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**08V-608
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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, Daimler AG (DAG), 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 the radial knuckle of the front strut in certain 2007 Model Year Mercedes-Benz vehicles.

573.6(c)(1): Manufacturer's Name

Daimler AG, Stuttgart, Germany.

Designated Agent: Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC
Montvale, NJ 07645

573.6(c)(2): Identification of Vehicles

Make	Line/Model	Model Year	Inclusive Dates of Manufacture
Mercedes-Benz	S-Class	2007	May 17, 2005 - September 5, 2006

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

Approximately 1,515 Mercedes-Benz 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 approximately 17%.

573.6(c)(5): Description of Defect

DAG has determined that a defect may exist in the radial knuckle of the front strut due to a manufacturing process flaw at the supplier. The process flaw may affect the radial knuckle only after significant mileage accumulation combined with exposure to high continuous stress by driving on rough-roads. If a radial knuckle fails the steer-ability of the vehicle may be affected.

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

During quality parts bench testing, DAG detected a small number of radial knuckles of the front struts that may not meet Mercedes-Benz long term durability requirements. Supplier investigation led to the identification of a production range which utilized the affected parts.

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

MBUSA will conduct a voluntary recall campaign for the subject vehicles described above. The production number of the front struts will be checked. If the front struts belong to the affected production range they will be replaced.

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

MBUSA estimates owner and dealer notification will begin in mid to late December, 2008.

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

Dealers will be notified of the pending voluntary recall campaign in November, 2008. The voluntary recall campaign is expected to commence in mid to late December, 2008. A copy of all communications will be provided when available.

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

The MBUSA Recall Campaign Number will be provided when available.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Diertl', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Frank Diertl
General Manager
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