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A DaimlerChrysler Company

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Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Part 573 Information Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

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 recall for certain Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren vehicles. Specifically, Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) submits this report regarding the SLR McLaren vehicles described below.

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 SLR McLaren	SLR	2005 - 2006	October, 2003 - May, 2006

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

Approximately 433 SLR vehicles are potentially affected in the US.



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

The percentage of vehicles that are projected to actually contain the issues described below is 100%

573.6(c)(5): Description of Defect

DCAG has determined that, under hard operating conditions, the engine compartment temperature can increase to a level which exceeds the design parameters for the alternator and creates the potential for an engine compartment fire. A damaged alternator can not assure sufficient voltage to supply the vehicle electrical system. If this condition occurs the driver will first be informed of alternator damage by the instrument cluster multifunction displays indicating the shut down of some vehicle comfort features such as A/C, radio, etc. If voltage drops further, the multifunction display will indicate "Battery/Alternator Stop Vehicle".

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

The malfunction of the alternator in three vehicles during a recent race event led to subsequent investigations and analyses which resulted in identification of the potential defect. Accordingly, DCAG has decided to initiate this preventive safety campaign to improve engine compartment cooling, install a modified control unit, and a new alternator.

573.6(c)(8)(i): Remedy Program

MBUSA will conduct a voluntary recall campaign for the subject SLR vehicles described above. The recall will be conducted to improve engine compartment cooling, install a modified control unit, and a new alternator.

573.6(c)(8)(ii): Estimated Date of Owner Notification

MBUSA estimates owner notification will begin in late June, 2006

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573.6(c)(10): Copies of Communications with Dealers or Purchasers

DCAG expects to begin and complete dealer and owner notification in June 2006

573.6(c)(10): Copies of Communications with Dealers or Purchasers

A copy will be provided when available.

573.6(c)(11): Copies of Proposed Owner Notification Letter

A copy of the proposed owner notification is attached.

573.6(c)(12): Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number

Recall Campaign Number 2006060003

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If you or your staff has any questions, please feel free to contact Gary H. Bowne at
(201) 573-2719.

Sincerely,



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General Manager,
Engineering Services

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Safety Recall #2006060003

June, 2006

Dear Mercedes-Benz Owner

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. WE SENT YOU THIS NOTICE BECAUSE WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR SAFETY.

DaimlerChrysler AG (DCAG), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Model Year 2005 - 2006 SLR McLaren vehicles with regard to the alternator. Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) therefore has initiated a recall of these vehicles. Our records indicate that your vehicle is included in the affected population of vehicles.

DCAG has determined that, under hard operating conditions, the engine compartment temperature can increase to a level which exceeds the design parameters for the alternator and creates the potential for an engine compartment fire. A damaged alternator can not assure sufficient voltage to supply the vehicle electrical system. If this condition occurs, you will first be informed of alternator damage by the instrument cluster multifunction displays indicating the shut down of some vehicle comfort features such as A/C, radio, etc. If voltage drops further the multifunction display will indicate **"Battery/Alternator Stop Vehicle"**. In that case please shut off the vehicle, contact your authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer and have the vehicle towed in for repair.

Your authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will improve engine compartment cooling, install a modified control unit and a new alternator. This service will be provided free of charge. The working time required to repair this condition is approximately 1 work day. As a matter of normal service process, your authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will also check for other repair measures which might be applicable to your vehicle and this may increase the required working time. Please contact your authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer for additional information and to schedule an appointment at your earliest convenience. Please mention Recall Campaign #2006060003

If you are no longer the vehicle owner, or have a change of address, please complete the reverse side of this letter and return the complete letter in the enclosed envelope. If this is a leased vehicle and the lessor and registered owner receive this notice, please forward this information by first class mail to the lessee.

Please contact your authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer should you have any questions or encounter any difficulty regarding this recall. If your dealer is unable to remedy your situation please contact us at 1-(800) FOR-MERCEdes (1-800-367-6372).

If an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer or Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC, fails or is unable to perform this service without charge within 60 days, pursuant to law 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this situation may cause you.

Sincerely,

