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## newschannel UPDATE

**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: November 25, 2009**

**RE: Recall Campaign– Fuel Line Quick Connectors, Model 463, Model Year 2009**

On Tuesday, November 24, 2009 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) was notified that Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) will conduct a voluntary Recall Campaign on certain Model Year 2009 G-550 (463) vehicles with regard to the Fuel Line Quick Connectors. This notification will be posted on the NHTSA web site and may generate some customer questions.

DAG has determined that certain fuel line quick connectors –located under the vehicle away from the engine compartment and used only in the Mercedes-Benz G-Class – 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 partial connection.

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC therefore has initiated a recall of all potentially affected vehicles described above. The recall will be conducted to check the connection of the fuel line quick connectors and install a new clamp to assure the quick connectors are secured.

Given this notice, it is illegal to retail any affected MY 2009, Model G-550 (463) vehicles in your inventory until the vehicle has been repaired. See attached VIN file of 46 affected dealer inventory VINS.

**This Recall Campaign will be launched in early January, 2010, based on parts availability, and affects approximately 352 vehicles in the U.S.**

Owner notification will to be sent approximately one week after recall launch.

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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