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SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 03V-121 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **March 26, 2003**

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SUBJECT: 211,000 Mercedes-Benz 1998-2003 M Class vehicles manufactured from May 1998 through December 2002. The hose clamp used to secure the power steering fluid cooling hose to the power steering fluid cooler may not provide sufficient clamping force for this connection. The loss of power steering fluid may result in diminished power steering over time and ultimately can damage the power steering pump.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE03-006, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Please provide us with a draft owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers as well as an estimated owner notification date.

If you have any questions, please call:



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