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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC

Frank Diertl
General Manager, Engineering Services

August 31, 2005

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

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DEFECT INVESTIGATION

Re: 49 CFR Part 573; Recall of Mercedes-Benz G-Class Vehicles

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 August, 2005.

Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number
2005 080007

NHTSA Recall Number
05V-378

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Gary Bowne, of my staff, at 201-573-2719.

Sincerely,

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To: Mercedes-Benz Dealer Principals, General Managers, Sales Managers, Service Managers, Parts Managers

**From: Frank J. Diertl, General Manager, Engineering Services
Andrew L. Gillman, General Manager, Vehicle Logistics/Distribution**

Date: August 30, 2005

Re: Recall Campaign – Fuel return line Model 463

On August 22, 2005 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) was notified that Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC will conduct a voluntary Recall Campaign on certain model year 2005 G55 AMG vehicles, regarding the fuel return hose.

Due to a supplier manufacturing fault the fuel return hose in certain G55 AMG vehicles, may become permeated with fuel. This condition results from the expansion and contraction of the hose under operating pressure causing micro-cracks in the hose material. These micro-cracks may result in cracks through which fuel can leak. Under some circumstances leaking fuel may come in contact with hot exhaust components and possibly lead to a fire.

This Recall Campaign affects approximately 485 vehicles in the U.S. The Recall will be launched, and vehicles flagged in VMI, as soon as parts and work instructions are available. **Replacement parts will be automatically shipped to your dealership during mid to late September.**

Given this notice, it is illegal to retail affected new or used MY 2005 G55 AMG (463.271) vehicles in your inventory from VIN WDC463271 1X 146910 to VIN WDC463271 1X 161352 until the vehicle has been properly repaired.

While we regret any inconvenience this causes, Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC is determined to maintain a high level of vehicle quality and customer satisfaction.

Please refer all customer inquiries to the Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-FOR-MERCEdes (1800-367-6372).

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