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Ms. Kathleen C. DeMeter, Director
Office of Defects Investigation Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Part 573 Information Report

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

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 the "Fuel Return Hose" in certain G55 AMG 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	G55 AMG Kompressor	2004 – 2005	April, 2004 – April, 2005

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

Approximately 487 G55 AMG Kompressor vehicles are potentially affected.



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

Based on field information, the percentage of vehicles that are projected to actually contain the problem is 100%.

573.6(c)(5): Description of Defect

Due to a supplier manufacturing fault, the fuel return hose between fuel tank and return line can be permeated with fuel. This situation results from the expansion and contraction of the hose under pressure causing microcracks in the supplier hose material. These microcracks may result in cracks through which fuel can leak.

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

DCAG is aware of 9 cases in the field (none in the US) in which the fuel return hose was found to have microcracks which may result in cracks through which fuel can leak. There are no claims regarding accidents, injuries or property damage as a result of this situation.

573.6(c)(8): Remedy Program

MBUSA will conduct a voluntary recall campaign for the subject G55 AMG Kompressor vehicles. All fuel return hoses will be replaced in the affected vehicles with appropriate hoses. 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.

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.

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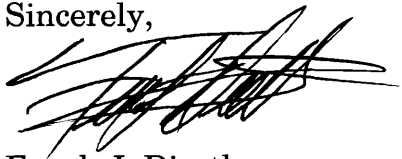
573.6(c)(11): Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number

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) 573-2517 or Mr. Gary Bowne, of my staff, at 201-573-2719.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank J. Diertl', with several overlapping strokes.

Frank J. Diertl
General Manager,
Product Compliance & Analysis

cc: George Person