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August 30, 2012

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Defect Investigation
Attention: Jennifer Timian, 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 Front Passenger Airbag

Dear Ms. Timian:

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.6(10), this letter contains 1 document (Dealer Notification) that was 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 August, 2012.

Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number

Unavailable

NHTSA Recall Number

12V-380

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at brunnert@mbusa.com.

Sincerely,

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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; Vehicle Compliance and Analysis; Engineering Services |
| RE: Recall - Front Passenger Side Airbag, Model 463, Model Year 2011 | DATE: August 13, 2012 |

On Friday, August 3, 2012 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 2011 G-Class (463) vehicles with regard to the front passenger side airbag. This notification will be posted on the NHTSA web site and may generate some customer questions.

Recall Details

The dashboard of the subject G-Class contains a front passenger-side airbag, which is covered by a covering flap. In order to have a controlled opening of the front passenger airbag, a molding strip is located between the airbag and the covering flap. DAG has determined that the spot welding between the molding strip and covering flap of the dashboard may not have been done properly to ensure retention of the molding strip during all airbag deployment scenarios. During front passenger airbag deployment, parts of the molding strip could potentially become loose and enter the passenger compartment or otherwise impair proper airbag function.

MBUSA therefore has initiated a voluntary recall of all potentially affected vehicles described above. The recall will be conducted to reinforce the connection between the molding strip and airbag cover flap within the retention frame of the dashboard to eliminate the possibility that the molding strip could become disconnected in the subject vehicles.

Given this notice, it is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to deliver any new or used Model Year 2011 G-Class (463) covered by this notification in dealer inventory, for sale or lease, until the vehicle is repaired.

Other than verifying if any of the vehicles are in your inventory, no action is required, at this time until this Recall Campaign is launched in September, 2012 (based on parts availability) and affects approximately 189 vehicles in the U.S.

Owner notifications will 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).