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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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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, 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 side rear door lock function (FMVSS206) in certain 2009 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, Model W221	2009	September 2008

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

Approximately 54 Mercedes-Benz vehicles are potentially affected in the US.

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 2%.

573.6(c)(5): Description of Defect

DAG has determined a possible incorrect labeling in the production of the door locks in a limited time period. Due to this incorrect part number label on the door locks it could be that the front and rear passenger side door locks were interchanged during production. The exchange of a front and a rear passenger side door lock would result in a passenger side door that cannot be opened by merely pulling on the interior handle and a rear door lock that can be opened with a simple pull of the interior door handle even if locked.

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

During summer shutdown of the production, a supplier conducted an unapproved manual relabeling of the affected door locks. The supplier's investigation regarding this rework process allowed an exact identification of the potentially affected production range of the incorrect labeled door locks.

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

MBUSA will conduct a voluntary recall campaign for the subject vehicles described above. The recall will be conducted to check the part number on all door locks and replace if necessary any incorrectly installed door lock.

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

MBUSA estimates owner notification will begin in March, 2009

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

Dealers will be notified of the pending voluntary recall campaign in March, 2009. The voluntary recall campaign is expected to commence in March, 2009. A copy of all communications will be provided when available.

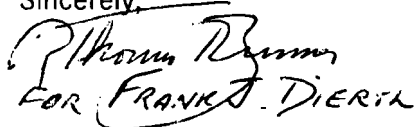
573.6(c)(11): Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number

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. R. Thomas Brunner at (201) -573-2622.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Thomas Brunner" on the first line and "FOR FRANK J. DIERTL" on the second line. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Frank J. Diertl
General Manager
Engineering Services