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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
09V-453

SUBJECT: FUEL LINE QUICK CONNECTOR

DEAR MR. DIERTL:

This letter serves to acknowledge Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

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 BENZ/550 G-CLASS/2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-453

Mfg's Report Date: November 23, 2009

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 352

Summary:

MERCEDES-BENZ IS RECALLING MODEL YEAR 2009 550 G-CLASS VEHICLES. THE FUEL LINE QUICK CONNECTORS LOCATED UNDER THE VEHICLE AWAY FROM THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN CONNECTED PROPERLY ON THE ASSEMBLY LINE AND COMPLETELY SEATED IN THE CONNECTION. IN CASE OF A FRONTAL CRASH, THE FUEL PUMP WOULD NO LONGER FUNCTION BUT A PARTIAL DISLOCATION OF THE LINE COULD LEAD TO A POTENTIAL FOR FUEL LOSS FROM THE LINE AT THE QUICK CONNECTOR.

Consequence:

FUEL LEAKAGE, IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE, COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL CHECK THE CONNECTION OF THE FUEL LINE QUICK CONNECTORS AND INSTALL A NEW CLAMP TO ASSURE THE QUICK CONNECTORS SECURE CONNECTION. THE REMEDY WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MERCEDES-BENZ AT 1-800-367-6372.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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