



Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL 2019080011
This notice applies to your vehicle, VIN: [REDACTED]
Replace Steering Rack
NHTSA Recall # 18V850

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- A remedy is available for your vehicle.
- Schedule an appointment with your authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer as soon as possible.
- This repair will be provided free of charge.

Dear Mercedes-Benz Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Daimler AG (“DAG”), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Model Year (“MY”) 2015-2019 C-Class (205 platform), E-Class (213 platform), E-Class Coupe (C238 platform), E-Class Cabriolet (A238), and CLS-Class (257 platform) vehicles. Our records indicate that your vehicle is included in the affected population of vehicles.

What is the CONCERN?

DAG determined that on certain MY 2018-2019 C-Class (205 platform), E-Class (213 platform), E-Class Coupe (C238 platform), E-Class Cabriolet (A238 platform), and CLS-Class (257 platform) vehicles with rear-wheel drive a locknut in the steering rack might have internal material cracks. Additionally, six MY 2015-2017 C-Class (205 platform) vehicles were identified as having been previously repaired using a potentially affected locknut. In certain driving situations involving low-speed maneuvers, large lateral forces could cause the locknut to break. As a result, the steering could fail which would increase the risk of a crash.

What will your DEALER DO?

An authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will replace the steering rack on the affected vehicle with a genuine Mercedes-Benz new or remanufactured steering rack. The remanufactured steering racks may include subcomponents recovered and tested from previously reworked vehicles. The remanufactured steering racks are built in the same facility and are subject to the same end-of-line and endurance criteria as those assembled with originally manufactured parts. They are subject to the same two-year new part warranty as well as your vehicle’s New Vehicle Limited Warranty of 4 years/50,000 miles. **This service will be provided free of charge.** We are dedicated to always delivering the best customer experience, and respect for your time is a top priority. While the minimum repair time can be up to **4 hours**, your dealer can provide you with a better estimate of the overall time for this service visit. As a matter of normal service process, an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will also check for other repair measures which might be applicable to your vehicle and this may increase the required working time.

What should YOU DO?



To find the most convenient authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer from your smartphone, scan the QR code to the left.

For additional information and to schedule an appointment, please contact your preferred authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer at your earliest convenience. To locate authorized dealers see www.mbusa.com/recall. Please mention you are scheduling an appointment to replace the steering rack under Recall Campaign #2019080011.

You may be asked for your 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) which for your convenience is located above your name at the top of this letter.

Information for Owners

In the event that you are no longer the vehicle owner, or have had a change of address, please complete the reverse side and return the updated information in the enclosed envelope.

If this is a leased vehicle and the lessor and registered owner receive this notice, please forward this information by first class mail to the lessee within 10 business days to comply with Federal Regulations.

A VIN-based recall lookup tool on our MBUSA.com website now offers a search feature that will indicate whether a vehicle has been subject to a safety recall, and whether that vehicle has had the free remedy performed. See www.mbusa.com/recall. Should you have any questions or encounter any difficulty regarding this Recall Campaign, please contact an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer. If for any reason a dealer is unable to remedy your situation, we are always happy to hear from you. Please contact us at 1-(800) FOR-MERCEDES (1-800-367-6372).

If an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer for any reason is unable to remedy the situation without charge, or within a reasonable amount of time, pursuant to law 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153); or go to http://www.safercar.gov.

We apologize for any inconvenience this situation may cause you.

Sincerely,

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A Mercedes-Benz AG Company
One Mercedes-Benz Drive
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IMPORTANT

VIN: [REDACTED]

If for any reason YOU NO LONGER OWN THIS VEHICLE OR have a CHANGE OF ADDRESS, please COMPLETE THE SECTION BELOW, place in the ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, and DROP IN ANY MAIL BOX. If possible, provide the name and address of the present owner so that we may contact them.

- EXPORTED
- LEASE, VEHICLE RETURNED
- SCRAPPED
- SOLD
- STOLEN
- OTHER _____

NEW OWNER INFORMATION

MY NEW NAME OR ADDRESS IS:

[Grid for Last Name, First Name]

Last Name, First Name

[Grid for Street]

Street

Apt

[Grid for City, State, ZIP]

City

State

ZIP

[Grid for Email Address]

Email Address

[Grid for Phone (numbers only)]

Phone (numbers only)

[Grid for Mobile (numbers only)]

Mobile (numbers only)

Date

Signature

****** PLEASE DO NOT DETACH. RETURN COMPLETE LETTER ******
Reimbursement to Customers for Repairs Performed Prior to Recall

If you have already paid to have this recall condition corrected you may be eligible to receive reimbursement. Requests for reimbursement may include parts, labor, fees and taxes. Reimbursement may be limited to the amount the repair would have cost if completed by an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer. The following documentation must be presented to your dealer for reimbursement.

Original or clear copy of all receipts, invoices and/or repair orders that show:

- The name and address of the person who paid for the repair.
- The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the vehicle that was repaired.
- What problem occurred, what repair was done, when it was done and who repaired it.
- The total cost of the repair expense that is being claimed.
- Proof of payment of repair (copy of front and back of cancelled check, or copy of credit card receipt).
- Reimbursement will be made by check from your dealer. If your claim is denied you will receive a letter from MBUSA within 60 days of receipt with the reason(s) for the denial.

Please speak with your dealer concerning this matter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION