

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>Replace Drive shaft</b> <b>MY20 167(GLE-Class)</b>	Date: October 16, 2020

## **IMPORTANT RECALL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

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



Campaign No. :	NHTSA ID	Campaign Desc. :	Replace Drive Shaft
TBD	20V627	20P2197298	
<p>This is to notify you of a new Recall Campaign to replace the drive shaft on 2 Model Year MY2020 167 (GLE-Class) 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, 2020.</p>			
<b>Background</b>			
<b>Issue</b>	Mercedes-Benz AG ("MBAG"), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, has determined that on certain Model Year ("MY") 2020 GLE-Class vehicles (167 platform), the connection of the locking ring between the front and rear part of the drive shaft might not have been mounted according to current production specifications. As a result, the front and rear sections of the drive shaft might not be secured in their specified position. While a loss of parts can be ruled out in this scenario, the transfer case could disconnect from the rear axle differential and lead to a vehicle stall, increasing the risk of a crash.		
<b>What We're Doing</b>	An authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will replace the drive shaft on the affected vehicles.		
<b>Parts</b>	<b>Remedy is not available at this time. An additional notification will be sent once the remedy is available.</b>		
<b>Vehicles Affected</b>			
<b>Vehicle Model Year(s)</b>	2020		
<b>Vehicle Model</b>	GLE-Class		
<b>Vehicle Populations</b>			
<b>Total Recall Population</b>	2		
<b>Total Vehicles in Dealer Inventory</b>	1		
<p><b>Given this notice, it is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to sell or lease any new MY20 GLE-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. Loaner and demonstrator vehicles may continue to be driven, but must not be retailed until repaired. As a matter of normal service process, please check for other repair measures which might be applicable to the vehicle(s) Additionally, given this notice, it is a violation of Federal Law for car rental companies to rent new MY20 GLE-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. Customers may also be contacted through the CAC.		
<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>			

