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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215
06V-220

Subject: ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE

Dear MR. SCHERER:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
MERCEDES/SLR MCLAREN/2005-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-220

Mfg' Report Date: June 16, 2006

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: ALTERNATOR/GENERATOR/REGULATOR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 433

Summary:
ON CERTAIN PASSENGER VEHICLES, UNDER HARD OPERATING CONDITIONS, THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT TEMPERATURE CAN INCREASE TO A LEVEL WHICH EXCEEDS THE DESIGN PARAMETERS FOR THE ALTERNATOR TO NOT FUNCTION AND IT WILL BECOME DAMAGE.

Consequence:
THIS WILL CREATE THE POTENTIAL FOR AN ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL IMPROVE THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT AND ALTERNATOR COOLING, INSTALL A MODIFIED CONTROL UNIT AND A NEW ALTERNATOR FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JUNE 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MERCEDES BENZ AT 1-800-367-6372.

Notes:

MERCEDES BENZ RECALL NO. 2006060003. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).


Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during June 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before October 30, 2006.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

for 
George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement