



Mercedes-Benz

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL 2016090001

This notice applies to your vehicle, VIN: WDDUG6DB8FA123456  
Replace Driver-side Airbag Module  
NHTSA Recall # 16V08 1

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Remedy Parts are now available for your vehicle. Schedule an appointment with your Mercedes-Benz dealer as soon as possible. This service will be provided free of charge.

Dear Mercedes-Benz Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Mercedes-Benz USA has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Model Year 2005 - 2009 vehicles. Our records indicate that your vehicle is included in the affected population of vehicles. In April, we sent you an interim letter notifying you of this recall, and that a second letter will be mailed once parts are available. **Parts are now available for your vehicle.**

**What is the CONCERN?**

Based on the defect decision of TK Holdings, Inc ("Takata"), in certain driver-side airbags produced by Takata used in certain Model Year 2005-2008 Mercedes-Benz vehicles, under certain circumstances, the driver-side airbag inflator housing in your vehicle may rupture during deployment due to excessive internal pressure. This condition is more likely to occur if your vehicle has been exposed to high levels of absolute humidity for extended periods of time. A driver-side inflator rupture during deployment could result in metal fragments striking the driver or other occupants, possibly causing serious injury or death.

**What will your DEALER DO?**

An authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will replace the driver-side airbag module. The steering wheel will not be replaced. This service will be provided free of charge. We are dedicated to always delivering the best customer experience, and respect for your time is a top priority. While the minimum repair time is approximately **30 minutes**, your dealer can provide you with a better estimate of the overall time for this service visit. As a matter of normal service process, an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will also check for other repair measures which might be applicable to your vehicle and this may increase the required working time.

**What should YOU DO?**



To find the most convenient authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer from your smartphone, scan the QR code to the left.

For additional information and to schedule an appointment please contact **MERCEDES-BENZ DEALER, 999-999-9999** or another authorized dealer, at your earliest convenience. To locate additional authorized dealers see [www.mbusa.com/recall](http://www.mbusa.com/recall). **Please mention you are scheduling an appointment to replace the driver-side airbag module under Recall Campaign # 2016090001.** You may be asked for your 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) which for your convenience is located above your name at the top of this letter.

**Information for Owners**

In the event that you are no longer the vehicle owner, or have had a change of address, please complete the reverse side and return the updated information in the enclosed envelope.

If this is a leased vehicle and the lessor and registered owner receive this notice, please forward this information by first class mail to the lessee within 10 business days to comply with Federal Regulations.

A VIN-based recall lookup tool on our MBUSA.com website now offers a search feature that will indicate whether a vehicle has been subject to a safety recall, and whether that vehicle has had the free remedy performed. See [www.mbusa.com/recall](http://www.mbusa.com/recall). Please also take the opportunity to update your email and phone contact information for any future recall notifications, which will supplement the owner notification letter.

Should you have any questions or encounter any difficulty regarding this Recall Campaign, please contact an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer. If for any reason a dealer is unable to remedy your situation, we are always happy to hear from you. Please contact us at 1-(800) FOR-MERCEDES (1-800-367-6372).

If an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer for any reason is unable to remedy the situation without charge, or within a reasonable amount of time, pursuant to law 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this situation may cause you.

Sincerely,

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### IMPORTANT

VIN: WDDUG6DB8FA123456

If for any reason YOU NO LONGER OWN THIS VEHICLE OR have a CHANGE OF ADDRESS, please COMPLETE THE SECTION BELOW, place in the ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, and DROP IN ANY MAIL BOX. If possible, provide the name and address of the present owner so that we may contact them.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> EXPORTED<br><input type="checkbox"/> LEASE, VEHICLE RETURNED<br><input type="checkbox"/> SCRAPPED | <input type="checkbox"/> SOLD<br><input type="checkbox"/> STOLEN<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ |
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- NEW OWNER INFORMATION
  MY NEW NAME OR ADDRESS IS:

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Last Name, First Name

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Street

Apt

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City

State

ZIP

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Email Address

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Phone (numbers only)

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Mobile (numbers only)

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**Date** **Signature**

\*\*\*\* PLEASE DO NOT DETACH. RETURN COMPLETE LETTER \*\*\*\*  
DO NOT USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE FOR OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

Reimbursement to Customers for Repairs Performed Prior to Recall

If you have already paid to have this recall condition corrected you may be eligible to receive reimbursement. Requests for reimbursement may include parts, labor, fees and taxes. Reimbursement may be limited to the amount the repair would have cost if completed by an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer. The following documentation must be presented to your dealer for reimbursement.

Original or clear copy of all receipts, invoices and/or repair orders that show:

- The name and address of the person who paid for the repair.
- The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the vehicle that was repaired.
- What problem occurred, what repair was done, when it was done and who repaired it.
- The total cost of the repair expense that is being claimed.
- Proof of payment of repair (copy of front and back of cancelled check, or copy of credit card receipt).
- Reimbursement will be made by check from your dealer. If your claim is denied you will receive a letter from MBUSA within 60 days of receipt with the reason(s) for the denial.

Please speak with your dealer concerning this matter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION