



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-826

**Subject:** Seat Belt May Bind, Causing Slack

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/2018  
MERCEDES BENZ/AMG GT C/2018  
MERCEDES BENZ/AMG GT R/2018  
MERCEDES BENZ/AMG GT S/2018

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 18, 2017

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 17V-826

**Components:**

SEAT BELTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,263

**Problem Description:**

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC. (MBUSA) is recalling certain model year 2018 Mercedes-Benz AMG GT, AMG GT R, AMG GT C and AMG GT S vehicles. The seat belts may bind within the guidance loops possibly causing slack in the seat belts.

**Consequence:**

If the seat belt binds, slack may develop through occupant movement which may lead to increased personal injury in the event of a crash.

**Remedy:**

MBUSA will notify owners, and dealers will reconfigure the seat belt guides, 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](http://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.

The information in your report suggests that MBUSA may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA (your report, filed on December 18, states that the safety risk was determined 'in the beginning of December'). Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days.

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](mailto:jennifer.kruger@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement