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April 24, 2009

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Defect Investigation
Attention: George Person, Chief Recall Management Division NVS 215
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: 49 CFR Part 573; Recall of Mercedes-Benz M-Class (164) Power Lift Gate, Reposition Power Lift Gate Control Module and Replace Tail Lamp Seals.

Dear Mr. Person:

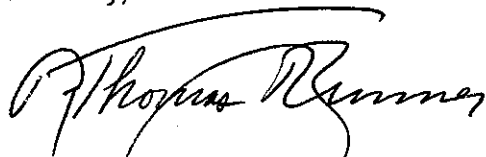
Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.6(c)(10), this letter contains 2 documents that were communicated to our dealers on the above subject and will be submitted in the Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) regular monthly mailing for the month of April, 2009.

Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number
2009030003

NHTSA Recall Number
09V - 076

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 201-573-2622.

Sincerely,



R. Thomas Brunner
Department Manager, Product Compliance, Analysis, Safety and Emissions

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Enclosure

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TO: Mercedes-Benz Dealer Principals, General Managers, Sales Managers, Service Managers, Parts Managers

FROM: Thomas Brunner; Department Manager; Product Compliance, Analysis, Safety & Emissions; Engineering Services

DATE: April 24, 2009

RE: Recall Campaign 2009030003- Reposition Power Lift Gate Control Module (Option Code 890), Replace Right and Left Tail Lamp Unit Seals, Model 164, Model Year 2009

On March 10, 2008 dealers were notified that Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC will conduct a voluntary Recall Campaign on certain Model Year 2009 M-Class (164) vehicles with regard to the Power Lift Gate. This notification is posted on the NHTSA web site and may generate some customer questions.

Daimler AG (DAG) has determined that as a result of faulty seals around the rear tail lamp units, water may enter the rear compartment containing the spare tire. In vehicles equipped with the optional power lift gate, the control module for the lift gate is located close to the spare tire compartment and could be exposed to water. Water entering the power lift gate control module can result in disabling of the power lift gate hydraulic unit and, in a worst case, causing a short circuit which could lead to a fire. MBUSA is aware of one vehicle fire that may have resulted from water entering into the power lift gate control module.

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC therefore has initiated a recall of all potentially affected vehicles described above. The repair will involve repositioning of the affected power lift gate control module inside the chassis and replacement of the right and left tail lamp unit seals.

The Recall Campaign is being launched today and the 17,901 affected vehicles will be flagged in VMI. The repair time is 1.4 hours to reposition the affected power lift gate control module and replace the right and left tail lamp unit seals. The repair rate is 100%.

An approximate 25% allocation of replacement parts will be sent to each dealer by the launch date. Dealers may order additional replacement parts as required.

A copy of the campaign bulletin is attached, and may also be found on StarTekInfo.

Owner notification will be sent approximately May 1, 2009.

****** When scheduling service appointments please advise customers to empty the cargo area prior **** to arrival at the dealer to avoid loss, damage or soiling of articles in the cargo area.**

When scheduling customers for an appointment please ensure that you are aware of any open campaigns in VMI so that the customer is advised about the time necessary to complete all campaigns.

Note: VMI must always be checked before performing campaigns to verify that the campaign is required on a specific vehicle.

Dealers may also identify vehicles subject to a campaign through NetStar by selecting "Campaign" under the Controlling tab. Only vehicles that have been retailed by the respective dealer will be displayed within this program.

While we regret any inconvenience this causes, Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC is determined to maintain a high level of vehicle quality and customer satisfaction.

Please refer all customer inquiries to the Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-FOR_MERCEdes (1-800-367-6372).

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