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Kenneth N. Weinstein  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, S.W. (NSA-01)  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Part 573 Defect Information Report**

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 573, and on behalf of our parent company, DaimlerChrysler AG (DCAG), this letter advises you of a voluntary safety recall for certain Mercedes-Benz vehicles. Specifically, Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) submits this report regarding fuse boxes in certain S-Class, and CL-Class vehicles.

**573.6(c)(1): Manufacturer's Name**

DaimlerChrysler AG, Stuttgart, Germany.

Designated Agent: Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC  
Montvale, NJ 07645

**573.6(c)(2): Identification of Vehicles**

Make	Line	Model Year	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture
Mercedes-Benz	S-Class 220 Platform	2000 - 2001	May 1998 - October 2000
Mercedes-Benz	CL-Class 215 Platform	2000 - 2001	September 1999 - October 2000



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**573.6(c)(3): Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**

52,271 S-Class and 2,183 CL-Class vehicles are potentially affected.

**573.6(c)(4): Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Defect**

It is estimated that 100% of the subject vehicles described above contain the condition described below.

**573.6(c)(5): Description of Defect**

DCAG has determined that, due to a production deficiency occurring during the production process of the blower motor fuse holder, the size of the electric conductor on the blower motor fuse holder may be below appropriate tolerances. Consequently, the electric conductor of the blower motor fuse holder may dissipate more heat than the plastic fuse holder was designed to withstand, which could result in partial melting of the blower motor fuse holder and disabling of the blower motor.

**573.6(c)(6): Chronology of Principal Events**

The quality control department of the manufacturing plant determined that the size of the electric conductor on the blower motor fuse holder may be below appropriate tolerances on the subject vehicles. Accordingly, DCAG has decided to initiate this preventive safety campaign to install new blower motor fuse holders on all potentially affected subject vehicles.

**573.6(c)(8): Remedy Program**

MBUSA will conduct a voluntary recall campaign for the subject S-Class and CL-Class vehicles. The recall will be conducted in order to install new blower motor fuse holders on all potentially affected subject vehicles. The owner notification is planned based on parts and service availability. The owner notification will include instructions on how to obtain reimbursement for repairs made prior to the recall notification.

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573.6(c)(9): Copies of Communications with Dealers or Purchasers

A copy will be provided when available.

573.6(c)(10): Copies of Proposed Owner Notification Letter

A copy will be provided when available.

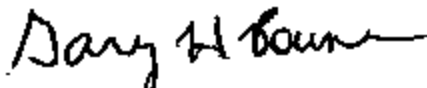
573.6(c)(11): Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number

The MBUSA Recall Campaign Number will be provided when available.

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If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (201) 573-2719 or Mr. Stephen Kraitz, of my staff, at 201-573-4118.

Sincerely,



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Safety Engineering