

## Press Information

### Dana Supplies Driveshafts to New Mercedes-Benz Sprinter

Dana's Aftermarket Group has produced its range of high-quality Spicer<sup>®</sup> driveshaft products to its customers since 2016, and now Dana has entered serial production with Mercedes-Benz to supply these driveshafts to the all-new Sprinter van. The company was awarded the Sprinter's business in Europe, North America and Argentina. The driveshafts for the new Sprinter are complete new developed. That includes many technical benefits like a new balance method, MagnetArc Weld for improved initial imbalance vs previous propshafts, Plug-in connection for the 3-piece propshafts for easier connection and lower weight, new rubber coupling for low NVH which DANA is very proud for.

"As one of the most popular light transport vehicles in the world, the Sprinter van represents a major win for Dana and its dedication to producing quality parts," said Guido Reiter, Product Manager, Driveline, Dana Incorporated Aftermarket Group. "We have proudly manufactured our Spicer driveshafts to that same original-equipment quality in the aftermarket for several years and look forward to offering our Sprinter van customers these products."

Recently, Dana made major investments at its manufacturing facilities in Spain, where Spicer driveshafts for the aftermarket and those for the new Sprinter van are produced. The company has increased its operational capacity in Spain by 50 percent with the addition of new state-of-the-art machines and automated production lines.

This investment helped Dana secure the Mercedes business for the new Sprinter and supports the company's commitment to manufacturing excellence in both OE and aftermarket. All driveshafts are designed and

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manufactured to the highest quality OE specifications and standards, and engineered for peak performance, reliability, and durability. Currently available to aftermarket customers, Dana's Spicer Sprinter light commercial vehicle series contains 61 driveshafts, matching more than 80 percent of the existing vehicle range. These advanced products are fully interchangeable with Mercedes original equipment components and are now even more cost-effective thanks to the upgrades Dana has made to its production facilities.

Spicer driveshafts are fully tested to over 335,000 testing cycles, with methods including full torsional testing at high torque and low speed. During assembly, which utilizes the most stringent OEM assembly procedures, the driveshafts undergo dynamic high-speed balancing at 3,500 RPM, equivalent to driving the Autobahn at 100 km/h. The rigorous testing ensures that superior quality and maximum durability, safety and performance are maintained long term, and under real-world driving conditions.

## **About Dana in the Aftermarket**

Powered by recognized brands such as Dana, Spicer®, Victor Reinz®, Albarus™, Glaser®, GWB®, Spicer® Select™, Thompson®, Tru-Cool®, and Transejes®, Dana delivers a broad range of aftermarket solutions – including genuine, all-makes, and value lines – servicing passenger, commercial, and off-highway vehicles around the world. Leveraged by a global network of 13 distribution centers, Dana's dedicated aftermarket team provides technical service, customer support, high fill rates, and on-time delivery to customers around the globe. For product information, visit [www.SpicerParts.com](http://www.SpicerParts.com).

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Dana is a world leader in highly engineered solutions for improving the efficiency, performance, and sustainability of powered vehicles and machinery. Dana supports the passenger vehicle, commercial truck, and off-highway markets, as well as industrial and stationary equipment applications.

Founded in 1904, Dana employs approximately 30,000 people in 33 countries on six continents who are committed to delivering long-term value to customers. The company reported sales of more than \$7.2 billion in 2017. For more information, please visit [dana.com](http://dana.com).

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