience and to prevent any unwanted complications or issues. Always prioritize safety and compliance with local regulations when towing a vehicle.

#### **TOWING AWAY IN THE EVENT OF MALFUNCTIONS**

#### • NOTICE

For more information, please refer to the Mercedes-Benz Interactive Operator's Manual provided in the Sprinter's Information Kit.

#### Front or Rear Axle Damage:

 If your vehicle sustains front or rear axle damage, it is recommended to have it transferred on a transporter or trailer. This approach ensures the safe transport of the vehicle without causing further damage.

#### **Transmission Damage:**

- Always use new bolts when installing the propeller shafts.
- Propeller shafts should only be fitted or removed by qualified skilled personnel.
- If the vehicle has transmission damage, remove the propeller shaft before towing.



#### **Towing with Front or Rear Axle Raised:**

- When towing with the front or rear axle raised:
- Switch off the ignition.
- Utilize new bolts during propeller shaft installation.
- Only allow qualified skilled personnel to fit or remove the propeller shafts.

#### **Towing with Both Axles on the Ground:**

 For towing the vehicle with both axles on the ground, additional precautions are essential to ensure a safe towing process.

#### • NOTICE

If the front axle is damaged, raise the vehicle at the front axle and if the rear axle is damaged, raise the vehicle at the rear axle.

#### • WARNING

You can no longer steer the vehicle if the steering wheel lock has been engaged. There is a risk of an accident. Always switch off the ignition when towing the vehicle with a tow cable or a tow bar.

#### • NOTICE

Do not exceed the towing speed of 30 mph (50 km/h). You could otherwise damage the transmission.

#### **Recovering a Stuck Vehicle:**

When your vehicle gets stuck, follow these guidelines for a safe recovery:

- Exercise extreme caution during the recovery process.
- Never attempt to recover a vehicle with a trailer attached.

#### **Backward Recovery Technique:**

If the tires are trapped on loose or muddy ground, consider the following:

- Opt for pulling out the vehicle backward, if possible.
- Utilize the tracks created by the stuck vehicle to facilitate a smoother recovery process.

Implementing these recovery tips helps minimize the risk of damage and ensures a safer extraction of the stuck vehicle.

#### **HITCH COVER**

#### **Understanding the Hitch**

A hitch serves as the vital link between a tow vehicle and a trailer, providing a secure connection. In the case of this vehicle, it features a Rear Receiver Trailer Hitch, a commonly used type of hitch known for its versatility.

#### **Protective Measures with Hitch Covers**

To safeguard the hitch from external elements like rain, dew, frost and sunlight, a hitch cover is recommended. These covers play a crucial role in preventing rust and water damage, especially when the vehicle is not in daily use.

#### **Steps to remove Hitch Covers**

- 1. Kneel down behind the rear bumper.
- 2. Identify two screws on each corner of the cover at the bottom.
- 3. Carefully remove the screws to detach the hitch cover.
- **4.** Once removed, store the hitch cover safely inside the vehicle.

By using a hitch cover, it does not only extend the life of the hitch, but also ensures that the hitch compartment remains in optimal condition, especially during periods of non-use.







#### **FIVE DIRECTIONAL SIGNALS**

When the co-pilot guides the driver, use five clear signals, one at a time, with confidence. These signals are designed for easy comprehension through the driver's mirror. Refrain from issuing additional signals until the driver initiates the desired motion.

#### During travel:

#### **Bridge Weight Verification:**

- Ensure the vehicle's weight aligns with posted tonnage limits on bridges.
- Signs at bridge entrances provide crucial weight-related information.

#### **Overhead Clearance Caution:**

- Confirm the posted height of overpasses or areas with limited overhead clearance.
- Account for variations due to repaved road surfaces or snow accumulation.

#### WARNING

#### Safety Reminder:

Adjusting vehicle settings, including mirrors, while the vehicle is in motion poses a considerable risk of injury. To prioritize safety:

- Perform adjustments when the vehicle is stationary and safely parked.
- Engaging in these activities while driving diverts attention from the road, increasing the likelihood of accidents, collisions, or loss of control. Make adjustments only when the vehicle is not in motion, ensuring the well-being of both the driver and others on the road.

#### • NOTICE

These five directional signals not only signify the intended direction for the rear movement of the vehicle but are also integral to maintaining a safe and controlled journey.

#### **MEANING OF THE FIVE DIRECTIONAL SIGNALS**

Both the driver and co-pilot should practice and understand these signals:

#### Go Right:

 The co-pilot will extend the left hand horizontally, forefinger pointing right, signaling the driver to move the rear of the vehicle to the right.

#### Go Left:

 The co-pilot will extend the right hand horizontally, forefinger pointing left, indicating the driver to move the rear of the vehicle to the left.

#### **Straight Back:**

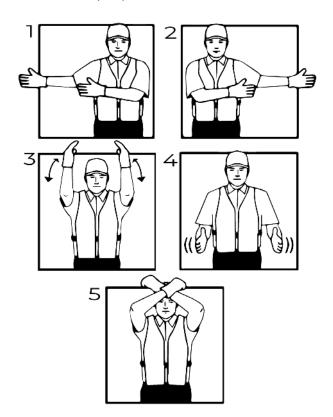
 The co-pilot will use both arms and hands parallel, with thumbs pointing up and to the rear in a waving vertical motion, signaling the driver to maintain a straight backward direction.

#### **Distance from Stopping Point:**

 The co-pilot will hold arms horizontally, palms facing each other with hands open. Starting with a wide separation and gradually closing the distance between hands at a rate corresponding to the vehicle's speed, indicating the distance to the stopping point.

#### Stop:

• Closed fists and crossed arms signal the driver to immediately stop the vehicle.





#### **MIRRORS**

Rely on your driving mirrors to assess traffic conditions and the proximity of the vehicle to its surroundings. While mirrors are helpful, always physically observe your surroundings, using mirrors as an additional aid for safe driving.

#### • NOTICE

Prior to starting the engine, ensure to adjust the driver's seat, head restraint, steering wheel, or mirrors as needed. Don't forget to fasten your seat belt for safety.

#### **O**CAUTION

There's a risk of accidents due to misjudgment of distances when using the passenger mirror. Always exercise extra caution and be attentive to accurately assess distances while utilizing the passenger mirror.

#### **OPERATING THE OUTSIDE MIRRORS**

#### **Adjustment Before Driving:**

- Set the mirrors to your preferred positions before starting the vehicle.
- · Ensure clear visibility of the surrounding areas.

#### **Regular Checks:**

- Periodically check and adjust the mirrors while driving to maintain optimal visibility.
- Be cautious not to distract yourself from the road.

#### **Blind Spot Awareness:**

- Use mirrors to monitor blind spots, but always perform visual checks before changing lanes.
- Exercise extra caution when relying on mirrors alone.

#### **Parking Maneuvers:**

- · Adjust mirrors to aid parking maneuvers.
- Be mindful of pedestrians and obstacles in the vicinity.

#### **Avoid Distractions:**

- Refrain from adjusting mirrors while the vehicle is in motion to prevent accidents.
- Prioritize focused attention on the road.

Remember, proper mirror usage enhances safety, but it should complement—not replace—visual checks and awareness of your surroundings.

#### **O**CAUTION

Always look over your shoulder in order to ensure that you are aware of the actual distance between you and the road users driving behind you.

#### NOTICE

Please refer to Mirrors section in this Owner's Manual to know more about the operation of the mirrors in your Sprinter.



Understanding and practicing proper mirror usage contribute significantly to a safe and secure driving experience.

# **WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION**



#### **SMART LOADING AND TOWING TIPS**

Discover essential tips for loading and towing to enhance safety and performance during your travels. From weight distribution strategies to understanding towing impacts, these insights will guide you in making informed decisions for a smoother journey. Explore the following topics for practical advice on achieving optimal loading and towing practices.

#### **Weight Distrubution**

- Distribute weight equally side-to-side and emphasize the front.
- Placing weight towards the front enhances hitch weight for a steadier tow.
- Watch for signs of less control or swaying, indicating potential weight imbalance.

#### **Travelling With Full Tanks**

- Full tanks can lead to weight distribution issues.
- A gallon of water weighs around 8 pounds, adding up quickly with multiple tanks.
- Be mindful of the additional weight when traveling with full water tanks.

#### **Considering Vehicle Weight**

- Consider the vehicle's weight in relation to your tow vehicle
- Excessive weight can increase stopping distances and risk damage to both vehicles.

#### **Impact of Towing**

- Towing affects handling, durability, performance, and fuel economy.
- The towing package is designed for a total of 5,000 lbs.

#### **Weight Ratings and Certification**

- Ensure the combined weight of the vehicle and towed vehicle complies with specifications.
- The combined weight of the Sprinter and any towed vehicle must not exceed the Gross Combined Weight Rating (GCWR).
- The combined weight of the vehicle and any towed vehicle hitch weight must not exceed the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) or its Rear Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) as listed on the Vehicle Certification Label.
- Check Gross Combined Weight Rating (GCWR), Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR), and rear Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) as listed on the certification label.

#### **Ensuring Correct Weright Balance**

- Weigh your loaded vehicle at a weigh scale for accurate weight distribution.
- Use the information gained to improve future loading practices.

#### **Adjusting to Vehicle Handling When Towing a Trailer**

- Acknowledge that your vehicle will handle differently when towing a trailer.
- Longer stopping distances are expected; ensure the trailer has a braking system and is properly connected.

#### **LOADING AND WEIGHTS**

This section provides essential guidance for the optimal loading of your vehicle, ensuring that the loaded weight stays within the designated rating capability, whether with or without a trailer. Proper loading enhances vehicle design performance, with a focus on not exceeding critical ratings:

#### **Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR):**

• The maximum permissible weight of the fully loaded and travel-ready vehicle.

#### **Unloaded Vehicle Weight (UVW):**

 The weight of the vehicle as manufactured at the factory, including full fuel, engine oil, and coolants.

#### Cargo Carrying Capacity (CCC) (Canada):

 Equals GVWR minus UVW, full fresh water weight and Sleeping Capacity Weight Rating (SCWR).

#### Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR):

• The maximum permissible weight of the fully loaded and travel-ready vehicle.

#### Occupant and Cargo Carrying Capacity (OCCC):

 Is equal to the GVWR, minus UVW. In other words, OCCC is the amount of weight in occupants, cargo, water, and trailer tongue weight that can be added to the vehicle, without exceeding the GVWR.

#### **Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR):**

 The load carrying capacity of a single axle system (front or rear), as measured at the tire-ground interface. Indicated on the Safety Compliance Certification Label.

#### **Base Curb Weight:**

 The weight of the vehicle, including a full tank of fuel and standard equipment, excluding passengers, cargo, or optional equipment.

#### **Vehicle Curb Weight:**

• The weight of your new vehicle when acquired from the dealer, plus any added aftermarket equipment.

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Understanding and adhering to these weight-related specifications ensures safe and efficient operation of your vehicle, preventing overloading and potential performance issues. Always refer to the provided labels and follow recommended guidelines for a worry-free travel experience.

#### **DETERMINING WEIGHTS**

To ensure your vehicle is correctly loaded, follow these steps and use a scale to obtain specific weights:

#### **Front Gross Axle Weight:**

· Drive only the front wheels onto the scale.

#### **Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW):**

• Place the entire vehicle (both axles) onto the scale.

#### **Rear Gross Axle Weight:**

• Drive forward until only the rear wheels are on the scale.

#### **Corner Weight:**

 Drive each tire individually onto the scale and record the weight.

#### **Comparison with GVWR:**

• Compare the GVW with the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) on the label.

#### **GUIDELINES**

- If GVW exceeds GVsWR, reduce the total vehicle load.
- If GVW is less than GVWR, check front and rear gross axle weights against the Front and Rear Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) on the label.
- If either axle weight exceeds GAWR, redistribute the load to ensure both front and rear axles stay within required limits.

Following these steps allows for proper weight distribution, preventing overloading and ensuring safe and efficient vehicle operation. Always refer to the provided labels and adhere to recommended guidelines for a secure travel experience.

#### NOTICE

Load heavier items as centrally and as low as possible. Store lighter items in cabinets and drawers. Secure luggage or similar cargo inside your vehicle to prevent it from shifting and causing damage or injury.

#### CAUTION

Total vehicle load must NOT exceed the max. GVWR/GAWR/GCWR of the chassis. The total load on each axle must never exceed its Gross Axle Weight Rating.

#### NOTICE

If you install any aftermarket or authorized-dealer installed equipment on the vehicle, you must subtract the weight of the equipment from the payload listed on the Payload Information Label in order to determine the new payload.

#### • WARNING

The appropiate loading capacity of your vehicle can be limited either by volume capacity (how much space is available) or by payload of your vehicle, do not add more cargo, even if there is space available. Overloading or improperly loading your vehicle can contribute to loss of vehicle control & vehicle rollover.

#### NOTICE

The weight of cargo of your vehicle should never exceed numbers shown on the tag.

## **LABELS**



#### **VEHICLE'S MANUFACTURERS ID LABEL**

This label affixed to your vehicle plays a critical role in ensuring safe operation and maintenance. It is specifically designed to provide essential information about your vehicle's specifications, including important details related to tire loading limits. By understanding the information on this label, you can ensure that your vehicle is operated within safe parameters and that tires are appropriately sized and inflated.

It is located on the driver's side door, this label serves as a quick reference point for important details that directly impact your vehicle's performance and safety. Some of the key details typically found on this label include:

- **GM #:** Your permanent Grech Vehicle Identification Number, which uniquely identifies your vehicle.
- **Vin #:** The OEM Vehicle Identification Number assigned by the original manufacturer.
- GVWR: This stands for Gross Vehicle Weight Rating, indicating the maximum allowable weight of the fully loaded vehicle, including passengers and cargo.
- GAWR Rear: Similar to GAWR front, this is the Gross Axle Weight Rating for the rear axle.
- Incomplete Vehicle Manufactured: The date when the chassis was produced by the OEM manufacturer before being completed by Grech.
- **Date of Manufacture by Grech:** The date when Grech completed the vehicle assembly.
- Paint Code: A master number that corresponds to the paint specification and color used on your vehicle, helpful for maintenance and repairs.
- Tires, Rims: Information about the required tire rim sizes and air capacities specific to your vehicle, crucial for determining the maximum payload capacity and ensuring proper tire inflation.

By referring to this label and understanding its contents, you can make informed decisions regarding tire selection, maintenance, and loading to optimize vehicle performance, safety, and longevity. It serves as a valuable resource for both vehicle owners and maintenance professionals, ensuring compliance with safety standards and promoting responsible vehicle operation.

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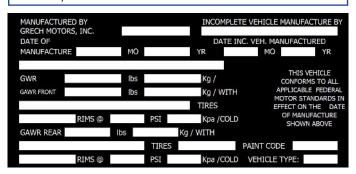
The Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) is a crucial specification that defines the maximum permissible weight of a vehicle coach when it is fully loaded. This weight includes not only the vehicle's own weight but also the weight of all passengers, cargo, fuel, fluids, and any other items carried onboard.

#### NOTICE

The GVWR takes into account the total weight resting on all of the vehicle's axles, ensuring that the vehicle can safely support and operate under this load without exceeding its design limits.

#### NOTICE

It's important for vehicle owners and operators to be aware of and adhere to the GVWR to prevent overloading, which can lead to safety hazards such as reduced braking efficiency, increased tire wear, suspension strain, and potential structural damage. By staying within the GVWR limits, vehicles can maintain optimal performance, handling, and safety on the road.



### **LABELS**



#### **CALCULATING WEIGHTS**

Understanding the weight distribution and limits of your vehicle is crucial for safe operation and optimal performance. Here's how you can calculate different weights to ensure you stay within the recommended limits:

#### **GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING (GVWR)**

GVW is the total weight of your vehicle when fully loaded. It includes several components:

- **Curb Weight:** The weight of the vehicle without any passengers or cargo.
- Cargo Weight: The weight of all items and equipment carried in the vehicle.
- Water Weight: The weight of water stored in tanks, such as fresh water or waste water.
- Passenger Weight: The combined weight of all passengers.
- Tongue Weight: The weight exerted on the hitch ball by a trailer.

#### **FORMULA**

GVWR = Curb Weight + Cargo Weight + Water Weight + Passenger Weight + Tongue Weight

#### • NOTICE

Your GVW should never exceed the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) specified for your vehicle. Exceeding this limit can lead to unsafe driving conditions and potential damage to your vehicle.

#### NOTICE

Knowing the actual weight will also tell you how much margin is left before the sprinter is overloaded, which may come in handy on a long trip where you may want to travel with more gear or supplies.

#### **GROSS COMBINATION WEIGHT RATING (GCWR):**

GCW is the total weight of your vehicle along with any trailers or toads (towed vehicles) attached. It is essential to calculate GCW when towing to ensure you are within safe limits.

#### • NOTICE

Your GCWR should not surpass the Gross Combination Weight Rating (GCWR) specified for your vehicle. Exceeding this limit can strain your vehicle's engine, brakes, and suspension, leading to safety hazards and potential mechanical issues.

#### Formula:

GCWR = GVWR + Trailer Weight or Toad Weight

#### Finding your towing capacity:

 Subtract your GCWR from your GVWR to determine the maximum weight your vehicle can tow safely.

#### **TOWING CAPACITY**

Your vehicle's towing capacity refers to the maximum weight it can safely tow. To determine this, subtract your GCWR from your GVWR:

#### **FORMULA**

Towing Capacity = GCWR - GVWR

• Subtract your GCWR from your GVWR to determine the maximum weight your vehicle can tow safely.

#### NOTICE

This calculation helps you understand the maximum weight of trailers or toads you can tow without exceeding safe limits. Be sure to consult your vehicle's specifications and guidelines for towing capacities and always adhere to recommended limits for safe and efficient towing experiences.



# MAX. CLEARANCE LABELS

As you embark on your journey, having a clear understanding of your vehicle's dimensions is essential for navigating various terrains and obstacles. The Max. Clearance Labels provide a comprehensive overview of your vehicle's overall dimensions, including roof components and tires, as depicted on the label itself.

This label serves as your visual guide, offering a clear depiction of the vehicle's height and length. By familiarizing yourself with these dimensions, you empower yourself with the information needed for confident and hassle-free travels.

# **KEY BENEFITS OF MAX. CLEARANCE LABELS**

- Parking Convenience: Understanding your vehicle's dimensions helps evaluate parking spaces more effectively. You can confidently assess whether your vehicle comfortably fits within designated areas without encountering obstacles or restrictions.
- Tunnel Navigation: When planning routes that involve tunnels, knowing your vehicle's height is crucial. The label's information about roof components and tire heights prevents unexpected surprises and ensures a smooth journey through tunnels without clearance issues.
- Enhanced Safety: Being aware of your vehicle's dimensions contributes to overall safety on the road.
   You can make informed decisions while driving, avoiding situations where your vehicle may not have sufficient clearance or may risk damage due to low-hanging obstacles.

# CAUTION

#### **Low Clearance Alert:**

Ensure to heed warnings about low clearances, especially when approaching bridges, tunnels, or areas with height restrictions. Failure to do so may result in damage to your vehicle and potential safety hazards.

## **O**CAUTION

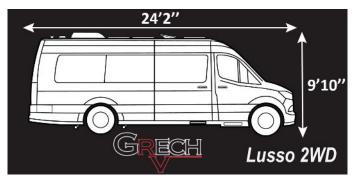
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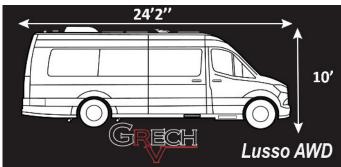
Note that the Max Clearance Labels provide static measurements. Be cautious of dynamic changes in vehicle height, such as air suspension adjustments or cargo load, which can affect clearance.

# NOTICE

**Regular Inspection:** Periodically inspect the Max Clearance Labels to ensure they are legible and accurate. Any damage or illegibility should prompt immediate replacement or repair to maintain safety standards.

By utilizing the Max. Clearance Labels and understanding your vehicle's dimensions, you not only enhance your travel experience but also prioritize safety and convenience throughout your adventures.







#### NOTICE

Please note that there are two different Max Clearance Labels for the Lusso AWD and Lusso 2WD units, each with different heights. Always refer to the specific label corresponding to your unit for accurate clearance information.



# WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION AND PAYLOAD CERTIFICATION LABEL

Understanding the payload capacity of your vehicle is crucial for safe and efficient travel. The Tire and Loading Information label provides comprehensive details about weight limits, ensuring you adhere to recommended guidelines for a smooth and enjoyable journey.

# **CHARACTERISTICS**

- Cargo and Passenger Limits: The payload information includes the maximum combined weight of cargo and passengers that your vehicle can safely carry. This figure is essential for maintaining vehicle stability and performance.
- Grech Sprinter Configuration: The payload capacity is specific to your vehicle as assembled by Grech. This configuration ensures that your vehicle meets industry standards and maintains optimal weight distribution for enhanced safety.
- Tire and Loading Label: The Tire and Loading label prominently displays the maximum payload for your vehicle, expressed in kilograms and pounds. This information serves as a quick reference guide for determining load limits during trip planning and packing.
- Towing Considerations: When towing vehicles or other loads, it's crucial to consider the additional weight contributed by the vehicle's tongue or king pin. These towing components factor into the overall payload and require careful management to ensure safe and balanced towing.

#### NOTICE

**Load Distribution:** Properly distribute cargo within your vehicle to maintain balance and stability. Avoid overloading one side or exceeding weight limits to prevent strain on suspension and braking systems.

#### NOTICE

**Payload Monitoring:** Regularly monitor your vehicle's payload to ensure compliance with weight limits. Periodic checks and adjustments can prevent safety hazards and optimize fuel efficiency.

#### NOTICE

**Consult Owner's Manual:** For detailed information about payload capacity, loading guidelines, and towing recommendations, refer to your vehicle's owner's manual. It provides specific instructions tailored to your vehicle model and configuration.

#### NOTICE

**Regular Inspections:** Conduct regular inspections of your vehicle's suspension, tires, brakes, and other critical components to ensure they can handle the intended payload. Address any signs of wear or damage promptly to maintain vehicle safety.

#### NOTICE

**Professional Assistance:** If you're unsure about payload management, towing capacities, or weight distribution, seek advice from a qualified mechanic, towing specialist, or vehicle manufacturer. They can provide tailored recommendations based on your specific vehicle and travel needs.

By comprehensively understanding and strictly adhering to the payload information provided, you not only ensure the safety and security of your vehicle but also enhance your overall travel experience.

Properly managing payload limits allows for optimal vehicle performance, contributing to a smooth, comfortable, and efficient journey. It empowers you to make informed decisions regarding cargo and passenger loads, maintaining vehicle stability, handling, and braking responsiveness.

# GRECH MOTORS INC.

WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION AND PAYLOAD CERTIFICATION

THIS VEHICLE, AS MANUFACTURED, CONFORMS TO THE WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION AND PAYLOAD REQUIREMENTS IN MID-SIZE BUS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (MSBMA) R.P.001.

IT IS THE USER'S RESPONSIBILITY NOT TO LOAD VEHICLE ABOVE NUMBER OF DESIGNATED SEATING POSITIONS AND LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE. V.I.N./BODY SERIAL #:

NUMBER OF DESIGNATED SEATING POSITIONS:

NOTE: NUMBER OF DESIGNATED SEATING POSITIONS IS CALCULATED USING 150 Ib (68 kg) PER DESIGNATED SEATING POSITION 200Ib (91kg) FOR WHEEL CHAIR POSITION, INCLUDING DRIVER. LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE IS CALCULATED USING 25Ib (11.3 kg) OF LUGGAGE PER DESIGNATED SEATING POSITION IF VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH LUGGAGE COMPARTMENT AND 5Ib (2.3 kg) PER DESIGNATED SEATING POSITION IF VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH AN OVERHEAD SHELF.



# TIRE PRESSURE LABEL

The Tire Pressure Label provides essential information regarding tire pressure recommendations for optimal vehicle performance, safety, and fuel efficiency.

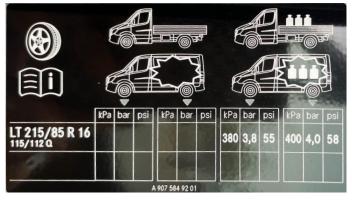
The label specifies the recommended tire pressure for both front and rear tires. This information is crucial for maintaining proper tire inflation, which affects handling, braking, and tire wear.

# **CHARACTERISTICS**

- Cold Tire Pressure: The recommended tire pressure is provided for cold tires, emphasizing the importance of checking tire pressure when the tires are cold for accurate readings.
- Tire Size and Type: The label specifies the tire size and type that the recommended pressures apply to, ensuring compatibility and accuracy.

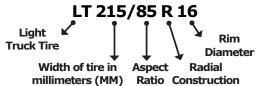
By referencing and following the Tire Pressure Label guidelines, drivers can optimize tire performance, fuel economy, and overall vehicle safety, enhancing their driving experience in your sprinter.





# **LT- METRIC**

The Tire and Load Information label complies with industry standards established by organizations such as The Tire and Rim Association, Inc. (TRA). This labeling system follows standard practices for clear and consistent information. LT-Metric specifically refers to Light Truck-Metric, indicating that the tire is designed for use on light trucks.



#### • WARNING

Exceeding the recommended load capacity of the tires can lead to overheating, increasing the risk of a blowout. Additionally, overloading the tires can cause handling and steering issues, as well as potential brake failure.

#### WARNING

Exceeding the maximum speed rating of tires can cause sudden tire failure, leading to loss of vehicle control and potentially causing accidents, serious injuries, and even fatalities for you and others.

## • NOTICE

Do not replace tires with lower carrying capacities than the originals, as this may reduce the vehicle's GVWR and GAWR limits. Using tires with higher capacities than the originals does not increase these limits.

## WARNING

For your safety and that of all passengers, it's crucial to check the wheel tightening after changing a tire and every approximately 30 miles. This prevents wheels from becoming loose and potentially causing an accident.



# **TOWING GUIDELINES LABEL**

This label serves as a vital guide, featuring a prominent warning sign and five illustrations that showcase both the correct and incorrect methods of towing your Sprinter vehicle. The correct techniques are clearly illustrated and emphasized to underscore the significance of adhering to safe towing practices. Conversely, the incorrect methods are visibly crossed out, serving as a visual reminder of what to avoid when towing your vehicle.

Understanding and following the correct towing procedures outlined on this label is paramount for ensuring the safety, stability, and structural integrity of your Sprinter vehicle during towing operations. It plays a crucial role in maintaining optimal performance, reducing the risk of damage, and enhancing overall road safety for you and other road users. Always refer to this label and follow the recommended towing guidelines to ensure a safe and secure towing experience.





#### **TOWING TIPS**

Here are some additional tips and warnings to enhance the towing guidelines section:

- Weight Distribution: Properly distribute the weight of the towed vehicle and cargo within the towing capacity limits.
   Ensure that the weight is evenly distributed to maintain balance and prevent excessive strain on the towing vehicle's suspension and tires.
- Terrain Considerations: Take into account the terrain you
  will be towing on, such as steep inclines, uneven surfaces,
  or rough roads. Adjust your driving speed and technique
  accordingly to handle these challenges safely.
- Weather Conditions: Be mindful of weather conditions, especially during towing. Wet or slippery roads, strong winds, or adverse weather can affect towing stability and control. Exercise caution and adjust your driving behavior as needed.
- Cooling System: Towing places additional strain on the engine and cooling system. Monitor engine temperatures and ensure that the cooling system is in optimal condition to prevent overheating, especially during long-distance towing or in hot weather.
- Trailer Lights and Signals: Regularly check and test trailer lights, turn signals, brake lights, and hazard lights to ensure they are functioning properly. Clear and visible signals are crucial for safe towing, especially during night time or low visibility conditions.
- Tire Pressure: Maintain proper tire pressure on both the towing vehicle and the trailer. Incorrect tire pressure can affect towing stability, fuel efficiency, and tire wear. Check tire pressure before each towing trip and adjust as necessary.
- Emergency Brake Controller: If your Sprinter is equipped with a trailer brake controller, familiarize yourself with its operation and settings. Adjust the brake controller to provide sufficient braking force for the trailer without causing wheel lock-up or instability.
- Emergency Maneuvers: Practice emergency maneuvers such as braking, swerving, and stopping with the trailer attached in a safe environment. Knowing how to handle unexpected situations can prevent accidents and improve overall towing safety.

By incorporating these additional tips and warnings into the towing guidelines, you can enhance your understanding of safe towing practices and ensure a smooth, secure towing experience with your Sprinter vehicle.

For further detailed information and comprehensive guidelines on towing, refer to the dedicated towing section in this Owner's Manual.



# REFUELING THE VEHICLE

# CAUTION

In modern fuel systems, particularly in hot weather, it's crucial to be aware of potential pressure buildup in the fuel tank.

# **MINIMIZING HAZARDS DURING FUELING**

Follow these safety precautions to minimize hazards when refueling:

# **Gradual Fuel Cap Removal:**

- When removing the fuel cap, do so gradually and avoid rapid or sudden actions.
- A slow and controlled removal helps release pressure without causing fuel spray.

#### **Exercise Caution in Hot Weather:**

 Be especially cautious during hot weather, as higher temperatures may contribute to increased pressure in the fuel tank.

#### Maintain a Safe Distance:

- Keep your face and body at a safe distance from the fuel filler tube when opening the fuel cap.
- Stand to the side to minimize exposure in case of any unexpected fuel release.

## **Control Spillage:**

- In the event of any fuel spray or spillage, take immediate action to control and contain it.
- Avoid unnecessary contact with spilled fuel to prevent skin irritation or clothing saturation.

# **Anticipate Pressure Release:**

- Expect a slight hissing sound when opening the fuel cap, indicating the release of pressure.
- Wait for any pressure to dissipate before fully removing the cap.

# **Stay Attentive During Refueling:**

- Pay attention to any signs of fuel spray or unusual pressure during the refueling process.
- If there are concerns or irregularities, consult a professional for inspection.

# **Regular Maintenance Checks:**

- Schedule regular maintenance checks to ensure the proper functioning of the fuel system components.
- Address any issues promptly to maintain safe fueling practices.

# **PREVENTING FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS**

Handling fuel requires utmost caution to prevent fires and explosions. Follow these safety guidelines to minimize risks:

# No Open Flames:

- Never handle fuel in the presence of open flames.
- Ensure a flame-free environment when dealing with fuel-related activities.

# **Smoking Prohibition:**

- Strictly prohibit smoking in areas where fuel is handled or stored.
- Smoking poses a significant ignition risk and should be avoided entirely.

## **Spark Prevention:**

- Eliminate any activities that may create sparks in the vicinity of fuel.
- Keep tools and equipment that could generate sparks away from fueling areas.

# **Static Electricity Awareness:**

- Be aware of static electricity, especially in dry or low-humidity conditions.
- Use anti-static devices if necessary to minimize the risk of sparks.

#### **Proper Ventilation:**

- Ensure adequate ventilation in enclosed spaces where fuel is present.
- Ventilate areas to disperse any fumes that may accumulate

#### **Avoid Overfilling:**

- Do not overfill fuel tanks, as it increases the risk of spillage.
- Follow recommended fueling levels to prevent spills and associated hazards.

# **Emergency Response Preparation:**

- Have fire extinguishing equipment readily available in fueling areas.
- Train personnel on emergency response procedures in case of fuel-related incidents.

# **Grounding Equipment:**

- Ground fueling equipment to prevent static electricity buildup.
- Use grounded containers and equipment to dissipate any potential electrical charges.

# **Spill Cleanup Measures:**

- Be prepared to address and clean up fuel spills immediately.
- Use appropriate absorbent materials and follow established spill response procedures.



#### DANGER

Fuel is highly flammable. Improper handling of fuel creates a risk and explosion. Avoid fires, open flames, smoking and creating sparks under all circumstances.

## • WARNING

Fuel is poisonous and hazardous to health. There is a risk of injury. You must make sure that fuel does not come into contact with your skin, eyes or clothing and that it is not swallowed. Do not inhalate fuel vapors. Keep fuel away from children.

#### NOTICE

# If you or others come into contact with fuel, observe the following:

- Wash away fuel from skin immediately using soap and water.
- If fuel comes into contact with your eyes, immediately rinse them throughly with clean water. Seek medical assistance without delay
- If fuel is swallowed, seek medical assistance without delay. Do not induce vomiting.
- Immediately change out of clothing which has come into contact with fuel.

## • WARNING

If you mix fuel with gasoline, the flash point is lower than that of pure pure diesel fuel. When the engine is running, exhaust system components could overhead without being noticed. There is a risk of fire. Never refuel with gasoline. Never mix gasoline with diesel fuel.

#### NOTICE

Environmental note: If fuels are handled improperly, they pose a danger to persons and environment. Do not allow fuels to run into the sewage system, the surface waters, the ground water or into the ground.

## • WARNING

Use Ultra Low Sulfur Highway Diesel Fuel only. Max. B5 (Max. 5 percent biodiesel allowed). Otherwise the emission control system will be damaged.

#### **FUEL CAP**

# **Fuel Tank Filler Cap:**

- · Located by the driver's door.
- Slowly remove the cap to release pressure.
- If hissing occurs, wait until it stops before fully removing the cap.

#### **Fuel Filler Flap:**

- · Beside the driver's door.
- Opens only when the front door is open.

Ensure safe fueling practices by following these guidelines for both the filler cap and flap locations.





# **Refueling Procedure**

# **Preparation:**

- · Remove the key from the ignition lock.
- Switch off the auxiliary heating system.

# Access to Fuel Filler Cap:

- Open the driver's side door first.
- Open the fuel filler cap.

#### **Vehicle Doors:**

Close all vehicle doors to prevent fuel vapors inside.

# **Fuel Filler Cap Handling:**

- Turn the fuel filler cap counter-clockwise.
- · Remove and let it hang from the strap.

#### Refueling:

- Insert the fuel pump nozzle into the tank.
- · Refuel until the pump nozzle switches off.

## **Cap Replacement:**

- Replace the tank filler cap, turning clockwise.
- Listen for the click, indicating a fully closed cap.

#### **Final Steps:**

- · Open the front left-hand door first.
- Close the filler flap.

Follow these steps for a safe and efficient refueling process.

# NOTICE

Overfilling the fuel tank may cause damage to the fuel evaporative emission system.



# **DIESEL EXHAUST FLUID (DEF)**

Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) is a crucial component for emissions control in modern diesel engines. Key points include:

#### **Function:**

DEF is injected into the exhaust stream, not into diesel fuel

# Composition:

- It's a non-hazardous solution comprising 32.5% urea and 67.5% de-ionized water.
- DEF is clear, colorless, and resembles water, with a faint smell of ammonia similar to certain household cleaning agents.

## Storage:

• DEF is stored in a separate reservoir from the fuel tank.

#### **Emissions Control:**

 Metered into the engine's exhaust stream, DEF helps control specific emissions.

#### Process:

 In the exhaust pipe, DEF vaporizes and decomposes into ammonia and carbon dioxide.

#### **RUNNING LOW OF DIESEL EXHAUST FUILD**

DEF is crucial for reducing Nitrogen Oxide emissions (NOx). Multiple warnings will alert you to refill the DEF tank before it runs out. Ignoring these warnings will lead to the engine significantly limiting its power and fueling to ensure compliance with emission standards.

# WARNING

The 32.5% urea concentration is the ideal solution as it provides the lowerst freeze point, for this reason it is critical.

# NOTICE

A 32.5% solution of DEF will start to crystallize and freeze at 12°F (-11°C). At this concentration, both urea and water freeze at the same rate, preventing dilution or over-concentration during thawing. The freezing and thawing of DEF do not lead to degradation of the product.

#### NOTICE

Cleaning up DEF residue is a simple process; just wash the affected area with warm water.

#### NOTICE

DEF fluid is corrosive to various metals commonly used in automotive applications, including carbon steels, iron, zinc, nickel, copper, aluminum, and magnesium. If DEF comes into contact with any of these metals, it's essential to clean the area thoroughly with plenty of warm water to prevent accelerated corrosion.

# NOTICE

The fluid typically has a shelf life of 18 months. While it doesn't technically expire, it can experience changes in its water content, and the ratio of urea to water could be altered over time.



**DEF Filler Cap** 

# **OPERATION OF DEF FILLER CAP**

The DEF filler cap is situated on the left side of the engine compartment.

# To open:

- · Switch off the ignition.
- Open the hood.
- Turn the filler cap counter-clockwise and remove it.

# To close:

- Replace the cap on the filler neck and turn it clockwise.
- You will hear a click when the cap is fully closed.
- Close the hood.

# • WARNING

Consuming it must be avoided at all costs. If that happens, contact a doctor immediately.

# **O**CAUTION

If it comes into contact with your eyes, flush with large amounts of water immediately for at least 15 minutes. Consult a doctor if you have any doubts or experience concerning symptoms.

# NOTICE

The DEF you purchase should bear the certification of reputable standards, such as the American Petroleum Institute (API), German Institute of Standardization DIN 70700, and the International Organization for Standardization ISO 22241-1. It should also meet AUS-32 specifications, ensuring the correct purity and concentration (32.5%) of urea. For more details on these specifications, refer to www.iso.org.



# **CAMERA**

The back-up camera system comprises two main components:

#### **Indash LCD Monitor:**

 Positioned within the vehicle's cockpit, this display serves as a crucial tool for the driver, providing real-time visuals of the rear surroundings.

# Sensors:

- Strategically placed at the front and rear of the vehicle.
- These sensors actively detect nearby objects, enhancing the driver's awareness during both driving and reversing maneuvers.





#### **O**CAUTION

#### PRACTICE SAFE DISTRACTION MANAGEMENT

Avoid prolonged distraction from the road or risk accidents leading to injury or fatality. Prioritize road focus over extended use of the in-dash entertainment system while driving.

#### **CURBSIDE SLIDING STEP**

The curbside sliding door incorporates a sliding step with auto-retract functionality, operated by a switch located above the passenger seat inside the vehicle.

#### **Switch Location:**

• The control switch is situated at the vehicle's entrance, facilitating easy access for passengers.

#### **User Awareness:**

• It's crucial for all occupants to be familiar with the vehicle's features, especially the exterior sliding step.

#### **Operation Guidelines:**

- The exterior sliding step should only be extended or retracted when the vehicle is stationary.
- Use the designated button to control the step's movement.

# **Undercarriage Light:**

- The step is equipped with an undercarriage light for visibility in low-light conditions.
- The light can be controlled (on/off) through the multiplex panel.

By adhering to these guidelines, users can ensure the safe and effective utilization of the vehicle's exterior sliding step.



#### • WARNING

# **AUTOMATIC RETRACTION**

- The entry door step will automatically retract when you close the vehicle's door.
- This feature enhances safety by ensuring the step is stowed away when the vehicle is in motion.

# LIGHT CONTROL

- The step's light will also switch off automatically when you close the vehicle door.
- This ensures that the step light is not left on unnecessarily, preserving battery power.

## **IGNITION SWITCH INFLUENCE**

• Both the automatic retraction and light control are synchronized with the vehicle's ignition switch.

#### CAUTION

Ensure the entry door step has fully extended and it is securely in place before stepping out of the vehicle.



# **DOORS**

# **SLIDING DOOR: MANUAL OPERATION**

#### **OPENING FROM THE INSIDE**

# 1. Pulling the Door Handle:

- To unlock, pull the locking knob upwards. Only the sliding door will unlock, the others will remain locked.
- Grip the interior door handle firmly.
- Pull the handle to initiate the opening of the sliding door.

## 2. Pushing Back:

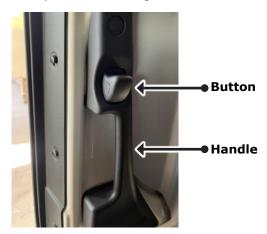
- To open the door, press button and guide the sliding door backward using the door handle until it engages.
- Confirm engagement by checking the sliding door detent.

# **CLOSING FROM THE INSIDE**

#### 1. Firm Forward Slide:

- Push the sliding door firmly forward using the handle until it completely closes.
- To lock, press the locking knob down. All doors that were previously unlocked will remain unlocked.

Mastering these manual operations ensures convenient control over your vehicle's sliding door from the interior.



# NOTICE

The sliding door has two locking knobs which besides the handle which will help lock and unlock the sliding door.

# **ELECTRICAL CLOSING ASSIST**

Your vehicle is enhanced with two electrical closing assists, designed to reduce the effort needed to close the sliding door. These features are conveniently accessible:

#### 1. Red Button:

- Located above the passenger seat, adjacent to the sliding door.
- Press this button to activate the electrical closing assist.

#### 2. Black Button:

- Positioned in the middle of the cockpit.
- Press this button for the same purpose, ensuring flexibility in usage.

Make use of these electrical closing assists for a smoother and more convenient experience when closing the sliding door.









# **REAR DOORS**

# 1. Operating the Left-Handle Rear Door:

- Ensure the right-hand rear door is open and engaged.
- · Pull the release handle.
- Swing the rear door to the side until it engages.

# 2. Opening Rear Doors to an Angle of 180° or 270°:

- Open the rear door to approximately 45°.
- Pull and hold the door retainer in the direction of the arrow.
- Continue opening the rear door beyond 90°, preventing the door retainer from engaging.
- Release the door retainer and open the door to an angle of 180° or 270°.









**Rear Door Left-Handle** 

**Door Retainer** 

# • WARNING

You can only open the locked rear doors from the inside if the child-proof locks have not been activated.

# **Q** WARNING

Only open rear doors when traffic conditions permit. Always make sure that the rear doors are properly locked while on road.

# **DOOR LOCKS**

#### 1. Exterior Latches

• The key works works for all exterior latches.

## 2. Door Locks

- for convenient locking and unlocking of all doors.
- Your key remote control also includes dedicated buttons for seamless door locking an unlocking.

This dual control system, both within the vehicle and via remote, ensures versatile and secure access.



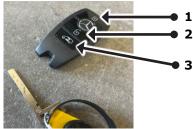


# **KEY FOB**

The latches on the exterior and the driver door lock of your vehicle are operated by distinct keys, both of which are compatible with the Mercedes Sprinter key fob supplied to you.

- The key fob features a remote controller, enabling you to effortlessly lock and unlock all doors.
- It incorporates two keys: the main key for exterior compartments/latches and an internal key for the driver's side door.





#### **KEY FOB REMOTE CONTROL**

Unlock the full potential of your key fob with these simple actions:

# 1. Locking All Doors:

· Press the lock button.

# 2. Unlocking Driver's Side Door:

· A single press on the unlock button.

#### 2. Unlocking All Doors:

• Press the unlock button twice within a 2-second interval.

# 3. Entrance Door Operation:

 A single press to gracefully open or close the entrance door.

# • WARNING

#### **Isolation from Electronic Devices**

Keep the key separate from electronic devices like mobile phones or other remote-controlled keys.

## WARNING

# Metal-Free Environment:

Precaution: Ensure the key is not in proximity to metallic objects such as coins, metal foil, or enclosed in metallic cases.

# NOTICE

# Limited Range Wisdom:

Guidance: Employ the remote control key within a close range of the vehicle, up to 32 ft (10 m).

Reasoning: This practice acts as a theft deterrent, ensuring key usage only in the immediate vicinity.

# • WARNING

#### **Toxic Territory:**

- Warning: Remote control batteries harbor toxic and corrosive substances.
- Preventive Measure: Keep batteries safely away from children's reach.

#### **Swallowing Alert:**

- Risk: Swallowing batteries poses severe health risks, even fatal.
- Emergency Action: If swallowed, seek immediate medical attention.

# **LOCKING OR UNLOCKING DRIVERS DOOR**

# 1. Unlocking Caution:

 Beware of the Anti-Theft Alarm (ATA) system in your Sprinter. Unlocking and opening the driver's or rear door using the key triggers this security feature.

# 2. Disarming the alarm

 To halt the alarm activation, employ this method: Press the lock or unlock button on your key fob's remote controller.

# 1. Ignition Procedure:

- The ignition process in your vehicle is keyless.
- Start the engine by pressing the ignition button located at the center of the cockpit.







# **SEATS**

The seating is crafted with meticulous attention to detail, the Grech Exclusive Seting epitomizes a harmonious fusion of,practicality, and refined design. Drawing inspiration from the comfort of first-class air travel, these seats exude an aura of sophistication while ensuring utmost comfort for passengers.

The distinctive "Aircraft Style Tray Tables" serve as a hallmark feature, similar to those found in high-end aviation, offering a versatile surface for passengers to effortlessly engage in work, relish a meal, or conveniently organize personal items during their journey.

Designed for versatiliy, these tray tables are ingeniously foldable, optimizing space when not in use and seamlessly integrating functionality with convenience. The thoughtful integration of these tables within the seating configuration augments the travel experience, providing passengers with an elegant and comfortable space.

Moreover, these seats elevate comfort to an unprecedented level by incorporating integrated massage features, indulging passengers with a sense of relaxation. Complementhing this luxurious experience, an optinal heating and cooling function further enhances comfort, ensuring a cozy and inviting ambiance throughout the journey.

The seats also extend, providing an additional level of comfort for passengers seeking extra legroom or relaxed reclining positions.

Overall, the Grech Exclusive Seating represents a pinnacle of luxurious travel experiences, meticulously crafted to cocoon passengers in an environment that evokes the allure of first-class air travel while seamlessly traversing the realms of ground transportation. It embodies a seamless blend of sophistication, functionality, and lavish comfort, ensuring that every journey is an indulgent and unforgettable affair for discerning passengers in upscale vehicles.











#### **PASSENGER SEATS**

Revolutionizing the very essence of passenger comfort and convenience, the Grech Exclusive Seating stands as a testament to ingenuity and luxury. Engineered with precision and designed for unparalleled comfort, these seats redefine the art of travel.

#### **FUNCTIONALITY**

The functionality of these seats is ingeniously simple yet profoundly intuitive. Embedded with controls discreetly position within arm's reach, passengers effortlessly command the seaing experience. These controls, adorned with buttons, orchestrate a symphony of comfort.

Adding to the comfort, these seats feature a heating and cooling option for a cozy experience in any weather. Plus, at the touch of a button, enjoy a soothing neck and back massage, transforming your journey into a relaxing spa-like experience.

The seats' straightforward controls and added comforts redefine travel, offering a customizable and indulgent experience tailored to each passenger's preferences. These features, seamlessly integrted into the seat's functionality, redefine the very essence of luxurious travel.

# **CONTROLS**

**Adjustment** 

# Foot Rest Extension Seat Position Adjustment Cooling Option

Seat Recline Heating Option

**Adjustment** 



Massage

# **POWER RECLINE**







USB Port Headrest



# **POWER SIDE SOFAS**

Revolutionizing the concept of comfort and versatility, the Lusso unveilts its exclusive power side sofas, ingeniously designed to transform the rear space into a luxurious haven.

Controlled by the intuitive Firefly Multiplex System screen discreetly positioned at the rear side of the unit, these power side sofas seamlessly glide, extending and reshaping the rear area into a spacious and indulgent bed. This innovative integration of technology and luxury allows for effortless transformation, redefining the boundaries of relaxation during travel.

Crafted for convenience and ultimate comfort, the Lusso's power side sofas epitomize the perfect synergy of innovative design and opulent functionality, ensuring passengers experience unmatched luxury and relaxation on every journey.

## • Folding the Power Side Sofas to a Sofa Bed:

- ➤ Access the Firefly Multiplex Control Panel and navigate to the home page.
- ➤ Use the available options: EXT (Extend), RET (Retract), DOWN, or UP to adjust the seat cushion.

# **Q** WARNING

Please make sure there is no objects or passengers on the seats to avoid injuries. Do not leave food or beverages on the seats to avoid spillages.





**Firefly Multiplex System** 



#### **DRIVER AND PASSENGER'S SEATS**

In each seat, there are buttons situated on the side that enable adjustment of the seat's position both vertically (up and down) and horizontally (forward and backward), providing customizable comfort for both the driver and passenger.

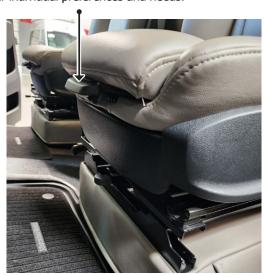








Furthermore, at the front of the seat, there is an option to extend the seat base, allowing users to adjust its length according to their individual preferences and needs.



# • NOTICE

Engage the driver's and front-passenger seats so they are facing the direction of travel before starting the engine.

#### **LED TV with APPLE TV**

Adding to its array of luxurious amenities, the Lusso boasts a sophisticated LED TV complete with Apple TV functionality, seamlessly operated through the integrated Ipad within the unit. This integration provides passengers with a diverse range of entertainment options, granting access to a multitude of shows, movies, and streaming platforms. It enchances the travel experience, ensuring passengers are immersed in an unparalled entertainment journey throughtout their ride.





# **REAR AMENITIES**

Toward the rear section of the vehicle lies an exclusive area, featuring a securely locked door that ensures privacy and confidentiality. This designated area is equipped with essential amenities, including a restroom for convenience during travels.

Additionally, a well-appointed refrigerator stands ready to cater to refreshment needs, complemented by a convenient sink for added functionality. A designed storage cabinet houses essentials while also featuring a secure safe, offering peace of mind for valuables. This crafted space is tailored to provide both comfort and practicality, ensuring a seamless and enjoyable journey for occupants.

The cabinets are crafted from durable birch wood, skillfully treated to embody enduring strength and adored with a sleek, stylish finish. This deliberate choice of material not only ensures longevity but also adds an element of sophistication to the storage comparments. It blends durability with an element of sophistication to the storage compartments, with an elegant aesthetic.





# RESTROOM

The restroom within the Lusso stands as a testament to thoughtful design and convenience. Despite its compact size, it exudes functionality and comfort. Thoughtfully equipped with essential amenities, it caters to the practical needs of passengers during their travels. From its space-efficient layout to its meticulously selected fixtures, every element is curated to ensure a seamless and pleasant experience.

This intelligently designed restroom offers a private and hygienic space, providing a sense of comfort and reassurance, adding to the overall convenience and luxury of the travel experience.

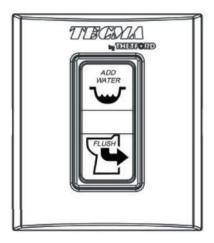


#### **TOILET OPERATION**

The toilet operates with a switch, this switch has two operation modes:

- Ad: Before use. It adds water in the bowl as long as the upper button is kept pressed.
- FLUSH: After use. It activates the macerator pump and adds water inlet during the flush as long as the lower button is kept pressed.

These options in the switch are respectively to be activated by keeping presed the upper or lower switch The functions are clearly indicated on the switch.



# TOILET MAINTENANCE CLEANING

- Ceramic is particularly suitable for toilets, as it guarantees hygiene and it is resistant against any cleaning product
- Do not use acetone or trichlorethylene based products, or any product that may irreversibly damage the rubber components of the pump/macerator/check valves.
- Do not use aggressive products or abrasive sponges on carbon or coloured products (Other than white).
- It is recommended applying a small amount of product to the rear of the toilet first, to check its suitability.

#### • NOTICE

To facilitate flushing, it is recommended that you only use RV single ply toilet paper, specifically designed to disintegrate rapidly (unlike household tissues).

# **•** WARNING

Do not leave children unattended to use the toilet. Do not put body parts inside the toilet.

# • WARNING

**ALWAYS** disconnect power to the toilet before servicing. There is a serious injury risk by placing hands/fingers in the bowl discharge because of the high-speed macerating impeller located directly below the bowl discharge. **NEVER** attempt to dis-lodge an obstruction in the pump by placing your hands/fingers in harm's way while it is running.

# **SAFE**

Adjacent to the restroom, a dedicated compartment/cabinet is thoughtfully provided to accommodate personal belongings and essentials. This tailored storage space is designated to offer convenience and organization for passengers' belongings throughtout their journey.

Additionally, within this compartment lies a secure safe, ensuring the safeguarding of valuable items or documents, offering security during travel. This combination of accessible storage and a secure safe caters to both practical needs and the assurance of keeping important possessions safe and easily accesible throughout the trip.





# REFRIGERATOR

Integrated seamlessly into the design of the vehicle, a well-equipped refrigerator awaits within this premium travel space. This addition ensures the availability of refreshments and chilled beverages throughout the journey.

Equipped with an advanced horizontal evaporator and vertical operator, this unit ensures uniform cooling while optimizing space. Its multifaceted design includes a drip tray and thermostat box, guaranteeing precise temperature control and efficient functionality.

The refrigerator's adaptability extends further with removable grilles, door shelves, and a dedicated fruit drawer, facilitating customizable storage solutions for passengers' refreshments during transit. With its refined ventilation system, freezer compartment, bottle stop bar, and ergonomically designed handle, this unit offers a complete and tailored experience.

Its operational finesse, powered by a compressor drive, speed variation circuit, and power supply wiring, ensures seamless functionality. The attention to detail extends to features like the door panel, compressor, condenser, and an efficient fan, collectively contributing to an unparalleled refrigeration experience tailored for luxury travel.



# **SPEAKERS**

Immersive audio experiences await within the luxurious confines of this vehicle, boasting a comprehensive sound system with four speakers strategically positioned for optimal audio dispersion. With two speakers placed in the front and two in the back, this setup ensures a harmonious audio environment, enriching both radio broadcasts and the audio output from the integrated TVs. The speakers deliver a rich, immersive sound quality that enhances the overall entertainment experience, whether indulging in music, radio broadcasts, or enjoying content on the integrated entertainment systems.





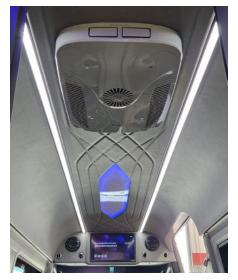


# **AIR CONDITIONER**

The vehicle's interior is meticulously designed to ensure a comfortable journey, featuring a sophisticated air conditioning system seamlessly integrated and controlled by the Firefly Multiplex System.

This climate control ensures a consistent and personalized atmosphere throughtout the vehicle, catering to passengers' individual preferences.

The Firefly Multiplex System provides intuitive access and precise regulation of the air conditioning, allowing accupants to adjust the temperature according to their preferences effortlessly. Whether navigating varying climates or ensuring a pleasant ambiance during travel, this advanced system ensures a comfortable and enjoyable ride for all passengers aboard.





# **CABIN CONTROLS**

The front cabin of this vehicle offers a modern and personalized experience through an intuitive central screen.

This screen provides control options for lighting and temperature, granting complete control over the interior environment.

From this display, occupants can adjust the intensity of the lighting, creating tailored atmospheres for different moments of the journey.

Additionally, it offers precise control over the temperature, allowing for the configuration of the ideal climate for each passenger. This centralized and easily accessible interface adds convenience and personalization to the trip, ensuring a pleasant environment tailored to individual preferences throughout the entire ride.





# **ELECTRICAL POWER**

Your vehicle's electrical system is crucial for powering all installed devices, whether from shore power, batteries, or a combination of both, depending on your vehicle's electrical setup.

#### 12V SYSTEM

Your vehicle can be powered by a 12-volt system using batteries or by being connected to a 120-volt power source through 30 amp power cord known as shore power. It also includes a Shore Power Station, allowing you to alternate between shore power and battery power as needed.

The majority of electrical power in your vehicle operates at 12 volts, powering nearly all components except for certain high-power devices like the roof A/C and 120-volt receptacles.

Power flows from the battery disconnect switch to the 12-volt distribution panel, branching out to power the rest of the vehicle. The 12-volt batteries supply power to interior components for short-term use, with an AC 110-120 volt current available through outlets and entertainment centers.

#### **OPERATION AND BATTERY CHARGING**

Before utilizing the battery, it's crucial to ensure it's fully charged to 14.4V. This charging level conditions the battery for optimal performance by accurately calibrating the state-of-charge percentage and balancing the cells if necessary. Make sure the battery terminals are insulated and that any connected devices have proper fusing to avoid electrical issues.

Maintaining a charged house battery is typically not a concern as you're often connected to an external AC power source during camping or at night.

When connected to shore power, the inverter/charger efficiently handles most of the load and effectively charges the battery. Additionally, the battery bank receives charging input while the engine is running or when connected to a 110-120V power source like shore power.

Complementing these charging methods are the installed solar panels, which contribute significantly to energy options by aiding in the charging process of the vehicle's batteries. This comprehensive approach to battery charging ensures a reliable and sustainable power supply for your vehicle's electrical systems.

## NOTICE

This section references pages in your Lithionics Battery User Guide. Thorougly read the user guide to understand before operating electrical components and potentially damaging them.

#### • WARNING

**Low Battery Warning:** Keep an eye out for low battery warning indicators on your vehicle's control panel. This may signal a need for immediate attention to prevent battery depletion.

#### WARNING

**Inspection:** Regularly inspect the battery terminals for signs of corrosion or loose connections. Clean and tighten them as needed to maintain optimal electrical conductivity.

#### Q CAUTION

**Fusing:** Ensure that all connected devices are properly fused to prevent electrical overloads and potential damage to the battery or electrical system.

#### CAUTION

**Temperature Considerations:** Extreme temperatures can affect battery performance. Avoid exposing the battery to prolonged periods of high heat or freezing temperatures.

#### DANGER

It is important to know that when working around electricity, it may carry dangerous amperage that could cause sparks or combustion which can lead to accidents.

# • NOTICE

**Charging Protocol:** Follow the recommended charging protocol provided by the manufacturer to avoid overcharging or undercharging the battery, which can impact its lifespan and performance.

#### • WARNING

**Emergency Backup:** Always have a backup power source or emergency power supply available, such as a portable generator or backup battery, in case of unexpected power failures or battery issues.

# NOTICE

**Monitoring:** Use a battery monitor system to regularly monitor the state of charge and health of your batteries, allowing for proactive maintenance and early detection of potential issues.

# • NOTICE

**Professional Inspection:** If you notice any unusual behavior or decline in battery performance, seek professional inspection and servicing to address potential problems before they escalate.

These warning signs and notes can help you maintain the health and performance of your vehicle's batteries, ensuring a reliable power supply for your electrical systems.



#### **LITHIUM-ION BASED ENERGY**

Our Lithionics 12V lithium-ion battery system provides clean quiet and robust energy source, empowering your entire Lusso with uninterrupted functionality even when parked. Whether attending an important meeting, cheering at a kids' game, or tailgating with friends, this system ensures continuous power to run the ultra-quiet ECO-COOL A/C for up do 6 hours solely on battery power.

This high-capacity 610 AH (amp hour) / 7,808 WH (watt hours) system stands as the pinnacle of advanced energy storage available in the luxury van realm. Our Lithionics batteries boast the distinction of being the only UL Listed and UL Tested lithium-ion batteries on the market. Seamlessly integrated battery management software syncs flawlessly with our Firefly Integrations control system. Additionally, equipped with a 60 Amp DC-DC charger, the lithium-ion batteries recharge while the Mercedes-Benz Sprinter is running, further supplemented through a 30 Amp shore power plug when parked.

Completing this powerful setup is the inclusion of a 3,000 Watt Xantrex Inverter and 300 Watt Solar system, ensuring continuous charge for your lithium-ion batteries, assuring you peace of mind for the journey ahead.







# **LITHIUM BATTERY ENERGY CHARACTERISTICS**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Model	GTX12V302A-E1508-CS200
Nominal Voltage	12.8 V
Nominal Capacity	305Ah
Nominal Watt Hours	3904 WH
Internal Resistance	≤5mΩ

## **CHARGING CHARACTERISTICS**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Charging Temperature Range	-4 to 140°F (-20 to 60C) OR -4F/- 20C with Heater Kit
Charge Voltage	14.4V
Recommended Float Charge Voltage	13.4-13.6V
Recommended Max. Charge Current	150A
Allowed Max. Charge Current	200A

# **DISCHARGE CHARACTERISTICS**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Discharging Temperature Range	-4 to 140°F (-20 to 60C)
Operating Voltage Range	10.4V-13.4V
Recommended Max. Discharge Current	150A
Max. Discharge Current	230A
Pulse Discharge Current (1 sec)	1200A

# **MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Length	14.5"
Width	8.5"
Height	10.5"
Mounting Operation	Upright Position Only (Terminals Up)
Weight	Approx. 63 lbs (28.5 kg)



#### **POWER DISTRIBUTION PANEL**

Located under the driver's side rear seat, the power distribution panel serves as a central hub for managing electrical power in the vehicle.

Alongside circuit breakers and fuses, this panel incorporates power inverter on/off switch, 2 on/off batteries switch, solar panel controllers, and fuse holders, forming a comprehensive system to regulate and protect the vehicle's electrical network.

The motorized switch enable efficient control over specific electrical circuits, allowing for seamless activation or deactivation as needed. The solar panel controllers are instrumental in efficiently managing and optimizing the power from solar sources, contributing to the vehicle's sustainable energy use

Complemented by fuse holders, this system ensures additional protection, safeguarding the electrical components against potential overloads or faults.

This strategic integration within the power distribution panel ensures a well-organized, protected, and functional electrical system, essential for a reliable and efficient vehicle operation.



# • NOTICE

Check the panel decals on the Breaker Panels for more information on identifying the function of each breaker.

# **120V AC CIRCUIT BREAKERS**

A Circuit Breaker is an essential component containing electrical switches designed to safeguard electrical circuits from damage caused by overcurrent, overload, or short circuit. Its primary function is to interrupt current flow when protective relays detect a fault in the electrical system, serving as a crucial safety device. By cutting off the current when the flow exceeds design limits, it prevents damage to motors and wiring, ensuring the safety of equipment and occupants.

The Circuit Breaker protects all 120 Volts AC equipment and components in the vehicle. If the breaker malfunctions, allow a brief cooling period of 30-90 seconds, then reset it by toggling it from "OFF" to "ON".

Persistent failure of the Circuit Breaker may indicate an overloaded circuit or underlying issues in the wiring or equipment, necessitating further inspection and potential repairs. Regular maintenance and prompt attention to electrical issues help ensure the reliable and safe operation of your vehicle's electrical systems.

# **IMPORTANCE OF CIRCUIT BREAKERS**

The importance of having a Circuit Breaker in your vehicle's electrical system cannot be overstated. Here are some key reasons why it is essential:

- Safety: The Circuit Breaker serves as a crucial safety device, protecting electrical circuits from damage due to overcurrent, overload, or short circuit. This helps prevent electrical fires and ensures the safety of occupants and the vehicle.
- Equipment Protection: By interrupting current flow when faults are detected, the Circuit Breaker prevents damage to motors, wiring, and other electrical components. This extends the lifespan of your equipment and reduces the need for costly repairs or replacements.
- Reliable Operation: A properly functioning Circuit Breaker ensures the reliable operation of 120 Volts AC equipment and components in your vehicle. It provides peace of mind knowing that your electrical systems are protected and can operate efficiently without interruptions.
- Troubleshooting: The Circuit Breaker can also serve as an indicator of potential issues within the electrical system. If the breaker repeatedly trips or malfunctions, it may signal an overloaded circuit or underlying wiring problems that require attention and maintenance.

#### WARNING

In the event of an overload, the circuit breaker cuts off the flow of electricity in the particular affected circuit of the system and helps prevents damage or fire.



#### NOTICE

An overcurrent is any current in excess of the rated current of equipment of the ampacity of a conductor. An overcurrent is the result of an overload, short circuit, arc or ground fault. Effects of overcurrent includes fires, conductor insulation damage and equipment damage.

## NOTICE

A short circuit is an overcurrent which greatly exceeds the normal full load current of the circuit. Also, as the name infers, a short circuit leaves the normal current carrying path of the circuit and takes a "shortcut" around the load and back to the power source. A short circuit is an overcurrent but not an overload.

#### NOTICE

Ampacity is defined as the maximum current, in amperes, that a conductor can carry continously under the conditions of use without exceeding its temperature rating. Also described as current-carrying capacity.

Overall, having a Circuit Breaker is critical for maintaining electrical safety, protecting equipment, ensuring reliable operation, and facilitating effective troubleshooting of electrical issues in your vehicle.

### **12V DC FUSES**

In your vehicle's electrical system, each 12V DC circuit is safeguarded by a dedicated fuse. These fuses play a critical role in protecting the circuit's wiring from excessive current, which can lead to damage and, in severe cases, electrical fires.

Excessive current typically stems from:

- **Incorrect Wiring:** Human errors in wiring connections can lead to excessive current flow.
- **Circuit Damage:** Loose wires or worn insulation can cause a wire to short-circuit to ground.
- Circuit Overloading: Connecting equipment that draws more current than the circuit can handle, or using cables that are too small for the intended equipment's current draw, can overload the circuit.

If a fuse fails, it's essential to take immediate action. Turn off all appliances or lights connected to the affected circuit and replace the fuse with a new one of the same amperage rating. This ensures continued protection and safe operation of your vehicle's electrical system.

#### **IMPORTANCE OF 12V DC FUSES**

Having dedicated fuses for each 12V DC circuit in your vehicle is crucial for several reasons:

- Protecting Electrical Components: Fuses prevent excessive current from damaging wiring, appliances, and other electrical components. They act as a barrier, ensuring that the electrical system operates within safe limits.
- Preventing Electrical Fires: Excessive current can lead to overheating, which is a significant fire hazard in vehicles.
   Fuses play a key role in preventing such situations by interrupting the circuit when current exceeds safe levels.
- Fault Detection: When a fuse blows, it indicates a potential issue in the electrical system, such as incorrect wiring, circuit damage, or overloading. This prompts users to investigate and rectify the problem before further damage occurs.
- Safety: By limiting current flow, fuses contribute to overall electrical safety in the vehicle, reducing the risk of electrical shocks, equipment damage, and fire hazards.

Having dedicated fuses is essential for maintaining a safe and reliable electrical system in your vehicle, ensuring the protection of components, preventing fires, and promoting overall electrical safety.

# NOTICE

Please have in mind that the best option to repair any problem on your vehicle if you have no experience in the electric field is to contact us and take your vehicle to a qualified service personnel or check the equipment's manual for more assistance on this problem.



#### **MAIN CAUSES OF ELECTRICAL CABLE FAILURE**

Electrical cable failure can lead to serious consequences such as fire or equipment malfunction. Recognizing the main causes of cable failure is essential for ensuring the safety and efficiency of electrical systems. By understanding these factors, you can take proactive measures to prevent cable failures and maintain the reliability of your electrical installations.

#### Some of the main causes of cable failure include:

- Operating Conditions: When cables operate outside their optimal conditions, such as extreme temperatures, they can experience embrittlement and eventual failure, potentially leading to short circuits and fires.
- **Inappropriate Application:** Using a cable that isn't robust enough for its environment increases the risk of failure, especially if it lacks mechanical or chemical resistance.
- Mechanical Damage: Installation or usage damage can compromise a cable's integrity, reducing its lifespan and effectiveness.
- **Sheath Degradation:** Factors like heat, chemicals, weather, and abrasion can degrade the cable's sheath, leaving the insulated cores vulnerable to failure.
- **Moisture Ingress:** Moisture infiltration can lead to short circuits and corrosion, causing electrical issues.
- **Cable Heating:** Excessive heating, whether from external sources or due to overload, can degrade insulation and sheathing, leading to premature failure.
- Electrical Overloading: Plugging too many appliances into a single socket or overloading the wiring can result in electrical overloading, risking the integrity of the cable and safety hazards.

#### **GFI RECEPTACLE OUTLET**

Your vehicle features a control panel governing various electrical components. Within this panel, you'll find switches labeled for functions like Roof A/C (20A), TV Outlet for Apple TV (20A), Driver iPad Charger Outlet (20A), Microwave (20A), GFCI Outlet (20A), Shorepower (30A), Power Inverter (30A), and a test button. Additionally, there are switches for specific functions such as the seats (LF: 20A, RF: 20A, LR: 20A, RR: 20A), Toilet (20A), Heater (25A), USB (10A), Fridge (10A), See Level (10A), Shade (15A), Router (10A), and Fan Ext (10A). The control panel is located at the rear side of the vehicle on the drivers side, under the side seat.





It is equipped with GFCI receptacles. GFCI stands for Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter, which is a fast-acting breaker designed to shut off electrical power in the event of a ground fault. It provides reliable overload and short-circuit protection, as well as protection from ground faults that might result from contact with a hot wire and ground.

A Ground Fault occurs when there is a grounding path from an appliance, tool, or electrical system. These devices electronically monitor the amount of current going out in the circuit and should match with the amount of current coming back to the circuit.



Both values should always be the same; if there is a difference, it means that the current is taking another pathway to ground (ground fault).

GFCI receptacles are required anytime electricity is used around water sources; therefore, the GFCI receptacles on your vehicle are located on the passenger side. A single GFCI receptacle may protect numerous outlets down circuit. Power from the Circuit Breakers panel goes to the GFCI device and from there all outlets down circuit from the device are protected. If the device trips, numerous outlets can be affected.

GFCI devices should be tested once a month. It's a simple procedure; just press the "test" button on the Power Distribution Panel, and it will also reset the system if there is any failure.

# DANGER

## GFCI Receptacles: Preventing Electrocution:

If the current deviates from its intended pathway or if a fault occurs, a potentially hazardous situation arises where your body could inadvertently become part of the current flow, leading to what is commonly known as electrocution. When your body comes into contact with electricity, it can act as a conductor for the current.

GFCI receptacles play a crucial role in preventing electrocution. They are designed to react swiftly to any deviation or fault, opening the circuit within milliseconds. This rapid response effectively prevents the flow of electricity through your body, mitigating the risk of electrocution.

#### • WARNING

While GFCI outlets significantly reduce the risk of electrical shock, it's important to note that they cannot completely eliminate the danger. Individuals, especially small children or those with heart conditions, should exercise extra caution as electrical shock can still cause burns or cardiac issues even with a GFCI in place.

#### CAUTION

Never operate electrical devices or touch switches or outlets with wet hands or in wet conditions. Water increases the risk of electrical shock, even with GFCI protection.

#### CAUTION

Do not insert foreign objects into outlets or attempt to modify or tamper with GFCI receptacles. Misuse of electrical outlets can lead to damage or electrical hazards.

## NOTICE

Regularly inspect electrical cords and plugs for signs of damage, fraying, or exposed wires. Replace damaged cords immediately to prevent electrical hazards.

## • NOTICE

#### **Emergency Response Plan:**

Develop an emergency response plan for electrical incidents, including procedures for turning off power to the vehicle and administering first aid in the event of an electrical shock.



## **POWER DISTRIBUTION**

# **PANEL COMPONENTS**

Within the Power Distribution Panel Compartment, you'll find several essential components that may require access in various situations. These include the tanks panel, motorized battery switch, automatic transfer switch, fuses, and two buttons specifically for the lithium batteries. These components play integral roles in managing power distribution, battery operations, and ensuring system reliability, making them crucial elements to be familiar with and accessible when needed.



# MOTORIZED BATTERY SWITCH

The vehicle is equipped with a motorized battery switch that will serve a variety of functions that will help you preserve power, keep your battery healthy, and make the most of your time on the road. The vehicle battery switch provides a simple way to cut off the main vehicle circuit from your battery.

This switch is located in the rear side of the vehicle in the compartment below the driver's side twin bed seat.

#### **IMPORTANCE OF BATTERY SWITCH**

The motorized battery switch plays a crucial role in ensuring safety during maintenance activities and allows for uninterrupted troubleshooting. Its primary function is to prevent rapid battery discharging, a common issue when batteries remain connected to a circuit.

When batteries are connected, they tend to discharge faster even when appliances are turned off, as they draw power in anticipation of startup. This continuous power loss can lead to unexpectedly dead batteries, especially when you need to use the vehicle. However, with the battery switch in place, this draining process can be significantly reduced, ensuring a slower discharge rate.

Furthermore, the switch enables you to manage power consumption effectively, particularly when using shore power at campgrounds. This allows the batteries to recharge when connected to shore power, maintaining optimal battery health.

To monitor the battery status accurately, regularly check the Multiplex Control Panel for detailed information on the state of charge. This proactive approach ensures that you are always aware of your battery's condition and can take appropriate measures to preserve its longevity and functionality.





# POWER INVERTER SERVICE SWITCH

The Power Inverter Service Switch is a component commonly found in RVs with battery systems. It controls the power inverter, which converts battery power (DC) into alternating current (AC) used by most electrical appliances and devices.

This switch is located in the rear side of the vehicle in the compartment below the driver's side twin bed seat.

#### **FUNCTIONS OF THE POWER INVERTER SERVICE SWITCH**

- On/Off Control: It allows users to turn the inverter on or off, thereby controlling whether the system is supplying AC power to the RV's electrical devices.
- Maintenance and Safety: It enables safe maintenance by allowing the inverter to be disconnected for repairs or servicing without having to disconnect the entire battery or electrical system.
- **Energy Conservation:** Turning off the inverter when not needed helps conserve battery power, as the inverter can consume energy even when not actively in use.
- System Protection: It protects the RV's electrical system by preventing overloads or issues that might arise from leaving the inverter running unattended.



# **AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH (ATS)**

The Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS) plays a crucial role in managing your vehicle's power sources effectively. Its primary function is to ensure that your vehicle receives power from one designated source, shore power cord, bypassing the inverter in the process.

To access the ATS, simply remove the refrigerator, which is located on the pilot's side of the vehicle, underneath the fridge. This switch incorporates several protective features to safeguard your vehicle from low-quality power.

These protective measures include defense against high voltage, low voltage, and incorrectly connected chassis ground. If any of these fault conditions are detected, the ATS will immediately open both contactors to prevent damage to the vehicle. Once the fault condition is resolved, the ATS will wait for approximately 2.5 minutes before attempting to close the appropriate contactor again.

#### **ATS: TROUBLESHOOTING**

For troubleshooting purposes, if the ATS fails to close the contactor or transfer power as expected, follow these steps:

- Check the input voltage level to ensure it falls within the proper operating range.
- Verify if the Open Ground LED status is ON, indicating an open ground issue.
- Ensure that the ATS is correctly connected to chassis ground and that the neutral conductor is properly grounded at the power pedestal.
- Wait for 2.5 minutes to see if the fault condition clears, as it may have been temporary.





# **SOLAR POWER SYSTEM**

The vehicle has three 100 watts solar panels installed on its roof, contributing to powering internal appliances. Solar panels function by converting sunlight into electricity. However, it's important to note that solar panels alone may not provide 100% power for the vehicle; their main role is to recharge the battery bank when not connected to shore power.

The solar charging system operates silently and without the need for fuel, allowing uninterrupted battery charging as long as sunlight is available. An alternative charging method include using an alternator, especially when not connected to a power source.





# **SOLAR CONTROLLER**

The solar controller regulates the voltage and current from the solar panels to ensure optimal charging of the battery bank. It helps prevent overcharging and extends the lifespan of the batteries.



## **Functionality:**

- A solar charge controller serves as a crucial component in off-grid and hybrid off-grid setups, regulating the power input from Photovoltaics (PV), which convert light into electricity using semiconducting materials found in solar cells.
- This system, known as photovoltaics, is named for its process of converting light (photons) into electricity (voltage), making solar energy accessible for powering various applications.

# **Battery Maintenance:**

- Solar charge controllers play a pivotal role in maintaining batteries at their optimal state of charge without overcharging, thus preventing gassing and potential battery damage.
- This function is essential for the longevity and reliability of battery storage in solar-powered systems

# **Overcharging Prevention:**

- Integrated with a built-in regulator, solar charger controller safeguards against battery overcharging by effectively regulating the charge voltage.
- By avoiding unregulated charge voltage, the system mitigates the risk of premature battery failure, ensuring sustainable and efficient energy storage.

## **Regulation:**

 Additionally, the controller incorporates a regulator that actively prevents battery undercharge, a common issue in solar energy setups, thereby maintaining consistent and reliable battery performance.





# Floating Charge:

- The solar charge controller is permanently connected to the battery through a process known as "floating," where it intelligently manages the charging process.
- This method includes ceasing charging when the battery reaches full capacity and automatically restarting as needed, reducing water loss and preventing the battery from "drying out" due to excessive charging.

# **Night Discharge Protection:**

- During low or no light conditions, such as at night, the controller effectively prevents battery discharge by implementing a specialized circuit.
- This circuit ensures that current does not flow back from the battery to the solar panel, preserving energy and maintaining battery integrity.

# **Monitoring and Display:**

- Equipped with colored LED indicators, the battery charger provides clear operational status and battery condition feedback, enhancing system monitoring and maintenance.
- Additionally, a digital LCD screen offers comprehensive data, including battery voltage, charging current, capacity (in Amp hours), battery types, and fault codes, facilitating precise monitoring and control of the system's performance.

# **EXTERIOR**



# **OVERVIEW OF UPPER VIEW COMPONENTS**

This section provides a detailed overview of the exterior features located on the upper side of your Sprinter vehicle. Understanding these components and their functionalities is essential for maximizing the utility and performance of your vehicle.

# 1. Two Holding Tank Vent Caps

 Say goodbye to unwanted odors with two holding tank vent caps that efficiently remove odors before they enter your living space.
 These caps ensure a fresh and odor-free interior.

# 2. Rooftop Exhaust Fan

 Maintain optimal ventilation and moisture control in confined spaces like bathrooms and showers with a rooftop exhaust fan.
 Its locking lid and single-hand push-button operation make it convenient and easy to use.

# 3. Three Solar Power System with Three Panels

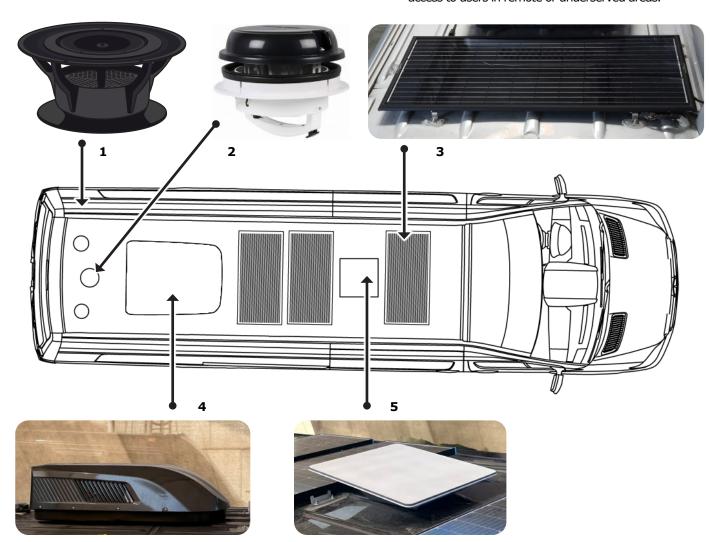
 Harness the power of the sun with a robust solar power system featuring three panels totaling 300 watts. This solar setup provides sustainable energy to charge your batteries and power essential appliances, offering independence and eco-friendliness.

## 4. Air Conditioner

 Beat the heat with a powerful air conditioner that keeps your vehicle cool and comfortable even during hot summer days. Enjoy customizable climate control for a pleasant interior environment.

#### 5. Satellite Internet Antenna

 Satellite Internet Antenna designed to receive signals from SpaceX's constellation of low Earth orbit (LEO) satellites to provide high-speed broadband internet access to users in remote or underserved areas.



# **EXTERIOR**



# **OVERVIEW OF PASSENGER VIEW COMPONENTS**

This section provides a detailed overview of the exterior features located on the passenger side of your Sprinter vehicle. Understanding these components and their functionalities is essential for maximizing the utility and performance of your vehicle.

# **Roadside Utility Compartment**

#### 1. Fresh Water Holding Tank Fill

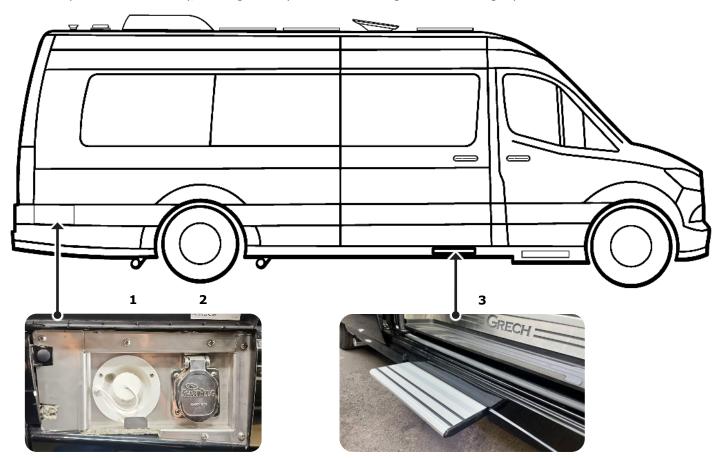
- The Fresh Water Holding Tank Fill is a critical component of your vehicle's water system. It enables you to fill the fresh water holding tank for your vehicle's water needs.
- Located on the exterior of the vehicle, it provides easy access for filling the tank with potable water.
- The fill port is designed to prevent contamination and ensure the water remains clean and safe for use. Proper maintenance and care of the fill system are essential to maintain water quality and functionality.

# 2. Shore Power Cord Hookup Station

- The Shore Power Cord Hookup Station, equipped with a 30 amp/110V service, is a critical component of the electrical system in your vehicle. This station provides a secure and efficient connection point for plugging in to external power sources, such as campgrounds or power outlets.
- The 30 amp capacity allows for reliable power supply to your vehicle's electrical appliances and systems, ensuring they operate smoothly and safely. Properly connecting and maintaining this hookup station is essential for accessing external power when needed and for supporting various electrical functions within your vehicle.

# 3. Entry Step

The luxury SUV comes equipped with an entry step feature, accessible via a button conveniently located inside the vehicle. When
activated, this feature smoothly deploys the entry step from underneath the body, facilitating easy access to the interior. Once inside,
the step retracts automatically, ensuring a sleek profile and enhancing the overall driving experience.



# **EXTERIOR**



# **OVERVIEW OF PASSENGER VIEW COMPONENTS**

This section provides a detailed overview of the exterior features located on the driver side of your Sprinter vehicle. Understanding these components and their functionalities is essential for maximizing the utility and performance of your vehicle.

# 1. Diesel Fuel Inlet

- The diesel fuel inlet on the vehicle is the access point where you can refuel the vehicle's diesel tank. It is located on the exterior of the vehicle, on the driver's side for convenience.
- This inlet is designed to fit standard diesel fuel nozzles, allowing you to easily fill up the tank at gas stations or refueling stations. It's important to ensure that the diesel fuel inlet is securely closed after refueling to prevent any leaks or spills during travel.

## 2. Manual Waste Dump Valve

- The waste dump valve is an essential component of your vehicle's wastewater management system, playing a pivotal role in
  maintaining sanitation and cleanliness during your travels. Specifically designed for manual operation, this valve provides you with
  precise control over the discharge of wastewater from the vehicle's holding tanks, ensuring efficient and hygienic disposal.
- By allowing you to regulate the flow of wastewater, the waste dump valve enables you to coordinate the emptying process according to your needs and environmental considerations. This level of control not only enhances convenience but also contributes to responsible waste management practices while on the road.



# WINTERIZATION



Winterization is a critical process designed to safeguard your Lusso vehicle during freezing temperatures, whether it's in storage during winter months or exposed to extremely cold conditions.

This comprehensive procedure is essential for protecting key components, including Fresh Water Lines, Waste Drain Lines, Waste Holding Tanks, Water Heater, and batteries, from potential damage caused by freezing temperatures.

Ensuring proper winterization is vital to the longevity and optimal performance of your vehicle when faced with colder weather.

#### STORAGE FOR WINTER

- Implement precautions similar to those taken for your home, including considerations for perishables, ventilation, winterizing, and rain protection.
- Before leaving your vehicle unattended for an extended period, flush out all drain lines and waste holding tanks.

#### **IMPORTANCE FOR WINTERIZING**

Understanding the significance of winterization is crucial to avoiding potential damages. Failure to winterize may lead to burst pipes due to frozen water expansion, resulting in hose damage.

# **Protection Measures:**

 Winterizing protects your water pump and prevents malfunctions or damages in your water/holding tank systems.

# **Recommended Antifreeze:**

 Utilize a Non-Toxic Antifreeze approved for drinking water lines to ensure effective winterizing protection for your vehicle.

By following these winterization steps, you not only protect your vehicle from potential damages but also ensure a smooth and worry-free experience during winter storage or cold weather camping. Prioritizing winterization measures is an investment in the longevity and optimal functioning of your vehicle in challenging weather conditions.

#### **STEPS FOR WINTERIZING**

#### **Domestic Water System:**

Proper winterization of the domestic water system is crucial to preventing freezing, which can lead to damage and costly repairs. By following these guidelines, you'll safeguard your water system and ensure its optimal performance, even in the coldest temperatures.

To winterize the domestic water system, follow these steps to safeguard your water system during cold months:

# 1. Drain Holding Tanks:

- Open the drain valve on the fresh water tank to allow the water drain out of the system.
- Empty fresh, grey and black holding tanks.

# 2. Add Antifreeze to Fresh Water Tank:

- Propylene-glycol, a suitable antifreeze, can be used to protect the water system and can be pumped through the system using the water pump.
- Pour 4 gallons of non-toxic water system antifreeze into the fresh water tank.

# 3. Activate Water Pump:

• Turn on the water pump to fill the water lines with the antifreeze solution.

# 4. Faucet Antifreeze Run:

- Run each sink faucet in both cold and hot positions until a steady stream of antifreeze flows and circulates through the entire system for 5 seconds.
- Allow antifreeze to run down the sink for an additional 10 seconds.

#### 5. Toilet Flushing:

• Flush the toilet by pressing the Flush button at the side of the toilet until stream of antifreeze emerges.

# 6. Waste Valve Opening:

 Open the waste valve until non-toxic antifreeze comes out of the hose; close the valve when antifreeze circulates through the system.

# 7. Relieve Pump Pressure:

• Reopen faucet to relieve pump pressure.

By following these simplified steps, you ensure a thorough winterization process for your water system, preventing freezing-related issues and maintaining optimal performance during colder months.

# **O** NOTICE

Repeat the process for each plumbing fixture to ensure comprehensive protection.

# WINTERIZATION



#### NOTICE

Grech Motor's Water Systems are designed that the average owner can winterize their vehicle without having to deal with the time inconvenience or cost of dealer assistance.

# **HOUSE BATTERIES**

If you're storing the vehicle for 30 days or less, remember to switch off the battery disconnect by pressing and holding the button for 5 seconds. To turn the batteries back on, simply press the button again. These buttons are located underneath the ottoman. When the batteries are activated or turned on, each button will illuminate with a blue light.

However, it's crucial to regularly inspect your batteries, especially on a weekly basis during harsh weather conditions. Periodic checks are essential to ensure the batteries remain fully charged, preserving their optimal lifespan. This step is particularly important in freezing or below-freezing temperatures. Regular monitoring will contribute to maintaining the longevity and performance of your batteries.

#### NOTICE

It is important to winterize your vehicle in a plain level surface, so the winterize fluid can spread on all surfaces correctly.

#### DANGER

Use only RV type potable drinking water safe antifreeze. Avoid using automotive antifreeze for winterizing potable water systems, as these solutions are extremely toxic. Ingesting them can lead to severe injuries or even death.





# **WATER SYSTEM**



# **DRAIN AND WASTE SYSTEM**

The Drain and Waste System in your vehicle is an essential component designed to handle and manage wastewater efficiently. It consists of robust waste holding tanks constructed from durable, corrosion-resistant molded plastic, ensuring long-term durability and reliability. These tanks are strategically placed within the vehicle's framework, supported by a reliable dump valve that facilitates the safe and convenient discharge of waste when needed.

The primary purpose of this system is to separate and contain different types of wastewater produced during various activities within your vehicle. The system's design includes distinct tanks for different types of wastewater:

These tanks work in conjunction with the vehicle's plumbing system, allowing for efficient management of wastewater. Additionally, the system is equipped with monitoring mechanisms, such as the Firefly Integrations Control System, which provides real-time feedback on tank levels. This monitoring ensures that tanks are not overfilled and facilitates timely disposal when necessary, contributing to a seamless and hassle-free wastewater management experience during your journeys.

## **WATER SUPPLY**

Your vehicle is outfitted with a sophisticated water system that comprises a Fresh Water Tank, a Gray Tank, and a Black Water Tank. These tanks, along with the associated plumbing equipment and components, are designed to handle all aspects of water storage and waste disposal within your vehicle.

- Fresh Water Tank: This tank holds potable water, which is the water used for the faucet and toilet.
- Gray Tank: This tank contains used water from faucets and showers.
- **Black Water Tank:** This tank is specifically for holding human waste and sewage directly from the toilet.

The Fresh Water Tank stores clean water for various uses, while the Gray Tank collects wastewater from sinks and showers. On the other hand, the Black Water Tank is dedicated to holding waste from the toilet.

The system includes plumbing equipment and components such as pipes, valves, and fittings. These components work together to manage water storage and waste disposal efficiently.

Understanding the functionality of each element is essential for proper water management and hygiene during your travels. This section provides detailed insights into how the water system operates and the roles of its various components.

#### **TANKS CAPACITIES**

#### Fresh Water Tank

- Capacity: 9 gallons
- Location: Positioned underneath the vehicle on the rear passenger side, ensuring easy access and efficient water storage for your needs.

# **Gray Water Tank**

- Capacity: 9 gallons
- Location: Positioned underneath the vehicle on the rear driver side, designed to collect and manage gray water effectively from the sink.

#### **Black Water Tank**

- Capacity: 10.5 gallons
- Location: Situated underneath the toilet on the rear passenger side, facilitating the containment and disposal of black water waste with convenience and cleanliness.

# • WARNING

Be aware of not scratching or hitting your holding tanks on the exterior as this may damage the plastic component and would probably need to be replaced.

## NOTICE

Keep your holding tank clean using a cleaning agent approved for recreational vehicle sanitation systems.

#### CAUTION

If water is allowed to freeze in the system, serious damage to the plumbing may occur. Failures of this type will void the warranty. The best guarantee against damage is to completely drain the water system.



**Gray Water Tank** 

Fresh Water Tank

# **WATER SYSTEM**



# FRESH WATER TANK SYSTEM

The Fresh Water System in your vehicle offers a user experience similar to what you're accustomed to in a residential setting.

# **Pressurized Water Supply**

- Utilizes a 12-Volt self-priming pump for consistent water pressure.
- Delivers water from the fresh water tank to all cold water faucets and the water heater.

# **Filling the Fresh Water Tank**

- Use the designated fresh water fill point for refilling the tank.
- Overflow from the vent indicates when the tank is full.

# **Monitoring Water Levels**

- Check the Firefly Multiplex Control System for real-time water level information.
- Allows for efficient planning of water usage based on available tank capacity.

# **Pre-Trip Preparation**

- Fill the tank before departure or at designated stations.
- Ensure a sufficient supply for your journey's needs.

# Flexibility in Refilling

- Options to refill at home, along the route, or at campgrounds.
- Some campgrounds provide dedicated areas for fresh water refills.

# **Optimal Usage**

- Monitor water levels using the Firefly Multiplex Control System.
- Utilize pressurized water from the tank for faucets, showers, and the water heater.







Fresh Water Tank Heater Pad

#### **HEATER PAD**

Heater pads are heating elements designed to prevent water in RV tanks from freezing in cold climates. This pads is placed on the exterior of the fresh water tank to provide consistent warmth and keep the water above freezing temperatures.

#### **FUNCTIONS**

- Pressurized Water Supply: The primary function of heater pads is to prevent the water in the tanks from freezing. This is crucial for maintaining the water system's functionality in extreme cold conditions and avoiding damage from freezing.
- **Constant Heating:** They provide a gentle and continuous heat to ensure the water in the tank remains at a safe temperature.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Heater pads are designed to be energy-efficient, using only the necessary amount of power to keep the water at a safe temperature.
- Activation: Many heater pads connect to the RV's power source and activate automaticallu when temperatures dropbelow a certain threshold. It can be turned on and off with the Firefly Multiplex System Screen. You can find the heater pads' control option under the "Auxiliary" tab in the "Tank Heater" section.



Tank Sensors

# **WATER SYSTEM**



#### **ACCESSING WATER SUPPLY**

Your vehicle offers two methods for accessing water in your plumbing system:

#### **FRESH WATER TANK AND PUMP**

- Use the vehicle's pump to access water stored in the Fresh Water Tank.
- Fill the Fresh Water Tank before your journey or at designated areas in campgrounds.
- Consider the weight implications (GVWR) if driving with a full tank, as excess weight can impact vehicle performance and fuel efficiency.
- To fill your tank, locate the Fresh Water Holding Tank Fill port/inlet on the outside of your vehicle.

#### • WARNING

If you are connecting to a water inlet/spigot from a campground, it's advisable to use a water pressure regulator with your vehicle's water hose. Excessive pressure can lead to bursting water pipes or leaks at plumbing fittings within your vehicle.

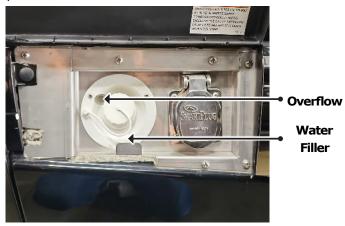
Efficient water management ensures you have access to a reliable water supply during your travels.

# **CURB SIDE UTILITY CENTER**

This RV is equipped with a sink and faucet, supported by a Fresh Water Holding Tank designed to meet your water needs. You can conveniently fill this tank either at home before you start your journey or at various locations along the way.

Options for filling include fuel stations, convenience stores, and designated water filling stations at campgrounds.

For easy access, the Fresh Water Holding Tank Fill is located at the rear passenger side of the vehicle. This setup allows for straightforward refilling before departure or during your travels, ensuring you always have a sufficient supply of fresh water for all your needs.





# NOTICE

This compartment is situated on the passnger side of the vehicle. It serves as a power and water hook-up station.

# CAUTION

Overfilling the fresh, gray, and black water tank could lead to overflow backing up through the toilet system in your vehicle. It is important to monitor the system regularly using the Firefly Integrations Control System screen to avoid such issues.



# **WATER PUMP**

The water pump in your vehicle is strategically placed at the rear area of the vehicle, positioned alongside the black tank under the toilet.

This critical component is seamlessly integrated with the Firefly Multiplex System control panels, providing intuitive control and monitoring capabilities.

Designed to deliver a smooth and consistent flow of water, the pump operates efficiently across all ranges of operation, ensuring optimal performance while drawing minimal current. This setup not only enhances user experience but also promotes effective water management within your vehicle's system.

#### WATER PUMP OPERATION

- Ensure all drain valves are closed securely.
- Turn off the water pump icon to start.
- Fill the water tank to the desired level.
- Open both hot and cold faucets in the vehicle.
- Turn on the water pump icon.
- Close the faucets once water flows steadily and normally from them.
- Check that the water pump stops running after closing all faucets.
- Your water pump is now set for automatic operation as needed.

When the icon glows blue, it indicates that the pump is powered on and fully operational.



## • NOTICE

Don't forget to always turn off the water pump switch when leaving the vehicle unattended for an extended period of time and when driving. This will prevent excessive damage and battery discharge in the event of a leak.

#### WARNING

An unattended constant running water pump can cause it to overheat. Make sure you periodically check for leaks or any other signs that your water pump is not working as it should.

# **GRAY WATER TANK SYSTEM**

The gray water tank system in your vehicle plays a crucial role in managing wastewater. It stores all water waste produced in your vehicle, excluding toilet flushing. The gray water tank is designed to separate this wastewater from the black water tank, ensuring efficient and hygienic waste management within your vehicle.

#### **BENEFITS OF GRAY WATER TANK SYSTEM**

Having a gray water tank system in your vehicle offers several benefits and is of significant importance:

#### **Environmental Protection:**

 Proper management reduces environmental impact by preventing contaminants from entering natural water sources.

#### **Hygiene and Health:**

 Separating gray water from black water ensures a cleaner and more hygienic environment within your vehicle, reducing the risk of exposure to harmful bacteria.

# **Regulatory Compliance:**

 Many camping grounds require vehicles to have a gray water tank system to comply with environmental regulations and maintain cleanliness standards.

### Convenience:

 The gray water tank system allows you to use water from the sink without worrying about disposing of wastewater separately.

#### **Hygiene and Health:**

 By containing gray water separately, the tank system helps control odors within your vehicle, enhancing overall comfort during your travels.



# **BLACK WATER TANK SYSTEM**

The black tank in your vehicle plays a vital role in your overall experience, situated conveniently beneath the toilet. Proper maintenance of this tank is paramount for ensuring a pleasant and odor-free environment during your travels.

Regularly emptying the black tank, particularly before storing the vehicle for any duration, is highly recommended to prevent the buildup of unpleasant sewer odors.

By adhering to a routine of timely emptying and maintenance, you can enjoy a comfortable and hygienic journey without the worry of unwelcome odors affecting your experience.

## **BENEFITS OF BLACK WATER TANK SYSTEM**

The black tank system in your vehicle plays a crucial role in maintaining a clean and comfortable environment during your travels. Here are some benefits and importance of the black tank system:

#### **Odor Control**

 Properly maintaining the black tank system helps control and eliminate unpleasant odors associated with sewage, enhancing the overall indoor air quality in your vehicle.

#### **Hygiene and Health**

 Ensures a hygienic and sanitary environment by containing and managing human waste effectively, reducing the risk of exposure to harmful bacteria and pathogens.

#### **Environmental Protection**

 Prevents sewage contamination of the environment by safely storing and disposing of waste in designated facilities, minimizing pollution and preserving natural water sources.

## **Regulatory Compliance**

 Many camping grounds require vehicles to have a black tank system to comply with sanitation and environmental regulations, ensuring cleanliness and safety standards are met.

#### Convenience:

 Provides a convenient and efficient way to manage waste disposal during your travels, allowing you to enjoy your journey without worrying about sanitation issues.

## **Long-Term Durability**

 Proper maintenance of the black tank system prolongs its lifespan and functionality, ensuring reliable performance for years to come.

## **WASTE CONTROL SYSTEM**

To effectively manage waste water from your vehicle, understanding the process of dumping waste tanks is crucial. The Waste Control System is located below the Roadside Utility Compartment on the driver's side at the rear bottom of the vehicle. This system includes a Manual Waste Valve, which serves to regulate the flow of waste water from the holding tanks.

These tanks store various types of wastewater generated from the toilet and sink activities. The waste valve, situated on the driver's side at the rear bottom of the vehicle, is used to release waste water when needed, especially during dumping at designated stations.

It is a vital component for managing and safely disposing of waste water during vehicle use, ensuring efficient and hygienic operations.



# **IMPORTANCE OF WASTE CONTROL SYSTEM**

Here are some benefits of the Waste Control System in managing vehicle wastewater:

- Efficiently manages wastewater from vehicle activities.
- · Regulates the flow of wastewater from holding tanks.
- Essential for safe and hygienic disposal of wastewater.
- Facilitates dumping of wastewater at designated stations.
- Ensures efficient and effective operations of vehicle wastewater management.

#### **DUMPING WASTE TANKS**

When it's time to empty the waste tanks, you'll need to visit an appropriate dumping station. These stations are commonly available at campgrounds, state parks, and national parks. Properly dumping the waste ensures cleanliness, hygiene, and environmental responsibility during your travels.



#### • NOTICE

Avoid disposing of sewage down drain pipes or in natural environments.

### CAUTION

When handling the sewer outlet connection, ensure to wear polyethylene or surgical latex gloves. Afterward, promptly wash your hands or use antibacterial products.

## • CAUTION

Regularly inspect the waste valve and associated components for any signs of damage or wear.

#### NOTICE

Use soft, single-ply RV toilet paper, non-dyed, biodegrable toitlet tissue, this type will desintegrate a lot easier and will not cause damage to your waste water system.

#### • CAUTION

Ensure the waste valve is fully closed and secure after dumping to prevent leaks and odors.

#### CAUTION

Avoid dumping hazardous materials or chemicals into the wastewater system to prevent damage and contamination.

#### NOTICE

Familiarize yourself with local regulations and guidelines for wastewater disposal to comply with environmental standards.

### • NOTICE

If you encounter any issues with the waste control system, consult a qualified technician for inspection and repairs.

#### **DRAINING THE FRESH WATER SYSTEM**

To drain the fresh water tank, drain all water out of the vehicle by opening the faucet when the vehicle is not in motion. This will drain the fresh water tank and all the water will be moved to the grey or black tank and then it will be drain by using the Water Valve from the Water Control System.

- **1.** Turn off the water pump to prevent it from drawing in more water during the draining process.
- 2. Ensure the vehicle is stationary and not in motion.
- **3.** Connect a hose from the opening of the Waste Valve to the campground dumping station to facilitate proper drainage
- 4. Open the Grey Tank Valve manually.
- **5.** Monitor the tank levels using the monitoring system to ensure they are draining properly and not overflowing.
- **6.** Flush the toilet multiple times or open all faucets until water stops flowing, ensuring thorough drainage.
- **7.** Turn the water pump on as needed to remove any remaining water from the fresh water lines, promoting a complete draining process.



**Black Tank Valve** 

**Gray Tank Valve** 

# • NOTICE

Before winterizing or storing your vehicle for an extended period, it's crucial to drain your fresh water tank. Failing to do so can lead to contamination of the water, making it unsuitable and potentially harmful for use. This precaution ensures that your freshwater system remains clean and functional when you're ready to use it again.

## NOTICE

It's advisable to drain or keep the fresh water tank and waste tanks nearly empty even during travel. Carrying full tanks adds unnecessary weight to your vehicle, leading to increased wear and tear and higher fuel consumption. This practice not only conserves fuel but also helps maintain optimal performance and efficiency during your journey.

#### NOTICE

It's recommended to keep fresh water in your tank for no longer than two weeks to ensure its freshness and safety for use. However, various factors such as temperature, storage conditions, and water quality can influence the duration of freshness.



#### **MONITORING THE WATER TANKS EFFECTIVELY**

The Firefly Integrations Control System offers an advanced monitoring solution that seamlessly integrates with the Fresh Water, Gray Water, and Black Water tanks in your vehicle. Each tank is equipped with SeeLevel sensors that provide real-time data on water levels.

These sensors ensure you are constantly informed about the status of each tank, accurately indicating whether they are empty or full. This precision in monitoring allows for efficient management of your water and waste resources, enabling timely decisions on when to refill or empty the tanks.

It's important to maintain the system's accuracy by keeping the tanks free of debris. Regular maintenance and cleaning are essential to ensure optimal functionality and reliable monitoring results. The SeeLevel sensors are integral to maintaining a healthy and efficient water management system in your vehicle.





See Level Sensors

Fresh Water Tank

#### NOTICE

Familiarize yourself with the operation of the Firefly Integrations Control System and how to interpret the data provided by the tank sensors. Understanding the system's capabilities and limitations will help you make informed decisions regarding water management in your vehicle.

## CAUTION

Ensure that the sensors in the water tanks are kept clean and free of debris to maintain accurate readings. Debris or buildup on the sensors can lead to false readings or malfunctions in the monitoring system.

#### WARNING

Regularly inspect the sensor connections and wiring to ensure they are secure and free from damage. Loose connections or damaged wiring can cause intermittent sensor failures.

#### CAUTION

Be aware that extreme temperature fluctuations or exposure to harsh environmental conditions can affect the performance of the sensors. Take precautions to protect the sensors from excessive heat, cold, moisture, or physical damage.

#### • NOTICE

In case of any discrepancies or unusual readings from the tank sensors, consult the user manual or contact technical support for troubleshooting and assistance. Avoid ignoring or neglecting sensor issues, as they can impact the reliability of the monitoring system.



# **EXTERIOR CARE**

Regular maintenance of your vehicle is essential for preserving its quality over time. It is important to use care products and cleaning agents that are recommended and approved for Sprinter vehicles.

You can safely wash your vehicle in an automatic car wash from the beginning. However, ensure that you rinse off any excess dirt before taking your vehicle through an automatic car wash. After the car wash, it is recommended to wipe off any wax residue from the following areas:

- · Rear view camera lens
- Windshield
- · Windshield wiper blades

#### • NOTICE

#### When cleaning the vehicle avoid using the following:

- Dry, rough, or hard cloths that can scratch the surface.
- Abrasive cleaning agents that may damage the paint or finish.
- Solvents or cleaning agents containing solvents, as they can harm the vehicle's surfaces

Using these products can lead to undesirable effects such as scratches, damage to the paint or finish, and deterioration of surfaces.

This practice helps prevent smudges and reduces the noise from wiping caused by residue on the windshield.

# **WASHING BY HAND**

When washing your vehicle by hand, follow these guidelines for optimal results:

- Water Temperature and Sunlight: Avoid using hot water and refrain from washing the vehicle in direct sunlight.
- **Sponge Selection:** Use a soft car sponge to prevent scratches on the surface.
- **Cleaning Agent:** Use a mild cleaning agent, such as a car shampoo approved for use with Sprinter vehicles.
- **Rinsing:** Thoroughly hose down the vehicle with a gentle jet of water before applying the cleaning agent.
- **Sponge Care**: Rinse out the sponge frequently during use to avoid transferring dirt back onto the vehicle's surface.
- **Final Rinse and Drying:** After washing, rinse the vehicle with clean water and dry it thoroughly with a chamois to prevent water spots.
- **Avoiding Residue:** Do not let the cleaning agents dry on the paintwork, as this can leave streaks or residue.
- Winter Care: In winter, promptly remove all traces of road salt deposits to prevent corrosion and damage to the vehicle's exterior.

## NOTICE

#### **Post-Cleaning Caution:**

After cleaning your vehicle, especially the wheel rim with wheel cleaner, avoid parking it for an extended period immediately. Wheel cleaner residue can accelerate corrosion on the brake discs and pads.

#### To mitigate this risk:

- Drive the vehicle for a few minutes after cleaning.
- This action heats up the brakes, allowing the brake discs and pads to dry.
- After driving, the vehicle can then be safely parked for a long period without the risk of increased corrosion.

This practice helps maintain the condition of your brake components and extends their longevity.

Before beginning the hand washing process for your vehicle, it is crucial to verify that all tools used, including brushes, mitts, cleaning solutions, etc., are safe for your vehicle's surfaces. Even intense and prolonged scrubbing can impact the finish of the vehicle. Additionally, using an inappropriate brush for cleaning the tires can potentially cause damage and scratches. Therefore, it is important to exercise caution and use suitable tools to maintain the integrity of your vehicle's appearance.

# **Before Cleaning the Windshield:**

- To start the RV, turn on the ignition by pressing the ignition button.
- Fold the windshield wiper arms away from the windshield until you feel them engage.
- Before switching the ignition on again, fold the windshield wipers back into position.

#### **Cleaning the Windows:**

 Clean both the inside and outside of the windows using a damp cloth and a cleaning agent recommended and approved for Sprinter vehicles.

Following these steps ensures proper preparation and cleaning of the windshield and windows, maintaining visibility and the vehicle's appearance.





#### CAUTION

There is a risk of injury when cleaning the windshield or wiper blades if they start moving. Always switch off the windshield wipers and the ignition before cleaning the windshield or wiper blades.

# • CAUTION

The water jet from a circular jet nozzle (dirt blasters) can cause invisible exterior damage to the tires or chassis components. Do not use power washers with circular jet nozzles to clean the vehicle. Have damaged tires or chassis components replaced immediately.

## CAUTION

Under no circumstances use power washers in the vehicle interior. The pressurized water and associated spray produced by the power washer could cause extensive damage to the vehicle.

## **USE OF POWER WASHERS**

It is strongly advised not to use pressure washers or power washers on your vehicle. The high-pressure water can cause significant damage to your vehicle's exterior surfaces and components. Additionally, pressure washing can force water into crevices, potentially leading to water seepage into the vehicle's interior.

Furthermore, if not used correctly, a pressure washer can pose a safety risk and cause injuries. Therefore, it is best to avoid using pressure washers and opt for safer cleaning methods like hand washing to preserve the integrity of your vehicle and ensure your safety.

# • NOTICE

Areas that have been sealed with products such as silicon and other malleable materials can be loosened when using a power washer. This can lead to serious damage to sealed areas unless a good brush attached to a light-duty pressure washer is used.

#### **CLEANING THE PAINTWORK**

**Scratches**, **corrosive deposits**, areas affected by **corrosion** and **damage** caused by inadequate care cannot always be completely **repaired**. In such cases, visit a specialist workshop.

- Remove impurities immediately and avoid rubbing too hard.
- Soak insect remains with insect remover and rinse off the treated areas afterwards.
- **Soak** bird droppings with **water** and **rinse off** the treated **areas** afterwards.
- Remove coolant, brake fluid, tree resin, oils, fuels and greases by rubbing gently with a cloth soaked in petroleum ether or lighter fluid.
- Use tar remover to remove tar stains.
- Use silicone remover to remove wax.

#### NOTICE

Do not affix stickers, films, magnetic planes or similar items to painted surfaces you could otherwise damage the paintwork.

#### **CLEANING PRODUCTS**

- Commercial Products: Easily access commercial cleaning products for washing your vehicle on websites like Amazon or at your local vehicle dealer.
- DIY Alternatives: Consider using DIY alternatives, such as mixing baby shampoo with a small amount of distilled white vinegar in a bucket of water. This solution is effective, non-toxic, and suitable for cleaning your vehicle. Use a hand mitt or a soft-bristled hand brush, typically used for washing vehicles, to clean different areas of your vehicle.
- Water Changing: It's recommended to change the water frequently while washing your vehicle. This prevents swirling dirt particles around the surface, which can cause abrasions, streaks, or additional dirt while trying to remove it.

# NOTICE

It is important to avoid using dish soap to clean your vehicle, as it can leave a film that baby shampoo does not leave. Overtime, this film can deteriorate and negatively affect your vehicle, even if it is regularly waxed

### **CLEANING CONTRACTORS**

Many campgrounds recommend cleaning contractors for those who don't have cleaning products like extendable brushes. These contractors bring their own supplies and equipment to the campgrounds.

Before the cleaning service begins, it's important to ask the following questions to ensure a satisfactory experience:

- Are soft-bristle brushes used for cleaning?
- What detergents or cleaning agents will be utilized?
- Will any pressure washing be used during the cleaning process?

Asking these questions beforehand helps clarify the cleaning methods and products used by the contractors, ensuring that they meet your expectations and requirements.

### • WARNING

Exercise caution and avoid applying any cleaners intentionally or accidentally to the windows or the sprinter's body finish. Doing so can cause damage that may necessitate a replacement.



# UNDERCARRIAGE CLEANING

Cleaning the undercarriage of your vehicle is a crucial maintenance task that often goes overlooked but plays a significant role in preserving the structural integrity and longevity of your vehicle. The undercarriage is exposed to various elements such as road salt, mud, debris, and contaminants, which can lead to corrosion, rust, and damage if not addressed promptly.

#### **EFFECTS OF ROAD SALT AND CONTAMINANTS**

Road salt, especially in areas prone to winter weather conditions, can accelerate corrosion and rust formation on the undercarriage components. Mud, debris, and contaminants accumulated from driving on different terrains can also contribute to the deterioration of metal surfaces and protective coatings.

#### **CLEANING METHODS**

Several effective methods can be employed to clean the undercarriage of your vehicle:

- Pressure Washing: Using a pressure washer with an appropriate nozzle attachment can help remove stubborn dirt, mud, and salt deposits from the undercarriage. Ensure to adjust the pressure settings to avoid damaging sensitive components.
- Specialized Cleaning Products: Consider using specialized undercarriage cleaning products formulated to dissolve road grime and contaminants effectively. These products often come with applicators or spray nozzles designed to reach difficult-to-access areas under the vehicle.
- Manual Scrubbing: For areas with heavy buildup or stubborn residue, manual scrubbing with a brush or sponge can help loosen dirt and facilitate thorough cleaning.
- Rinse and Dry: After cleaning, thoroughly rinse the undercarriage with clean water to remove any remaining cleaning agents or debris. Allow the undercarriage to dry completely before proceeding with further maintenance or applying protective coatings.

# **CLEANING METHODS**

After cleaning, consider applying undercarriage protection coatings to safeguard metal surfaces and components from corrosion and rust. These coatings create a barrier against moisture, salt, and environmental contaminants, extending the lifespan of your vehicle's undercarriage and reducing the risk of structural damage.

# **BENEFITS OF UNDERCARRIAGE CLEANING**

Regular undercarriage cleaning offers several benefits, including:.

- Corrosion Prevention: Removing corrosive elements like road salt and mud helps prevent rust formation and corrosion on undercarriage components, ensuring structural integrity and safety.
- Extended Lifespan: Proper maintenance and cleaning of the undercarriage contribute to the longevity of essential components such as exhaust systems, suspension parts, and frame structures.
- **Improved Performance:** A clean undercarriage promotes optimal performance by reducing excess weight from accumulated debris, maintaining aerodynamics, and preserving drivetrain components.
- Visual Appeal: A well-maintained undercarriage enhances the overall appearance of your vehicle and reflects a commitment to proper maintenance and care.

#### **MAINTENANCE RECOMMENDATIONS**

To maintain a clean and corrosion-free undercarriage, consider the following recommendations:

- Regular Inspections: Conduct visual inspections of the undercarriage periodically, especially after driving in harsh conditions or off-road terrain.
- **Routine Cleaning Schedule:** stablish a routine cleaning schedule for the undercarriage, focusing on thorough cleaning after exposure to salt, mud, or contaminants.
- Protective Coatings: Apply undercarriage protection coatings as needed, following manufacturer guidelines for application and reapplication intervals.
- Professional Services: Professional undercarriage cleaning services or inspections must be made by qualified technicians to ensure thorough cleaning and maintenance.

By prioritizing undercarriage cleaning and protection, you can safeguard your vehicle against corrosion, extend its lifespan, and maintain optimal performance for years to come.



# **TIRE CARE**

Before driving your vehicle, especially after prolonged storage, it's crucial to conduct a thorough tire inspection to check for damage or wear. Follow these steps for a comprehensive wheel inspection:

- Exterior and Interior Examination: Inspect the sidewalls, thread area, valve stems, valve caps, and wheels both inside and out for any signs of damage or irregularities.
- Thread Inspection: Carefully examine the tire threads for unusual wear patterns, cracking, penetrations, cuts, or scratches that could compromise tire integrity.

Since vehicle usage varies, with some used seasonally and others year-round, tires naturally wear out and should be checked regularly, ideally daily or at least once a month. Promptly replace any tires showing signs of damage to ensure safe vehicle operation.

Additionally, when the vehicle is not in use, store it in a cool, dry area away from extreme heat or cold. If parking the vehicle outside, consider covering the rims to protect them from direct sunlight, which can degrade tire materials over time and affect their performance and lifespan.

Maintaining the wheels is crucial to ensure optimal traction while moving and grip when steering or stopping the vehicle.

# **TIPS FOR DECREASING THE RISK OF TIRE FAILURE**

Here are the improved tips for decreasing the risk of tire failure and maintaining rims:

- Check Tire Pressure Regularly: Verify tire pressure at least once a month and everytime before driving. Ensure tires are cool (vehicle stopped for 3 hours and driven less than 1 mile) for accurate readings.
- **Use a Tire Gauge:** Maintain tire pressure at the recommended level using a tire gauge. (See OEM label on driver B pillar)
- Avoid Overloading Tires: Adhere to the maximum load carrying capacity of your tires.
- Frequent Tire Inspection: Check tires for scrapes, cuts, damages, or bulges. Seek assistance from a tire dealer if any issues are found.
- Operate at Safe Speeds: Check the recommended speed ratings for your tires to ensure optimal performance and safety.
- **Be Cautious of Road Hazards:** Avoid running over objects like chuckholes, glass, or metal that can damage tires.
- **Replace Worn Tires:** Remove tires with tread depth below 2/32 inches for safe driving.
- Consider Climate: Park your vehicle during warm weather.
   Use tire covers in strong UV sunlight to prevent rim deterioration.

#### **RIM MAINTENANCE**

- Clean rims with soap and water; avoid caustic cleaning products for environmental protection.
- Aluminum alloy rims offer advantages over steel rims, including weight reduction and efficiency improvement.
- Aluminum rims can maintain their shine without frequent polishing even after extensive use.
- Check aluminum wheel covers for rust once or twice a year and address any rust promptly to prevent spreading.

# **COMPARTMENT SEALS**

Windows and doors in your vehicle are equipped with flexible rubber seals designed to protect against wind, rain, and insects. It's crucial to maintain these seals to ensure they remain soft and flexible.

# To preserve rubber seals:

- **Use silicon-based cleaners:** These cleaners help prevent the seals from drying out.
- Apply cleaner carefully: Spray the cleaner onto a cloth and gently wipe it onto the rubber seals to avoid excessive application.

Regular maintenance of compartment seals helps extend their lifespan and ensures effective protection for your vehicle.

#### **SENSORS**

Sensors, often located in the front and rear bumpers, require gentle cleaning for optimal performance.

- Use water, shampoo, and a soft cloth: Clean the sensors with a mixture of water and shampoo applied using a soft cloth.
- **Handle with care:** Be careful and gentle while cleaning the sensors to avoid damage.

Regular cleaning of sensors helps maintain their functionality and accuracy.







# WHEEL ALIGNMENT AND BALANCING

Proper wheel alignment and balancing play a critical role in ensuring safe driving conditions, promoting even tire wear, and enhancing fuel efficiency. These maintenance tasks are essential for preserving the structural integrity of your vehicle's suspension system and optimizing its performance on the road.

#### **MISALIGNMENT OF UNBALANCED WHEELS**

Detecting signs of misalignment or unbalanced wheels early is crucial for addressing potential issues before they escalate. Common indicators include:

- Uneven Tire Wear: Misalignment or unbalanced wheels can cause uneven wear patterns on your tires, such as excessive wear on one side or in the center.
- Steering Wheel Vibrations: Vibrations or shaking felt through the steering wheel, especially at higher speeds, can signal imbalances in your wheels.
- Pulling to One Side: If your vehicle tends to pull to one side while driving on a straight road, it may indicate alignment problems.

#### **IMPORTANCE OF REGULAR INSPECTIONS**

Regular inspections by a qualified technician are recommended to assess the alignment and balance of your vehicle's wheels. During these inspections, technicians use specialized equipment to measure alignment angles and detect imbalances, ensuring precise adjustments for optimal performance.

# **ALIGMENT ADJUSTMENTS**

Proper wheel alignment involves adjusting the angles of the wheels to the manufacturer's specifications. This process ensures that the wheels are perpendicular to the ground and parallel to each other, promoting stable handling and reducing tire wear.

#### **BALANCING PROCEDURES**

Wheel balancing involves redistributing weight evenly across the wheel and tire assembly. Imbalances can occur due to variations in tire weight or uneven tread wear. Balancing procedures typically involve adding or removing small weights to achieve optimal balance, reducing vibrations and improving overall ride quality.

# **PROS OF PROPER ALIGNMENT AND BALANCING**

Maintaining proper alignment and balance offers several benefits, including:

## **MISALIGNMENT OF UNBALANCED WHEELS**

- Enhanced Safety: Properly aligned and balanced wheels contribute to stable handling, improved traction, and reduced risk of accidents.
- Even Tire Wear: Correct alignment and balance help prevent uneven tire wear, extending the lifespan of your tires and reducing replacement costs.
- Fuel Efficiency: Well-aligned and balanced wheels reduce rolling resistance, improving fuel efficiency and reducing fuel consumption.
- Comfortable Driving Experience: Eliminating steering vibrations and pulling enhances overall driving comfort, especially on long journeys.

#### **REGULAR MAINTENANCE TIPS**

- Scheduled Inspections: Schedule regular wheel alignment and balancing inspections as per your vehicle manufacturer's recommendations or whenever you notice signs of alignment issues.
- Professional Services: Seek services from qualified technicians or reputable auto service centers equipped with advanced alignment and balancing equipment.
- Alignment Checks: Consider alignment checks after significant suspension or steering system repairs, tire replacements, or changes in driving habits.
- Balancing with Tire Rotations: Combine wheel balancing with tire rotations to promote even tire wear and maintain balance across all wheel positions.
- Driving Awareness: Be mindful of road conditions and driving habits that may impact wheel alignment, such as potholes, rough terrain, and aggressive driving maneuvers.



# **BRAKE CARE**

Maintaining your vehicle's braking system is paramount to ensure safe driving conditions and optimal vehicle performance. The braking system plays a critical role in vehicle safety, and regular brake care helps prevent potential issues, ensures reliable braking performance, and enhances overall driving safety.

# Q CAUTION

#### **Brake Fluid Check:**

Regularly check the brake fluid levels to ensure they are within the recommended range. Low brake fluid levels can indicate a potential leak or worn brake components, which should be addressed promptly to maintain brake effectiveness.

#### **BRAKE PAD AND ROTOR INSPECTION**

Inspect the brake pads and rotors for signs of wear, damage, or unevenness. Worn brake pads can reduce braking efficiency and lead to increased stopping distances. Likewise, worn or warped rotors can cause brake pulsation, vibrations, or noise during braking. Replace worn brake pads and damaged rotors following manufacturer recommendations to maintain optimal braking performance.

#### • NOTICE

# Addressing Brake Noises and Performance Issues:

Pay attention to any unusual brake noises, such as squealing, grinding, or rattling, as they may indicate brake pad wear, rotor damage, or other brake system issues. Address these issues promptly by inspecting and servicing the braking system to prevent potential safety hazards and ensure smooth braking operation.

# **REGULAR BRAKE INSPECTIONS**

Schedule regular brake inspections according to the manufacturer's guidelines or service intervals. Professional brake inspections involve comprehensive checks of brake components, including calipers, brake lines, and hydraulic systems, to identify any potential issues and ensure proper functionality.

# • NOTICE

#### Maintaining a Clean Brake System:

Keep the brake system clean and free from contaminants to maintain optimal performance and longevity. Contaminants such as dirt, debris, and brake dust can accumulate on brake components, leading to reduced braking efficiency and potential brake system damage. Regularly clean brake components during routine maintenance to remove contaminants and ensure reliable brake operation.

#### **BRAKE CARE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Follow these recommendations for effective brake care and maintenance:

- Regular Inspections: Schedule routine brake inspections to check brake pad wear, rotor condition, brake fluid levels, and overall brake system health.
- Address Issues Promptly: Address any brake noises, performance issues, or warning signs promptly by consulting a qualified technician and addressing identified issues.
- Use Quality Brake Components: When replacing brake pads, rotors, or other brake components, use high-quality, manufacturer-approved parts to ensure compatibility and reliable performance.
- Brake Fluid Flush: Follow manufacturer recommendations for brake fluid flush intervals to maintain proper brake system function and prevent brake fluid contamination.
- Professional Maintenance: Consider professional brake maintenance and servicing by certified technicians to ensure thorough inspections, accurate diagnostics, and reliable brake system performance.

By prioritizing brake care and maintenance, you can enhance vehicle safety, prolong brake system lifespan, and enjoy consistent braking performance for your vehicle's optimal operation.



# **EXTERIOR LIGHTING**

Maintaining your vehicle's exterior lighting is crucial for visibility, safety, and compliance with road regulations. Properly functioning headlights, taillights, turn signals, and other exterior lights enhance visibility, promote safe driving, and ensure your vehicle is visible to other road users, especially in low-light conditions or adverse weather.

## **REGULAR INSPECTION AND CLEANING**

Regularly inspect all exterior lights, including headlights, taillights, brake lights, turn signals, and fog lights, for signs of damage, dirt, or fogging. Clean lights with a soft, damp cloth and a mild automotive cleaner to remove dirt, grime, and debris that can accumulate over time and affect light output.

#### **HEADLIGHT MAINTENANCE**

Pay particular attention to headlight maintenance, as clear and properly aligned headlights are essential for nighttime visibility and safety. Clean and polish headlights regularly to remove oxidation, haze, or yellowing that can diminish brightness and clarity. Use headlight restoration kits or professional polishing services for heavily oxidized or cloudy headlights.

# **TAILIGHT AND TURN SIGNAL CARE**

Ensure taillights and turn signals are functioning correctly to signal your intentions to other drivers and enhance road safety. Check bulbs, wiring, and connections regularly and replace any damaged or burnt-out bulbs promptly to maintain full lighting functionality.

### CAUTION

#### Replacement of Damaged Lights:

Promptly replace any damaged, cracked, or malfunctioning exterior lights to ensure compliance with road safety regulations and maintain optimal visibility on the road. Use high-quality replacement bulbs and components that meet manufacturer specifications for compatibility and performance.

## • NOTICE

#### **Protective Measures:**

Consider applying protective coatings or films to exterior lights to protect them from UV damage, oxidation, and scratches. These protective measures can prolong the lifespan of your lights and maintain their brightness and clarity over time.

#### • NOTICE

#### **Professional Inspection and Maintenance:**

For thorough exterior lighting care, consider professional inspection and maintenance by certified technicians. Professional services can include headlight alignment, bulb replacement, electrical system checks, and overall lighting system diagnostics to ensure optimal performance and safety.

#### **REGULAR CARE ROUTINE**

Incorporate exterior lighting care into your regular vehicle maintenance routine. Schedule periodic inspections, cleaning, and bulb replacements as needed to keep your vehicle's exterior lights in top condition and ensure safe driving experiences.

By prioritizing regular inspection, cleaning, and maintenance of your vehicle's exterior lights, you can enhance visibility, promote road safety, and comply with regulatory standards for vehicle lighting, ensuring a safer and more enjoyable driving experience for you and other road users.



# **ROOF CARE**

Proper roof maintenance is essential for the overall integrity and longevity of your vehicle. The roof is exposed to environmental elements, debris, and potential damage, making regular care and inspections crucial to prevent leaks, deterioration, and structural issues.

## **CLEANING TECHNIQUES**

When cleaning the roof, start from the top and work your way down to prevent dirt, grime, or cleaning residue from draining onto the vehicle's body. Use a gentle yet effective cleaning agent suitable for your vehicle's roof material, such as a mild automotive shampoo or specialized roof cleaner.

#### O CAUTION

Avoid abrasive or harsh cleaners that can damage the roof surface.

# **TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT**

Select soft brushes, sponges, or microfiber cloths specifically designed for cleaning vehicle roofs. These tools help remove dirt, bird droppings, tree sap, and other contaminants without scratching or damaging the roof's finish. Use a hose or pressure washer with a gentle spray setting to rinse off the cleaning agent thoroughly.

## **ROOF COMPONENTS AND CARE**

In addition to the main roof surface, many vehicles have various components installed on the roof, such as roof racks, solar panels, air conditioning units, antennas, and skylights. These components require special attention and care during roof maintenance to ensure their functionality and longevity.

- Roof Components: Inspect components for wear, loose fasteners, or corrosion. Clean them using a mild detergent and soft brush to avoid damage to both the racks and the roof surface.
- **Solar Panels:** Keep solar panels clean and free of debris using a gentle cleaning solution and soft cloth to maximize efficiency and prevent damage.
- Air Conditioning Unit and Vents: Clean vents and fan blades gently to remove dust and debris. Check seals and gaskets for leaks and replace them if necessary.
- Antenna: Clean antennas with a soft cloth and mild detergent to maintain signal reception and clarity.

#### NOTICE

#### **Inspecting for Damage:**

Regularly inspect the roof, components, and seals for signs of wear, leaks, or damage. Address any issues promptly to prevent water infiltration and structural problems.

#### NOTICE

#### **Dealing with Debris and Blockages:**

Clear debris from roof to prevent water pooling and leaks. Use gentle methods to remove debris without causing damage.

#### Sealing and Waterproofing:

Consider applying a protective sealant or waterproofing treatment to enhance durability and resistance to water penetration.

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Incorporate roof care into your regular maintenance schedule to prevent potential damage and ensure a safe travel experience.

By prioritizing regular roof inspections, cleaning, and maintenance, you can prolong the lifespan of your vehicle, prevent water damage and leaks, and ensure a safe and comfortable travel experience.





# TRIM AND SEALANT MAINTENANCE

Inspecting and maintaining the exterior trim pieces, seals, and gaskets of your vehicle is crucial for preventing water leaks, air ingress, and preserving the overall integrity of your vehicle's structure. Here are detailed guidelines for effective trim and sealant maintenance:

• **Visual Inspection:** Regularly inspect all exterior trim pieces, including door seals, window seals, roof seals, and any other areas where seals or gaskets are present. Look for signs of wear, cracking, tearing, or deterioration.

## • NOTICE

Pay close attention to areas exposed to sunlight, extreme temperatures, and environmental elements.

 Cleaning and Conditioning: Clean the exterior trim and seals regularly to remove dirt, debris, and contaminants that can accelerate wear and deterioration. Use a gentle automotive cleaner and a soft brush or cloth to clean the surfaces.

# CAUTION

Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners that can damage the seals or trim.

- UV Protection: Protect seals and trim pieces from UV damage by applying UV-resistant sealants or coatings. UV rays can cause seals and trim to fade, crack, or become brittle over time. UV protection products help prolong the lifespan of seals and maintain their functionality.
- Seasonal Maintenance: Perform seasonal checks and maintenance on seals and trim, especially before extreme weather conditions such as winter cold or summer heat.

# • NOTICE

Cold temperatures can cause seals to contract and become less effective, while heat can accelerate seal deterioration.

 Professional Inspection: Professional technicians can identify potential issues early, recommend necessary repairs or replacements, and ensure optimal seal performance.

By following these comprehensive trim and sealant maintenance practices, you can protect your vehicle from water leaks, air intrusion, and structural damage. Regular inspections, and cleaning contribute to the longevity and reliability of your vehicle's exterior components.



# WINDOW AND WINDSHIELD CARE

Keeping your vehicle's windows and windshield clean and well-maintained is essential for visibility, safety, and overall driving comfort. Follow these detailed guidelines for effective window and windshield care:

 Regular Cleaning: Clean windows and windshields regularly using approved automotive glass cleaners or mild soapy water.

### CAUTION

Avoid using harsh chemicals, ammonia-based cleaners, or abrasives that can damage the glass surface or seals. Use a soft microfiber cloth or sponge to gently clean the glass and remove dirt, dust, and grime.

- Interior Cleaning: Pay attention to the interior side of windows and windshield as well. Use a separate clean cloth or sponge for interior cleaning to prevent transferring dirt from the exterior. Wipe the interior glass surfaces thoroughly to remove fingerprints, smudges, and any residue that may obstruct visibility.
- Seal Inspection: While cleaning the windows, inspect the seals around windows and the windshield for signs of wear, cracks, or gaps.

# NOTICE

Damaged seals can lead to water leaks, air ingress, and increased wind noise. Replace worn or damaged seals promptly to maintain a tight seal and prevent potential water damage inside the vehicle.

- Windshield Wipers: Keep wiper blades clean and free of debris that can affect their performance. Use a damp cloth or mild detergent to clean wiper blades periodically. Avoid using harsh chemicals or silicone-based products on wiper blades, as these can degrade the rubber and reduce wiping efficiency.
- Wiper Blade Maintenance: Professional technicians can identify potential issues early, recommend necessary repairs or replacements, and ensure optimal seal performance.

### NOTICE

### **Professional Inspection:**

If you notice persistent streaks, scratches, or damage on the windshield or windows, consider seeking professional inspection and repair. Professional technicians can diagnose glass issues, repair minor damages, or recommend windshield replacement if necessary for safety and visibility.

 UV Protection: Consider applying a UV-resistant coating or film to the windshield to reduce UV exposure inside the vehicle and protect the dashboard and interior from sun damage. UV protection films also help reduce glare and improve driving comfort, especially during sunny conditions.

By following these comprehensive window and windshield care practices, you can ensure clear visibility, enhance driving safety, and maintain the overall aesthetics of your vehicle's exterior and interior. Regular maintenance and attention to detail contribute to a well-maintained vehicle that provides a comfortable and enjoyable driving experience.





# **GRILLE AND VENT CLEANING**

Proper maintenance of your vehicle's grille openings and vents is essential to ensure optimal airflow to the engine and HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) system. Follow these detailed steps for effective grille and vent cleaning:

- Regular Inspection: Begin by inspecting the grille openings and vents for any visible dirt, debris, or blockages.
   Check both the exterior and interior vents, including those located on the dashboard, hood, fenders, and rear areas of the vehicle.
- Exterior Cleaning: Use a soft brush, such as a detailing brush or paintbrush, to gently remove dirt, leaves, insects, and other debris from the exterior grille openings.

## NOTICE

Take care not to scratch the paint or grille surface while cleaning. Alternatively, use compressed air to blow out debris from hard-to-reach areas.

- Interior Cleaning: Clean interior vents using a soft brush
  or compressed air to remove dust, dirt, and debris. Ensure
  that all vent openings are clear and unobstructed to maintain
  proper airflow for heating and coolingunctions.
- HVAC System Maintenance: Regularly clean and inspect the HVAC system components, including air filters, blower fans, and ductwork. Replace dirty or clogged air filters to improve air quality and system efficiency. Clean debris from the blower fan and ducts to prevent airflow restrictions and HVAC system malfunctions.

# NOTICE

## **Ventilation System Odors:**

If you notice unpleasant odors or musty smells coming from the ventilation system, consider using an HVAC system cleaner or deodorizer. Follow manufacturer recommendations for using cleaning products to eliminate odors and maintain a fresh interior environment.

- Grille Protection: Install grille guards or mesh screens to protect the grille openings from larger debris, such as rocks, branches, or road debris. Grille protection accessories help minimize damage to the grille and prevent blockages that can affect engine cooling and airflow.
- Seasonal Maintenance: Perform grille and vent cleaning as part of your seasonal vehicle maintenance routine. Inspect vents and grille openings more frequently during fall and winter months when leaves, snow, and debris accumulation are common. Keep vents clear to ensure efficient heating during cold weather.

By following these comprehensive grille and vent cleaning practices, you can maintain proper airflow, improve HVAC system efficiency, and ensure a comfortable interior environment for passengers. Regular maintenance of ventilation components contributes to a well-functioning vehicle with enhanced comfort and driving experience.



# **WAXING YOUR SPRINTER**

Waxing your vehicle is a crucial step in maintaining its appearance and protecting it from environmental elements, especially the sun's harmful UV rays. While the process is similar to waxing a car, there are some key considerations specific to vehicles.

- UV Protection: The primary purpose of waxing is to create
  a protective layer that shields your vehicle's exterior from
  UV radiation. This layer helps prevent fading, oxidation, and
  damage caused by prolonged sun exposure.
- Professional Services: Many vehicle owners opt to hire professional services for waxing due to the size and complexity of vehicle exteriors. Professional detailers have the expertise and equipment to ensure a thorough and effective waxing job.
- Choosing the Right Wax: When selecting a wax for your vehicle, it's essential to choose one specifically designed for sprinters. These waxes are formulated to withstand outdoor conditions and provide long-lasting protection.
- Test in an Unnoticed Area: Before applying wax to the entire vehicle, test it in a small, discreet area to check for any adverse reactions or compatibility issues with your vehicle's finish.
- Types of Wax: For fiberglass body and glossy gel coat finishes, a conventional paste or liquid wax is recommended.
   These waxes offer durable protection and a glossy finish.
   While spray-on waxes are convenient, they may not provide the same level of longevity as conventional waxes.
- Application: Follow the manufacturer's instructions for wax application carefully. Use a clean, soft applicator pad or cloth to evenly apply the wax in small sections. Buff the waxed areas with a clean microfiber cloth to achieve a smooth and glossy finish.

By regularly waxing your vehicle with the appropriate products and techniques, you can help preserve its appearance and extend its lifespan, making your outdoor adventures more enjoyable for years to come.

## **WAXING FREQUENCY**

When determining how often to wax your vehicle, consider the following factors:

- Frequency of Use: How often do you use the vehicle?
  - If it's used frequently, you may need to wax it more often to maintain protection and shine.
- **Storage Location:** Is the vehicle stored inside or outside?
  - Vehicles stored outside are exposed to more environmental elements and may require more frequent waxing.
- **Sun Exposure:** Is the vehicle constantly exposed to the sun?
  - Sun exposure can lead to paint fading and deterioration, so regular waxing can help protect against UV damage.
- **Covered Storage:** If the vehicle is stored outside, is it covered?
  - Covering the vehicle when not in use can help protect the paint and reduce the frequency of waxing.

Based on these considerations, you can determine the optimal waxing schedule for your vehicle to keep it looking its best and protected from the elements.

#### NOTICE

It is important not to attempt to wax an older vehicle with oxidized fiberglass siding. Exposure to the sun can cause oxidation, leaving a chalky film on the fiberglass. It's crucial to remove all oxidation before waxing the surface or applying a layer of wax to ensure proper protection and a smooth finish.

If the vehicle is outside exposed to other elements, its exterior should be waxed frequently. If it is stored outside, waxing it every season is a great choice. In the event that the vehicle is stored inside, waxing only once a year may be sufficient.



# **MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The following tips specify at how many miles and hours with a list of the minimum requirements that are necessary to maintain your Sprinter's systems and components for a longer life span.

#### **CHECK EVERYDAY:**

- Side Driver and Passenger Door Release Operation and Rear back door correct operation.
- Side Passenger entry door operation.
- Side Step Operation (Sound and retract and extend operation)
- Function of all interior and exterior lights
- Tire Pressure
- Fluid Leaks: Transmission, engine, power steering, engine coolant, gear oil, fuel.
- Check all seatbelts for proper function and/or possible damage.
- Fresh, Black, and Gray water tank for possible leaks.

#### **CHECK EVERY MONTH:**

• Passenger, Driver and Rear back door door leakage.

# AT 5,000 MILES/600 HOURS:

- Inspect tires for wear and inspect tread depth.
- · Lube door seals with silicon spray, check for proper sealing
- Rotate tires.

## AT 15,000 MILES/1800 HOURS:

- · Lube door seals with silicon spray, check for proper sealing
- Rotate tires.
- Inspect engine air filter

## AT 20,000 MILES/2,400 HOURS:

- Inspect tires for wear and inspect tread depth.
- · Rotate tires.
- Inspect engine air filter.
- Clean battery terminals/ check for proper torque.

## AT 25,000 MILES/3,000 HOURS:

- Inspect tires for wear and inspect tread depth.
- · Rotate tires.
- Inspect engine air filter.
- · Clean condenser coils.

## AT 30,000 MILES/3,600 HOURS:

- Lube door seals with silicon spray, check for proper sealing.
- Inspect tires for wear and thread depth.
- · Rotate tires.

## AT 45,000 MILES/5,400 HOURS:

- Lube door seals with silicon spray, check for proper sealing.
- Inspect tires for wear and tread depth.
- · Rotate tires.

# AT 60,000 MILES/7,200 HOURS:

- Lube door seals with silicon spray, check for proper sealing.
- · Inspect tires for wear and tread depth.
- Clean condenser coils.

# AT 75,000 MILES/9,000 HOURS:

- Lube door seals with silicon spray, check for proper sealing.
- Inspect tires for wear and tread depth.

#### AT 90,000 MILES/10,800 HOURS:

- Lube door seals with silicon spray, check for proper sealing.
- Inspect tires for wear and tread depth.
- Clean condenser coils.

### NOTICE

Check each component's manual for specific maintenance tips and intervals.

### **EXTENDED OCCUPANCY**

Your vehicle is designed for recreational and short-term occupancy. However, if you plan to stay for an extended period, there are important considerations regarding humid conditions and condensation that may arise. Due to the compact construction of your vehicle, normal living activities, especially in cold weather, can lead to rapid moisture saturation inside.

Similar to how moisture collects on a cold glass during humid weather, condensation can form on the interior surfaces of your vehicle. The thin insulation of vehicle walls increases this effect compared to traditional home walls.

Here are steps to manage moisture and reduce condensation inside your vehicle:

- Ventilation: Open windows and vents regularly to allow fresh air circulation, which helps reduce moisture levels inside.
- Minimize Moisture Release: Use bathroom and roof vent fans to remove excess moisture.

By following these guidelines, you can maintain a comfortable and moisture-free environment inside your vehicle during extended stays.



# **INTERIOR CARE**

Owning a vehicle comes with the responsibility of keeping it clean and well-maintained. Our sprinters are designed with the highest quality components and products to ensure comfort, convenience, longevity, endurance, luxury and a premium appearance.

Regular cleaning and maintenance of the interior are crucial to preserve these qualities and ensure a pleasant experience for occupants. Follow these tips for effective interior care:

- Regular Cleaning: Clean the interior surfaces regularly to remove dust, dirt, and debris. Use appropriate cleaning products and techniques for different materials such as upholstery, countertops, and flooring.
- Protective Measures: Consider using protective covers or mats to prevent stains, wear, and tear on high-traffic areas.
   Use coasters for drinks and trays for food to avoid spills and damage to surfaces.
- **Air Quality:** Keep the interior well-ventilated to maintain fresh air quality. Use air purifiers or deodorizers if needed to eliminate odors and improve overall air circulation.
- **Storage Organization:** Optimize storage spaces by organizing belongings efficiently. Use storage containers, racks, and shelves to keep items secure and minimize clutter.
- Maintenance Checks: Regularly inspect and maintain mechanical components such as HVAC systems, plumbing fixtures, and electrical systems to ensure they function properly and avoid potential issues.

By following these interior care tips and conducting regular maintenance, you can enhance the longevity, comfort, and aesthetic appeal of your vehicle's interior, providing a pleasant and enjoyable travel experience.



# **COUNTERTOP AREA**

The countertops in this vehicle are very durable and attractive compared to laminate-based products. The solid surface countertop requires basic maintenance with common household cleaners:

- For most dirt and stains: Soapy water or ammonia-based cleaners will remove most dirt and stains from all types of finishes.
- For tough stains: A pH neutral cleaner designed for stone cleaning works well. Cleaner with an mmonia base (avoid window cleaner) is effective on tough stains.
- For occasional disinfection: Wipe the surface with a dilute household bleach solution 1:100 (5 Tbsp. of bleach to 1 gallon of water). After washing the surface with soap and water, ensure all excess moisture is wiped away.



#### DANGER

# Safety Precaution with Bleach Solution:

When using a bleach solution for cleaning, it's important to avoid getting it in your eyes or on bare skin. Take appropriate safety measures by wearing protective gloves and eyewear to prevent any accidental contact with the bleach solution.

## NOTICE

# Preventing Soap Film and Removing Scratches:

To prevent soap film or residue, ensure that the surface is thoroughly dried after cleaning. Residue streaks can create an appearance similar to light scratches. If scratches do occur, they can be removed by following these steps:

- Use a damp cloth with a mild abrasive cleaner.
- Rub the cleaner in small circles onto the surfaces with scratches.
- Wipe the surface dry after cleaning to remove any remaining residue or cleaner.

This method can help maintain the appearance of the surface and keep it looking its best.



## **HOUSEHOLD SUBSTANCES CLEANING GUIDE**

The countertops in the the Lusso Sprinte are designed to withstand exposure to common household substances. Here's a quide for cleaning various substances:

- General Cleaning: Use water and a general kitchen cleaner for substances like milk, whiskey, distilled water, vegetable oil, citric acid (10%), lye, household ammonia, iodine fluid (10%), vinegar, pine oil, ketchup, naphtha, hydrogen peroxide (3%), household bleach, trisodium phosphate (5%), and isopropyl alcohol (90%). Wipe the surface with a damp microfiber cloth and standard household kitchen spray for most stains.
- Tough Stains: For substances like crayon, lipstick, #2 pencil, coffee, mustard, and ethyl alcohol (90%), use a gentle cleanser suitable for solid surfaces. Avoid using powdered abrasive cleansers, ammonia, or strong detergents as they may damage the finish.
- **Special Considerations:** While liquids generally cannot penetrate the quartz solid surface, it's best to wipe up spills promptly to prevent staining. For stubborn stains or spills, a damp microfiber cloth and gentle cleaner should suffice.

By following these cleaning guidelines, you can maintain the durability and appearance of your countertops in the Grech Strada effectively.

### CAUTION

#### **Avoid Using Acidic Cleaners:**

It's important to avoid using acidic drain cleaner, toilet cleaner, and oven cleaner on solid surfaces like countertops. These cleaners can cause whitening that is difficult to remove, compromising the appearance of your countertops over time. Instead, stick to gentle and non-acidic cleaners for effective and safe maintenance.

#### • NOTICE

# **Countertop Color Maintenance:**

It's important to note that some colors of solid surface countertops may require more frequent cleaning to maintain a uniform finish. Darker colors, in particular, may need more attention compared to lighter colors. Therefore, regular cleaning and maintenance are recommended to keep the surface looking its best and to prevent any noticeable differences in appearance between different colored areas.

# PORCELAIN SINK CLEANING

The porcelain sink in your vehicle is a durable and elegant addition. This section provides practical guidelines for cleaning and maintaining your sink to preserve its beauty and functionality over time. Keep your sink free from stains, scratches, and damage to maintain its pristine appearance as a standout feature in your vehicle.

- Regular Cleaning: Clean the porcelain sink regularly with a gentle, non-abrasive cleaner and warm water. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners that can damage the porcelain surface.
- Removing Stains: For stubborn stains, create a paste using baking soda and water. Apply the paste to the stained areas and gently scrub with a soft sponge or cloth. Rinse thoroughly with water.
- Avoiding Scratches: Use soft sponges or cloths to clean the sink to prevent scratches. Avoid using abrasive materials or scrubbing pads that can scratch the porcelain surface.
- Preventing Buildup: To prevent mineral buildup and discoloration, wipe the sink dry after each use, especially if you have hard water. Regularly cleaning with a vinegar and water solution can help dissolve mineral deposits.
- Avoiding Harsh Chemicals: Do not use bleach, ammonia, or other harsh chemicals on the porcelain sink as they can damage the finish. Stick to mild, non-abrasive cleaners approved for use on porcelain surfaces.
- Maintaining Shine: To maintain the shine of the porcelain sink, use a porcelain-specific polish or wax. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for application.

By following these cleaning and maintenance tips, you can keep your porcelain sink looking clean, shiny, and free from stains or damage.





## **CLEANING WALLS, DOORS AND CABINETS**

Inside your Sprinter you will find furniture such as cabinets, walls, and doors crafted from high-pressure laminate, requiring gentle yet effective cleaning methods to maintain their appearance and durability. Here's a comprehensive guide to cleaning these surfaces:

#### 1. Initial Dusting and Preparation:

- Begin by dusting walls, doors, and cabinets with a soft, dry cloth or a duster to remove loose dirt and debris.
- Use a vacuum cleaner with a soft brush attachment to reach corners and edges for thorough dust removal.

# 2. Cleaning with Soapy Water:

- Prepare a solution of mild detergent or dish soap mixed with warm water in a bucket or spray bottle.
- Dampen a soft cloth or sponge with the soapy water solution, ensuring it's not excessively wet.
- Wipe down walls, doors, and cabinets in small sections, focusing on corners, handles, and hinges.
- Gently scrub any stains or marks with the soapy water solution until they lift, avoiding abrasive tools.

# 3. Addressing Stubborn Stains or Grease:

- For stubborn stains or grease spots on walls, doors, or cabinets, use a gentle degreaser or a solution of white vinegar and water.
- Apply the degreaser or vinegar solution to affected areas with a soft cloth, allowing it to sit briefly before gently scrubbing.
- Rinse the cleaned areas with clean water and dry thoroughly with a soft cloth.

# 4. Rinse and Dry:

- After cleaning, rinse walls, doors, and cabinets with clean water using a separate cloth or sponge.
- Ensure all soap residue is removed to prevent streaking or buildup.
- Thoroughly dry surfaces with a dry, soft cloth, buffing gently for a polished finish.
- Promote air circulation by opening windows or using fans to aid in drying completely.

# 5. Regular Maintenance Tips:

- Perform regular dusting and spot cleaning to prevent dirt accumulation and maintain a clean appearance.
- Avoid using harsh chemicals, abrasive cleaners, or bleach on high-pressure laminate surfaces.
- Inspect walls, doors, and cabinets periodically for scratches, chips, or peeling laminate, addressing any issues promptly.
- Use caution around seams, edges, and corners to prevent water seepage into the laminate material.

By following these cleaning and maintenance guidelines, you can ensure that your walls, doors, and cabinets made of high-pressure laminate in your sprinter remain clean, fresh, and well-maintained for years to come.







# **SEAT UPHOLSTERY**

- Regular Vacuuming: Use a vacuum cleaner with a brush attachment to remove dust, crumbs, and debris from seat upholstery. Pay attention to seams and crevices where dirt can accumulate.
- Regular Cleaning Schedule: Establish a regular cleaning schedule for seat upholstery, especially if the vehicle is used frequently. A weekly or bi-weekly cleaning routine can help prevent dirt builtup and maintain the upholstery's appearance.
- Deep Cleaning: In addition to regular vacuuming and spot cleaning, consider deep cleaning the upholstery periodically.
   You can use a steam cleaner or hire professional upholstery cleaning services for a thorough and deep clean. This helps remove embedded dirt, allergens, and odors from the fabric.
- **Spot Cleaning:** Address spills and stains promptly with a damp cloth and mild upholstery cleaner. Blot the affected area gently to avoid spreading the stain.

#### CAUTION

Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners that can damage the fabric.

- Stain Removal Techniques: For stubborn stains on upholstery, such as ink or grease stains, consider using specialized stain removers or consulting professional cleaning services for advice. Test any cleaning products on a small, inconspicuous area of the upholstery first to ensure they don't cause discoloration or damage.
- Fabric Protection: Consider applying a fabric protectant to upholstery to repel spills and make cleaning easier. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for application and reapplication intervals.
- Odor Control: To control odors in upholstery, use odor-neutralizing sprays or sachets designed for vehicle interiors. Avoid using strong-smelling air fresheners that may overpower the interior environment.
- Sun Protection: Park the vehicle in shaded areas or use window shades to protect upholstery from sun damage and fading.

### CAUTION

Prolonged exposure to sunlight can cause fabric colors to fade and weaken.

- Professional Maintenance: Periodically have the upholstery professionally inspected and cleaned to address any deep-seated dirt, odors, or stains that regular cleaning may not fully remove. Professional cleaning services can use specialized equipment and products for effective results.
- Air Out the Interior: Periodically leave windows or doors open to allow fresh air circulation and reduce odors inside the vehicle. This practice helps prevent musty odors and maintains a fresh interior environment.

By following these upholstery care tips, you can keep your vehicle's seats looking clean, fresh, and well-maintained for a comfortable driving experience.



# **CARPETS**

Proper maintenance of your vehicle's carpets is essential for a clean and comfortable interior. This section provides valuable tips on regular cleaning, stain removal, deep cleaning methods, and protective measures to keep your carpets looking fresh and well-maintained.

# **Regular Vacuuming:**

 Vacuuming is crucial for maintaining clean and fresh carpets in your vehicle. Use a vacuum cleaner with a brush attachment to effectively remove dirt, dust, and debris from the carpet fibers. Pay attention to high-traffic areas and under seats where dirt and crumbs tend to accumulate.

# **Stain Removal Techniques:**

 Addressing stains promptly is essential to prevent them from setting into the carpet fibers. For water-based stains like spills or light dirt, use a mixture of mild detergent and warm water. Blot the stain gently with a clean cloth or sponge until the stain lifts. Avoid rubbing vigorously, as it can spread the stain or damage the carpet fibers.

# **Deep Cleaning with Steam:**

 Consider steam cleaning as part of your regular maintenance routine, especially for heavily soiled or high-traffic areas. Steam cleaning provides a deep and thorough clean by loosening embedded dirt and stains. Use a steam cleaner designed for automotive interiors and follow the manufacturer's instructions for best results.

# **Protective Coatings and Sealants:**

 Applying a protective coating or sealant to carpets can help repel spills and stains, making cleaning easier and extending the lifespan of the carpet. Look for products specifically designed for automotive carpets and follow the application instructions carefully.

#### **Odor Control:**

 To control odors in carpets, use carpet deodorizers designed for vehicle interiors. These products can help neutralize odors from spills, pet accidents, or general use, keeping the interior smelling fresh and clean.

#### **Professional Cleaning Services:**

 Consider professional carpet cleaning services for deep cleaning and stain removal, especially for stubborn or persistent stains. Professional cleaners have specialized equipment and expertise to tackle tough stains and revitalize carpets effectively.

### **Proper Drying:**

 After cleaning or exposure to moisture, ensure that carpets are thoroughly dried to prevent mold and mildew growth.
 Use fans, open windows, or leave doors open to promote air circulation and aid in drying the carpets completely.

#### **UV Protection:**

 Protect carpets from UV rays by parking the vehicle in shaded areas or using window shades. UV rays can cause fading and deterioration of carpet fibers over time, so taking preventive measures can help preserve the color and condition of the carpets.

### Regular Maintenance Schedule:

 Incorporate carpet care into your regular vehicle maintenance schedule. Set reminders for vacuuming, spot cleaning, and deep cleaning as needed to keep carpets looking their best and maintain a clean and comfortable interior environment.

By following these detailed carpet care tips and techniques, you can ensure that the carpets in your vehicle remain clean, fresh, and in excellent condition for a pleasant and enjoyable driving experience.