



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



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Irvine, CA

Dear

Thank you for the letter about your model year (MY) 2020 Mercedes Benz GLB250 vehicle. Your letter was received in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigations. I am pleased to respond.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's roadways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the completion rates and adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. You indicate that your MY 2020 Mercedes-Benz GLB250 experienced the safety defect identified in NHTSA Safety Recall Campaign No. 20V-480 prior to receiving the recall notification. You paid to repair the rear spoiler prior to receiving the recall notification and therefore request a reimbursement.

Federal regulations require a manufacturer conducting a safety recall of motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment to reimburse owners who have paid to obtain a remedy for the problem within a reasonable time, which in many instances is one year, prior to the manufacturer's notification. Certain restrictions apply, including the need to submit certain documents to the manufacturer. Owners should follow the instructions in the recall notification letter to file a claim. We encourage you to have patience and continue to work with Mercedes-Benz or your dealer on the status of your reimbursement.

You may also ask your dealership for a meeting with a Mercedes-Benz district manager regarding your problem. You may also consider contacting your local Consumer Protection Agency or the California Attorney General's Office regarding your problem and rights under state law. In addition, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) regulates and investigates warranty and dealership problems, reimbursement matters, and fair trade practices. Therefore, if you believe this issue potentially relates to such a practice, you may contact the FTC to discuss the matter. There are three ways to contact the FTC: by toll free telephone at 877-382-4357; by mail at Federal Trade Commission, CRC-240, Washington, DC 20580; and by using the Internet complaint form at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov.

You may also consider contacting the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Auto Line. The BBB offers free mediation/arbitration to resolve warranty disputes under guidelines established by the FTC. Remedies include repair, reimbursement, repurchase or replacement, depending on program eligibility. You can visit their website at www.bbb.org to file a complaint and review eligibility information, or call the BBB Auto Line at 800-955-5100.

If you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment in the future, please complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at www.nhtsa.gov or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236. Also, owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be reviewed on our website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Reid".

Randy Reid, Chief
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