ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573

Assigned Recall No. <u>04V-285</u> by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: June 2, 2004 Date Faxed: June 25, 2004

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SUBJECT: 16,690 Mercedes Benz 2003-2004CL CLASS and 2003-2004 S Class vehicles. The trunk lid springs could fail in the closed trunk lid position.

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

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

If you have any questions, please call:

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