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

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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

Attn: George Person, Chief

Re: 49 CFR Part 573: Recall of Mercedes-Benz S and CL-Class

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 May, 2004.

Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number  
undetermined

NHTSA Recall Number  
04V-228

Sincerely,

Stephen Kraitz  
Senior Staff Engineer  
Product Compliance, Analysis and Safety Engineering

Enclosure



Route: All

To: All Mercedes-Benz Dealers

**Subject: Voluntary Recall Campaign MY 2001 – 2004 S and CL-Class  
Active Body Control (ABC) (12 cylinder only)  
Voluntary Recall Campaign MY 2000 – 2001 S and CL-Class Blower Motor  
Fuse**

Date: May 10, 2004

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 5, 2004 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) was notified that Mercedes-Benz USA LLC will conduct a voluntary recall campaign of certain model year 2001 – 2004 S and CL-Class vehicles, regarding a hydraulic hose in the Active Body Control System. Over time, corrosion may occur in the Active Body Control's high pressure distribution hose which may result in ABC hydraulic fluid leakage from the subject vehicles.

Approximately 6,238 vehicles in the US are affected by this voluntary recall. The dealer recall bulletin and customer mailing are being developed based on parts and service capacity.

Separately, on May 5, 2004 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) was notified that Mercedes-Benz USA LLC will conduct a voluntary recall campaign of certain model year 2000 – 2001 S and CL-Class vehicles regarding the fuse holder for the HVAC Blower Motor Fan. Under certain conditions, the fuse holder may dissipate more heat than it was designed to withstand and fail, disabling the blower motor, resulting in a loss of air flow when the HVAC is in operation. Affected vehicles will be retrofitted with a new fuse holder to correct this issue.

Approximately 54,454 vehicles in the US are affected by this voluntary recall. The dealer recall bulletin and customer mailing are being developed based on parts and service capacity.

While a news release is typically not required for these voluntary recalls, some reporters have seen information in the foreign press and may plan to mention these issues in their news coverage. Please refer any Press inquiries to the Corporate Communications department of MBUSA at 1-888-MBNEWS1. (1-888-326-3971)

A Questions and Answers document for customer inquiries will be provided shortly. Please refer any customer inquiries to the Customer Assistance Center, of MBUSA, at 1-800-FOR-MERCEdes. (1-800-367-6372)

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