

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: Recall Campaign Initial Notification Update ESP Software MY20-21 167 (GLE-Class, GLS-Class)	Date: February 22, 2021

IMPORTANT NEW 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



Campaign No. :	NHTSA ID	Campaign Desc. :	Update ESP Software
2021MMNNN	21V071	21P2197350	
<p>This is to notify you of a new Recall Campaign to update the ESP Software on 41,838 Model Year MY2020-2021 167 (GLE-Class, GLS-Class) vehicles. The recall campaign will be visible on the www.safercar.gov website and may generate questions from customers. Affected VINs will be flagged in VMI as "PENDING" on February 22, 2021.</p>			
Background			
Issue	<p>Mercedes-Benz AG ("MBAG"), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, has determined that on certain Model Year ("MY") 2020-2021 GLE-Class vehicles (167 platform) the ESP software might not meet current production specifications. In certain driving scenarios, these vehicles may fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard ("FMVSS") 126 (Electronic Stability Control System). In a specific automated test sequence with a driving maneuver that requires a very rapid change of direction in an evasive situation, torque may be applied to one of the front wheels, subsequently pulling the vehicle to one side, increasing the risk of a crash.</p>		
What We're Doing	<p>MBUSA will conduct a voluntary recall. An authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will update the ESP software on the affected vehicles.</p>		
Parts	<p>Parts are not required for repair. However, the current remedy is not available at this time. An additional notification will be sent once the remedy is available.</p>		
Vehicles Affected			
Vehicle Model Year(s)	2020-2021		
Vehicle Model	GLE-Class, GLS-Class		
Vehicle Populations			
Total Recall Population	41,838		
Total Vehicles in Dealer Inventory	28		
<p>Given this notice, it is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to sell or lease any new MY20-21 GLE-Class, 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 Xentry. 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 MY20-21 GLE-Class, GLS-Class vehicles covered by this notification until the vehicle has been repaired.</p>			
Next Steps/Notes			
Customer Notification Timeline	Customer letters will be mailed approximately one week after the remedy becomes available.		
AOMS/SOMS	AOMs - This recall may generate questions from your dealers. Please forward this notice to your dealers ASAP.		
Rental Fleet Partners	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>			

