



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NEF-150TB
16V-439

Subject: Low-Beam Headlights Adjusted Incorrectly/FMVSS 108

Dear Mr. Brunner:

This letter serves to acknowledge Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

MERCEDES BENZ/SL400/2016
MERCEDES BENZ/SL550/2016
MERCEDES BENZ/SL63/2016
MERCEDES BENZ/SLK300/2016
MERCEDES BENZ/SLK350/2016

Mfr's Report Date: June 13, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-439

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:HEADLIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 100

Problem Description:

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) is recalling certain model year 2016 SLK300, SLK350, SL400, SL550, and SL63 AMG vehicles manufactured from June 29, 2015, through July 13, 2015. The affected vehicles are equipped with low-beam headlights that may have been aimed incorrectly during vehicle production. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

Consequence:

Improperly adjusted low-beam headlights may reduce the driver's visibility, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

MBUSA will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and if necessary adjust the headlamps, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in July 2016. Owners may contact MBUSA customer service at 1-800-367-6372.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received MBUSA's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

We note that MBUSA does not believe that an improperly adjusted low-beam headlight has any effect on vehicle safety. This statement has no force or effect in terms of MBUSA's obligation to undertake and complete the recall and NHTSA does not agree with it.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Tariq Bond who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5472, or by email at tariq.bond@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
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Enforcement