



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

May 16, 2018

Mr. Greg Gunther
Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.
13470 International Parkway
Jacksonville, FL 32218

NEF-150JK
18V-272

Subject: Oil in Active Curve System may Leak

Dear Mr. Gunther:

This letter serves to acknowledge Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

MERCEDES BENZ/GL350/2013-2016
MERCEDES BENZ/GL450/2013-2016
MERCEDES BENZ/GL550/2013-2016
MERCEDES BENZ/GL63/2013-2016
MERCEDES BENZ/GLE350/2016
MERCEDES BENZ/GLE400/2016
MERCEDES BENZ/GLE450/2016
MERCEDES BENZ/GLE63/2016
MERCEDES BENZ/GLE63S/2016
MERCEDES BENZ/GLS350D/2017
MERCEDES BENZ/GLS450/2017
MERCEDES BENZ/GLS550/2017
MERCEDES BENZ/GLS63/2017
MERCEDES BENZ/ML350/2012-2015
MERCEDES BENZ/ML400/2015
MERCEDES BENZ/ML550/2012-2014
MERCEDES BENZ/ML63/2012-2015

Mfr's Report Date: April 27, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-272

Components:

SUSPENSION:FRONT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 9,725

Problem Description:

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC. (MBUSA) is recalling certain 2012-2014 ML350 Bluetec 4Matic and ML550 4Matic, 2012-2015 ML63 AMG 4Matic and ML350 4Matic, 2013-2016 GL350 Bluetec 4Matic, GL550 4Matic and GL63 AMG 4Matic, 2017 GLS350d 4Matic, GLS450 4Matic, GLS550 4Matic and GLS63 AMG 4Matic, 2015 ML400 4Matic, 2016 GLE400 4Matic, GLE350 4Matic,

GLE63 AMG 4Matic, GLE63S AMG 4Matic, GLE450 4Matic Coupe and GLE63S AMG 4Matic Coupe, 2015-2016 GL450 4Matic and 2013-2014 GL450 4Matic vehicles equipped with the Active Curve System (ACS). In certain driving conditions, if the oil level in the ACS reservoir is below the minimum level, the oil may foam and leak out of the vent holes in the reservoir cap.

Consequence:

The leaking oil in the presence of an ignition source can increase the risk of a fire.

Remedy:

MBUSA will notify owners, and dealers will correct the oil level as necessary and replace the reservoir sealing cap to prevent oil foam from leaking out, free of charge. Owners will be notified of the recall with an interim notification in June 2018. A second letter will be mailed when the remedy is available, currently expected to be in August 2018. Owners may contact MBUSA customer service at 1-800-367-6372.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

The information in your report suggests that MBUSA may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Jennifer Kruger who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-2461, or by email at jennifer.kruger@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement