



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Greg Gunther
Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.
13470 International Parkway
Jacksonville, FL 32218

NEF-150JK
17V-818

Subject: Air Bag Nondeployment or Incorrect Deployment

Dear Mr. Gunther:

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/AMG GT/2017
MERCEDES BENZ/AMG GT C ROADSTER/2017
MERCEDES BENZ/AMG GT ROADSTER/2018
MERCEDES BENZ/AMG GT S/2018

Mfr's Report Date: December 18, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-818

Components:

AIR BAGS: PASSENGER OCCUPANT CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 10

Problem Description:

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) is recalling certain 2017 AMG GT & AMG GT-C Roadster and 2018 AMG GT-S & GT Roadster vehicles equipped with AMG Performance Seats. The passenger occupant classification system (OCS) might not function properly, possibly causing the passenger frontal air bag to be incorrectly deactivated or incorrectly activated in the event of a crash.

Consequence:

A passenger air bag that is incorrectly activated or deactivated in the event of a crash increases the risk of injury due to potential incorrect airbag deployment or non-deployment.

Remedy:

MBUSA will notify owners, and dealers will update the OCS software, and if necessary, replace the passenger seat cushion, free of charge. Owners will be notified of the recall in January 2018 and they will receive a second letter when the parts become available, currently expected to be in February 2018. Owners may contact MBUSA customer service at 1-877-496-3691.

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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 Jennifer Kruger who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-2461, or by email at jennifer.kruger@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement