



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

August 6, 2021

Mr. Greg Gunther
Department Manager VCA
Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC
13470 International Parkway
Jacksonville, FL 32218

NEF-107JK
21V-483

Subject: Seat Belt Locking Retractor Malfunction/FMVSS 208

Dear Mr. Gunther:

This letter serves to acknowledge Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

MERCEDES-BENZ/AMG CLS53/2021
MERCEDES-BENZ/AMG E53/2021
MERCEDES-BENZ/AMG E63/2021-2022
MERCEDES-BENZ/AMG G63/2021
MERCEDES-BENZ/AMG GT43/2021
MERCEDES-BENZ/AMG GT53/2021
MERCEDES-BENZ/AMG GT63/2021
MERCEDES-BENZ/CLS450/2021-2022
MERCEDES-BENZ/E350/2021
MERCEDES-BENZ/E450/2021
MERCEDES-BENZ/G550/2021

Mfr's Report Date: June 25, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-483

Components:

SEAT BELTS:REAR/OTHER:RETRACTOR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4,917

Problem Description:

Mercedes-Benz, LLC (MBUSA) is recalling certain 2021 G550, AMG G63, E350, E450, AMG CLS53, AMG E53, AMG GT43, AMG GT53, AMG GT63, 2021-2022 CLS450, and AMG E63 vehicles. The rear seat belt automatic locking retractors may deactivate early, which can prevent the child restraint system from securing properly. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 208, "Occupant Crash Protection."

Consequence:

An unsecured child restraint system can increase the risk of injury during a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will inspect, and replace as necessary, the rear seat belt assemblies, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed August 24, 2021. Owners may contact MBUSA customer service at 1-800-367-6372.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.nhtsa.gov.

We have reviewed MBUSA's proposed owner notification letter and approved it for distribution.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC's contact for this recall will be Jennifer Kruger who may be reached by email at jennifer.kruger@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement