

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

19V-132

Manufacturer Name : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.**Submission Date :** MAR 22, 2019**NHTSA Recall No. :** 19V-132**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 2019030003**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.

Address : 13470 International Parkway
Jacksonville FL 32218

Company phone : 1-877-496-3691

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 8

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2018-2019 Mercedes-Benz GLA250

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : 156.944 TG4E 3 Vehicles

The recall population was determined through production records. Vehicles not affected have the correct rear seat back covering installed during production.

Production Dates : FEB 15, 2018 - AUG 08, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR

 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2018-2019 Mercedes-Benz GLA250 4MATIC

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : 156.946 TG4G 5 Vehicles

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Production Dates : FEB 15, 2018 - AUG 08, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR

 Not sequential**Description of Noncompliance :**

Description of the Noncompliance : Daimler AG ("DAG"), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, has determined that on certain Model Year ("MY") 2018-2019 GLA-class (156 platform) vehicles, an incorrect rear seat back covering (carpet) could have been installed on the split- rear seat back . As a result, the child seat anchorage point (top tether) on the center position of the rear seat would be covered and inaccessible for use.

FMVSS 1 : 225 - Child restraint anchorage systems

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The customer might not be able to attach a child restraint system with the top tether anchorage point on the center position of the rear seat as described in the Operator's manuals.

Description of the Cause : Due to a production deviation at the supplier an incorrect rear seat back cover might have been installed.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : The customer will be made aware of the issue by an inaccessible center child seat anchorage.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Adient Interiors Ltd. & Co. KG

Address : Mercedes Straße 1
Rastatt FOREIGN STATES 76437

Country : Germany

Chronology :

In September 2018, DAG launched initial investigations based on feedback from the Australian Vehicle Preparation Center regarding a vehicle with a covered top tether anchorage point on the center position of the rear seat.

Initial analyses indicated that a production deviation at a supplier plant lead to the installation of incorrect rear seat back covers.

Completed vehicles were reworked in the production plant or the vehicle preparation centers.

In the end of 2018 plant action information indicated that not all produced vehicles were remedied with the plant action.

In January 2019, the range of potentially affected vehicles was determined.

In February 2019, DAG determined that a potential non-compliance of subject vehicles with the requirements of FMVSS 225.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : An authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer, will check the rear seat back covers on the affected vehicles and replace it, if necessary.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 577.11(e), MBUSA does not plan to provide notice about pre-notice reimbursement to owners since all involved vehicles remain covered under the new vehicle warranty.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The correct rear backrest covering has an opening that allows access to the central anchorage point.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : An adaptation of the production procedure at the supplier ensures that this issue can no longer occur from September 06, 2018 onwards.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealers will be notified of the pending voluntary recall campaign in March 22, 2019. Owners will be notified approximately one week after recall launch to the dealers in March 29, 2019. A copy of all communications will be provided when available.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAR 22, 2019 - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAR 29, 2019 - NR

* NR - Not Reported