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November 1, 2013

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 Occupant Classification System

Dear [REDACTED]

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.6(10), this letter contains 2 documents (Dealer Notification, VIN file) 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 November, 2013.

Manufacturer's Campaign Identification Number
unavailable

NHTSA Recall Number
unavailable *13V-54Z*

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 Campaign- Front Passenger Seat Occupant Classification System. Model 231 (SL). Model Year 2013	DATE: November 1, 2013

IMPORTANT NEW RECALL INFORMATION

On Thursday, October 31, 2013 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) was notified that Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) will conduct a voluntary Recall Campaign on approximately 130 Model Year 2013 SL-Class (231) vehicles with regard to the front passenger seat occupant classification system. This notification will be posted on the NHTSA website and may generate some customer questions.

Background

The OCS detects whether a child seat is installed, or a person is sitting on the passenger seat. When the OCS detects either a child seat or that the front passenger seat is not occupied, the front passenger airbag is automatically deactivated. On a limited number of SL-Class vehicles (231 platform) produced between Jan 16, 2013 - April 30, 2013, the passenger seat OCS may fail to properly detect an occupant on the front passenger seat and it could erroneously deactivate the front passenger side airbag. This may result in an increased risk of injury in the event of a crash. However, in such a case the "PASSENGER AIR BAG OFF" indicator lamp in the center console of the vehicle would be illuminated to indicate this condition.

MBUSA therefore has initiated a voluntary recall of all potentially affected vehicles described above. The recall will be conducted to replace the front passenger seat base 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 2013 SL-Class (231) produced between January 16, 2013, 2013 and April 30, 2013 covered by this notification in dealer inventory, for sale or lease, until the vehicle has been repaired. See attached VIN file and contact your AOM if your dealership has any affected vehicles.

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 December, 2013. This Recall Campaign affects approximately 130 vehicles in the U.S.

Owner notifications will be sent approximately one week after recall launch.

While we regret any inconvenience this may cause, MBUSA 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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VIN	PO	Model	MY	Dealer	RGN	MKT	Status	
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