Sprinter Tops Most Reliable In FN50 Survey

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The Mercedes-Benz Sprinter, in its 20th year, has received the coveted FN50 award for the most reliable van in 2015.

The top-place ranking was announced at the annual FN50 event hosted at the Park Plaza in Westminster Bridge last night, attended by over 900 industry professionals.

The FN50 is an independent market perspective audit ranking the largest 50 leasing companies across the UK, carried out in August and September of 2015.

The study is carried out by Sewells Research & Insight, a leading provider of business intelligence in the UK for information on the fleet, dealer and vehicle leasing markets.

Steve Bridge, Managing Director, Mercedes-Benz Vans, said: “Sprinter proves itself time and time again that it is the fleet champion, not just for load-carrying capabilities and safety technology, but also for after sales support and excellent reliability.

“We are especially delighted with this award as it is based on data taken from actual vehicles out on the road."

Stephen Briers, Editor-in-Chief, Fleet News, added: “The FN50 most reliable van is based on the figures from the UK's biggest leasing companies about vehicle breakdowns and warranty claims per 100 units on their risk fleets.

“The Mercedes-Benz Sprinter, which was recently named our Commercial Fleet Awards commercial vehicle of the year, is a worthy winner. Reliability is a crucial factor when fleets determine which vans to choose, and it's clear that the Sprinter is the best in its field."

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About Mercedes-Benz Vans in the UK

Mercedes-Benz Vans is the sales and marketing organisation responsible for all Daimler Van products and services in Britain.

In 2014, Mercedes-Benz Vanscelebrated its best ever year in the UK, with 35,036 vehiclesregistered – a 16.1% increase on 2013, which was also a record-breaking year.

The team at Mercedes-Benz Vans in the UK have a combined 756 years of service with the brand, and a total of 1,205 years of service in the automotive industry.

Mercedes-Benz Vans is a division of Mercedes-Benz UK. The group of companies directly employs over 4,000 people, and 11,000 colleagues at independent retailers.

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- RAC vans carry more than 500 parts and tools to get members' vehicles going again
- 98% of members would recommend RAC Rescue to their friends and family

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