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Re: ODI Identification Number PE03-058

Dear Mr. Quandt:

This letter is submitted on behalf of Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC ("MBUSA") and its parent company, DaimlerChrysler AG ("DCAG") in response to the Office of Defects Investigation's information request dated January 4, 2004 that was issued in Preliminary Evaluation ("PE") #03-058. This letter supplements the initial response to this information request dated March 12, 2004. Specifically, this letter transmits vehicle parts requested in Request # 10 of the Agency's information request.

Enclosed in three boxes are the following parts:

- Part # 113 014 02 02. This is a complete oil pan from a M113 engine with collateral damage typical of a failed harmonic balancer. The damage caused by the failed harmonic balancer can be seen as a semi-circular groove worn by the harmonic balancer belt pulley.
- Part # 113 014 01 02. This is a partial oil pan from a M113 engine, cut in half to show a sectional view of the pan at the point of contact with a failed harmonic balancer.

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- Part # 112 015 09 02. This is a complete engine front cover from a M112 engine. This part evidences damage from a failed harmonic balancer. This damage is a semi-circular groove worn in the face of the part at the point of contact with a failed harmonic balancer belt pulley.
- Part # 112 015 09 02. This is a partial engine front cover, cut in half to provide a sectional view at the point of contact with a failed harmonic balancer.
- Part # 112 035 00 00. This is a field return sample of the harmonic balancer Freudenberg for vehicle without Active Body Control.
- Part # 112 035 06 00. This is a field return sample of the harmonic balancer made by Freudenberg for vehicles equipped with Active Body Control.
- Part # 112 035 08 00 (New). This is an unused example of the harmonic balancer made by Trelleborg for vehicles without Active Body Control.
- Part # 112 035 08 00 (Sectional). This is a field return sample of the harmonic balancer made by Trelleborg for vehicles without Active Body Control, which has been cut in two to show the sectional view of the metal components.
- Part # 112 035 09 00. This is a field return sample of the harmonic balancer made by Trelleborg for vehicles equipped with Active Body Control.
- Part # 112 035 13 00 (New). This is an unused example of the part made by Vibracoustic that is currently in use today.
- Part # 104 030 17 03 (New). This is an unused example of the part that was involved in the 1996 Mercedes recall #96V-058.

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Additional information on subject components responsive to
information Request # 9, will be included in our response due on March 29, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: 3 Boxes