



Mercedes-Benz

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL 2016050007
This notice applies to your vehicle, WDDPK3 [REDACTED]
Tie Rod Locknut
NHTSA Recall # 16V306

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WDDPK [REDACTED]

Dear Mercedes-Benz Owner,

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

Daimler AG, the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Model Year 2016 SLK-Class vehicles. Our records indicate that your vehicle is included in the affected population of vehicles.

WE SENT YOU THIS NOTICE BECAUSE WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR SAFETY.

On certain Model Year 2016 SLK-Class vehicles, improperly manufactured locknuts might have been used for the tie rod connection to the rear axle wheel carrier. As a result, the pre-tension force of this connection may be reduced, but it will not completely separate. However, loosening of this screw-connection could lead to a change of alignment and independent steering of the rear axle. As a consequence, the risk of a crash may increase.

To remedy this, an authorized Mercedes-Benz Dealer will replace the locknuts on the tie rod connection to the rear axle wheel carrier.

This service will be provided free of charge. We are dedicated to always delivering the Best or Nothing - and respect for your time is a top priority. While the minimum repair time to replace the locknuts 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.

For additional information and to schedule an appointment please contact **ANY DEALER USA, 201-555-1234** or another authorized dealer, at your earliest convenience. To locate additional authorized dealers see www.MBUSA.com/dealerlocator. **Please mention you are scheduling an appointment to replace the locknuts on the tie rod connection on the affected vehicles under Recall Campaign # 2016050007.** 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.

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 days to comply with Federal Regulations.

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). A vehicle identification number (VIN)-based recall lookup tool, on our MBUSA.com website, now offers a search function 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.

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 regret any inconvenience this situation may cause you.

Sincerely,

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IF FOR ANY REASON YOU DO NOT NOW 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.

- SCRAPPED**
- STOLEN**
- OTHER** _____
- SOLD** _____ **I HAVE SOLD THE VEHICLE TO:** _____
- MY NEW ADDRESS IS:**

NAME _____

STREET _____ **APT.** _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION