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**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**

May 2, 2007

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

**Re: 49 CFR Part 573; Recall of Mercedes-Benz SLK (170) Tail Lamps**

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 April, 2007.

Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number  
2006080005

NHTSA Recall Number  
05V-505

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 201-573-2719.

Sincerely,

Gary H. Bowne  
Department Manager  
Product Compliance, Analysis and Safety Engineering

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Enclosure



# UPDATE

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

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**From: Rolf Scherer, General Manager, Engineering Services**

**Date: April 13, 2007**

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**Re: Recall Campaign 2006080005 Customer Notification – Replace Tail Lamps, Model 170 Model Year 1998 – 2004**

On September 8, 2006 dealers were notified that Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC launched a voluntary Recall Campaign on certain model year 1998 - 2004 Model (170) SLK vehicles with regard to the tail lamps. In the coming days MBUSA will mail approximately 9,100 affected owners of **post facelift MY 01 – 04** vehicles a letter requesting they contact their dealer to make an appointment to replace their tail lamps.

**Due to the volume of affected vehicles, network service capacity, and to maintain an adequate and uninterrupted parts supply, VIN's have been added to the campaign in two stages. To maintain an adequate and uninterrupted parts supply, 9,100 owner's letters will be mailed in the coming days in the second of 3 post face lift phases. All 69,302 affected vehicles subject to this Recall Campaign are flagged in VMI.**

**Any affected vehicle flagged in VMI may be repaired irrespective of the customer receiving a recall notification letter. Parts are in limited supply and are to be ordered for vehicles already scheduled for an appointment, and not for shelf stock. Please note that parts are non-returnable.**

When scheduling customers for an appointment please ensure that you are aware of any open campaigns in VMI so that the customer is advised about the time necessary to complete all campaigns.

**Note: VMI must always be checked before performing campaigns to verify that the campaign is required on a specific vehicle.**

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 (1-800-367-6372).**

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Issue	Models Affected	Repair Time (hours)	2006					2007								
			Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	
Tail Lamp Recall Customer Letter	MY 98 - 00 170	0.5		◇		◇		◆		◆		Approx 8,200 SLK Customer Letters Phase I and II. 16,400 Phase III. 18,000 reminder mailings Phase IV				
Interim Tail Lamp Recall Customer Letter	MY 01 - 04 170	0.5				◆		Approx 36,00 SLK Post facelift Customer Letters								
Tail Lamp Recall Customer Letter	MY 01 - 04 170	0.5	Approx 9,100 SLK post facelift Customer Letters Phase I and II						◇		◇					

◆ = Full Launch

◇ = Partial Launch