

TO: Mercedes-Benz Dealer Principals, General Managers, Sales Managers, Service Managers, Parts Managers	FROM: Gregory Gunther, Department Manager, Vehicle Compliance and Analysis, Engineering Services
RE: <b>Recall Campaign Initial Notification</b> <b>Fastening of Rear Door Trim Bar</b> <b>MY20 GLE-Class (167 platform) and GLS-Class (X167 platform)</b>	DATE: October 16, 2019

## **IMPORTANT RECALL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION**

Please see the attached documents related to the campaign listed above.

Please note that all customer inquiries should be directed to the Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-FOR-MERCEDES.

Sincerely,

Gregory Gunther

Department Manager, Vehicle Compliance & Analysis



<b>Campaign No. :</b>	<b>NHTSA ID</b>	<b>Campaign Desc. :</b>	<b>Fastening of Rear Door Trim Bar</b>
TBA	19V709	PEND 167 RTRIM BAR	
<p>This is to notify you of a new <b>Recall Campaign</b> regarding the rear door trim bar on <b>13,799</b> Model Year (“MY”) 2020 GLE-Class and GLS-Class (167 platform) vehicles. The recall campaign will be visible on the <a href="http://www.safercar.gov">www.safercar.gov</a> website and may generate questions from customers. Affected VINs will be flagged in VMI as “PENDING” on October 16, 2019.</p>			
<b>Background</b>			
<b>Issue</b>	Daimler AG (“DAG”), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, has determined that on certain Model Year (“MY”) 2020 GLE-Class (167 platform) and GLS-Class (X167 platform) vehicles, the fastening of the rear door window trim bars might not meet current production specifications. Under certain driving conditions, the trim bar might separate from the vehicle while driving. This might pose a risk of injury to other road users and increase the risk of a crash.		
<b>What We’re Doing</b>	MBUSA will conduct a voluntary recall. An authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will check the fastening of the rear door window trim bars and rework them, if necessary.		
<b>Parts</b>	<b>A remedy is not yet available. An additional notification will be sent once a remedy is available.</b>		
<b>Vehicles Affected</b>			
<b>Vehicle Model Year(s)</b>	2020		
<b>Vehicle Model</b>	GLE-Class, GLS-Class		
<b>Vehicle Populations</b>			
<b>Total Recall Population</b>	13,799		
<b>Total Vehicles in Dealer Inventory</b>	1,089		
<p><b>Given this notice, it is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to sell or lease any new MY20 GLE-Class and GLS-Class vehicles in dealer inventory covered by this notification until the vehicle has been repaired. Once the remedy is available, the vehicles will be flagged as “OPEN” and Work Instructions will be available in Star TekInfo. Once the repair is complete, the vehicle may be sold or leased.</b></p> <p><b>Loaner and demonstrator vehicles may continue to be driven, but must not be retailed until repaired.</b></p> <p><b>Additionally, given this notice, it is a violation of Federal Law for car rental companies to rent new MY20 GLE-Class and GLS-Class vehicles covered by this notification until the vehicle has been repaired.</b></p>			
<b>Next Steps/Notes</b>			
<b>Customer Notification Timeline</b>	Customer letters will be mailed approximately one week after the remedy becomes available.		
<b>AOMS/SOMS</b>	AOMs – This recall may generate questions from your dealers. Please forward this notice to your dealers ASAP.		
<b>Rental Fleet Partners</b>	This recall may affect vehicles in your fleet. Please contact your respective MBUSA fleet representative for further information and next steps. For repairs, please contact your preferred MBUSA dealer.		
<p>While we regret any inconvenience this may cause, MBUSA is determined to maintain a high level of vehicle quality and customer satisfaction. Please refer all customer inquiries to the Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-FOR-MERCEDES.</p>			

