

Fiat is carrying out a recall on some of its X250 Ducato vans and chassis cabs. This chassis cab is one of the most common base vehicle for European motorhomes.

The problem is caused by some of the bolts that connect the vehicle's engine to its transmission which can come loose.



The issue was first brought to attention in the middle of December 2010 when Europe's largest automobile association, the German ADAC, published the reports of tests it had carried out on Fiat Ducato X250 based motorhomes. The tests revealed that some of the bolts coupling the engine to the transmission could come loose, resulting in difficulties changing gears.

According to German motorhome magazine "Promobil", a repair which only takes about half an hour to carry out is recommended and this is being offered free of charge to German Ducato X250 model owners.

Fiat UK says that it is also offering the repair free of charge to UK owners and that it has been contacting owners of models which are affected. They started doing this in late December 2010.

As this is not classified as a safety recall, it will not be listed on the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) recall database.

Fiat is recommending that any owners of X250 Ducatos with 2.3-litre or 3.0-litre engines, within the chassis number range 1614651 - 1907289 should contact their local dealer to find out if their vehicle is one of those which are affected.

It is also possible for owners to check themselves if their vehicle is affected by logging online at <http://www.fiatcamper.com/check.php>

As the Ducato is the product of a partnership between Fiat and PSA Peugeot-Citroën, and is sold by all three makers, current models of the Peugeot Boxer and Citroën Relay may be affected by this recall as well.

