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December 18, 2002

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Recall Analysis Division
Office of Defect Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20590

02V-338

Attn: George Person, Chief

Re: 49 CFR Part 573; Recall of Mercedes-Benz S-Class Model 220

Dear Mr. Person:

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.5(c)(9), this letter contains 1 document that was communicated to our dealers on the above subject and will be submitted in Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) regular monthly mailing for the month of December, 2002.

Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number
2002 110014

NHTSA Recall Number
02V-338

Sincerely,

Stephen Kraitz
Senior Staff Engineer
Product Compliance and Analysis

Enclosure



Route: All
To: All Mercedes-Benz Dealers

Subject: Voluntary Recall Campaign MY '00 and '01 – S-Class Battery Anti-Static cover installation

Date: December 13, 2002

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that on December 9, 2002 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) was notified that Mercedes-Benz USA LLC will conduct a Voluntary Recall Campaign of certain 2000 and 2001 model year S-Class vehicles to install an anti-static cover to dissipate excessive static build up which can discharge while removing or moving items in the trunk area. Some customers have experienced vehicle battery ruptures as a result of the static discharge. In addition a battery electrolyte level check will be performed. This electrolyte level check does not replace the FSS sheet requirement for A and B service checks of wet cell batteries.

Approximately 65,279 vehicles in the U.S. are affected by the Voluntary Recall Campaign. Dealer Recall Bulletin and Customer letter mailing are expected by late February 2003.

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