



**IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL 2020020013**  
**This notice applies to your vehicle, VIN: [REDACTED]**  
**Timing Chain Idler Gear**  
**NHTSA Recall #19V821**

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC

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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.

Mercedes-Benz AG (“MBAG”), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Model Year (“MY”) 2018-2019 S-Class vehicles. Our records indicate that your vehicle is included in the affected population of vehicles.

**What is the CONCERN?**

MBAG has determined that on certain MY 18-19 S-Class (222 platform) and S-Class Cabrio (217 platform) vehicles equipped with an 8-cylinder gasoline engine (M176), the threaded connection of the idler gear timing chain to the crankcase might not be tightened properly. An improperly tightened threaded connection could result in the idler gear detaching from the crankcase. This detachment could lead to contact between the engine valves and the pistons, which could damage the engine and lead to a vehicle stall, increasing the risk of a crash.

**What will your DEALER DO?**

An authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will replace the engine on the affected vehicles. **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 less than 15 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 which 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](http://www.MBUSA.com/recall). **Please mention you are scheduling an appointment to have the engine replaced under Recall Campaign # 2020020013.**

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](http://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 <https://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  
 Sandy Springs, GA 30328  
 Phone (770) 705-0600

**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]

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)

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Date

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Signature

\*\*\*\* PLEASE DO NOT DETACH. RETURN COMPLETE LETTER \*\*\*\*  
DO NOT USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE FOR OTHER CORRESPONDENCE