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Mr. Daniel C. Smith  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: **Part 573 Defect 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 safety related recall for certain Mercedes-Benz vehicles. Specifically, Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) submits this report regarding certain Active Body Control (ABC) hydraulic hoses in certain 2000-2004 Model Year S-Class and CL-Class vehicles with 6 and 8 cylinder engines.

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	S-Class 220 Platform	2000 - 2004	September 1997 - March 2004
Mercedes-Benz	CL-Class 215 Platform	2000 - 2004	July 1998 - March 2004

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

7,272 S-Class and 12,652 CL-Class “subject vehicles” are potentially affected.

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

It is estimated that 100% of the subject vehicles described above contain the condition described below.

573.6(c)(5): Description of Defect

DCAG has determined that on the subject vehicles corrosion may occur in the inner steel portions of the Active Body Control's high-pressure distribution hose due to extensive exposure to humidity. Over time, corrosion may deteriorate the inner steel portions of the ABC's high-pressure distribution hose. This may result in ABC hydraulic fluid leakage near the catalytic converter of the subject vehicles.

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

A prior recall campaign was initiated in 2004 for above mentioned model vehicles with 12 cylinder engines to remedy a comparable irregularity. On the basis of the differing packaging and the substantially lower operating temperatures no issue was seen in the field or projected at that time for vehicles with 6 and 8 cylinder engines.

After receiving sporadic leakage complaints on vehicles with 6 and 8 cylinder engines, we have again initiated an in-depth analysis of the irregularity. As a result similar symptoms as on vehicles with 12 cylinder engines can develop.

573.6(c)(8): Remedy Program

MBUSA will conduct a voluntary recall campaign for the subject S-Class and CL-Class vehicles. The recall will be conducted in order to install new, corrosion resistant ABC high-pressure distribution hoses on all potentially affected subject vehicles. The owner notification process is being developed 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.

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573.6(c)(10): Copies of Proposed Owner Notification Letter

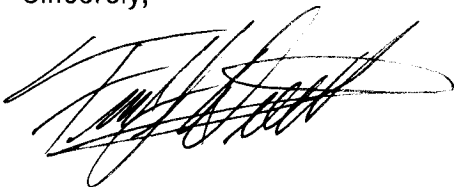
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573.6(c)(11): Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number

The MBUSA Recall Campaign Number will be provided when available.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Diertl', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Frank Diertl  
General Manager,  
Engineering Services