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# newschannel update

TO: Mercedes-Benz Dealer Principals, General Managers, Sales Managers, Service Managers, Parts Managers	FROM: Gregory Gunther, Department Manager, Vehicle Compliance and Analysis, Engineering Services
RE: <b>Recall Campaign Launch Notification</b> <b>2018080001</b> <b>Replace Prefuse Box</b> <b>MY18 217 222 (S-Class Coupe, S-Class)</b>	DATE: August 17, 2018

## IMPORTANT RECALL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION





# RECALL CAMPAIGN LAUNCH NOTIFICATION

August 17, 2018

<b>Campaign No. :</b>	<b>Campaign Desc. :</b>	<b>Replace Prefuse Box</b>
<b>2018080001</b>	<b>1806P54B63</b>	
<p>This is to notify you of a new <b>Recall Campaign</b> to replace the prefuse box on <b>1,701</b> MY 2018 Model 217, 222 (S-Class Coupe, S-Class) vehicles. The recall campaign will be visible on the <a href="http://www.safercar.gov">www.safercar.gov</a> website and may generate questions from customers. Affected VINs will be flagged in VMI as "OPEN" on August 17, 2018.</p>		
<b>Background</b>		
<b>Issue</b>	<p>Daimler AG, ("DAG") the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, has determined that on certain S-Class and S-Class Coupe vehicles (222, 217 platform), two nuts which secure the power bars inside the pre-fuse-box in the trunk might not have been installed during the production process. Power bars that are not secure inside the pre-fuse box could result in higher electrical resistance between them, increasing the risk of fire. Additionally, intermittent contact between the power bars could lead to loss of certain vehicle functions. Such loss could lead to impairment of engine operation, the seat belt functions and the instrument cluster, increasing the risk of a crash.</p>	
<b>What We're Doing</b>	<p>MBUSA will conduct a voluntary recall. As a precautionary measure an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will check the pre-fuse-box on the affected vehicles and replace it, if necessary.</p>	
<b>Parts</b>	<p><b>Parts are available and can be ordered as necessary.</b></p>	
<b>Vehicles Affected</b>		
<b>Vehicle Model Year(s)</b>	2018	
<b>Vehicle Model</b>	S-Class Coupe, S-Class	
<b>Vehicle Populations</b>		
<b>Total Recall Population</b>	1701	
<b>Total Vehicles in Dealer Inventory</b>	154	
<p><b>Given this notice, it is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to sell or lease any new MY18 S-Class Coupe, S-Class vehicles in dealer inventory covered by this notification until the vehicle has been repaired. Once the remedy is available, the vehicles will be flagged as "OPEN" and Work Instructions will be available in Star TekInfo Once the repair is complete, the vehicle may be sold or leased.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Loaner and demonstrator vehicles may continue to be driven, but must not be retailed until repaired.</b></p> <p><b>Additionally, given this notice, it is a violation of Federal Law for car rental companies to rent new MY18 S-Class Coupe, S-Class vehicles covered by this notification until the vehicle has been repaired.</b></p>		
<b>Next Steps/Notes</b>		
<b>Customer Notification Timeline</b>	Customer letters will be mailed in approximately one week.	
<b>AOMS/SOMS</b>	AOMs – This recall may generate questions from your dealers. Please forward this notice to your dealers ASAP.	
<b>Rental Fleet Partners</b>	This recall may affect vehicles in your fleet. Please contact your respective MBUSA fleet representative for further information and next steps. For repairs, please contact your preferred MBUSA dealer.	
<p>While we regret any inconvenience this may cause, MBUSA is determined to maintain a high level of vehicle quality and customer satisfaction. Please refer all customer inquiries to the Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-FOR-MERCEDES.</p>		



Mercedes-Benz

Campaign No. 2018080001, August 2018

TO: ALL MERCEDES-BENZ CENTERS

SUBJECT: **Models S-Class and S-Class Coupe vehicles (222, 217 platform)  
Model Year 2018  
Check Nuts of Prefuse Box, Replace if Necessary**

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Prior to performing this Recall Campaign:

- Please check VMI to determine if the vehicle is involved in the Campaign and if it has been previously repaired.
- Please review the entire Recall Campaign bulletin and follow the repair procedure exactly as described.

Please note that Recall Campaigns **do not expire** and may also be performed on a vehicle with a vehicle status indicator.

Approximately 1704 vehicles are involved.

Order No. P-RC-2018080001

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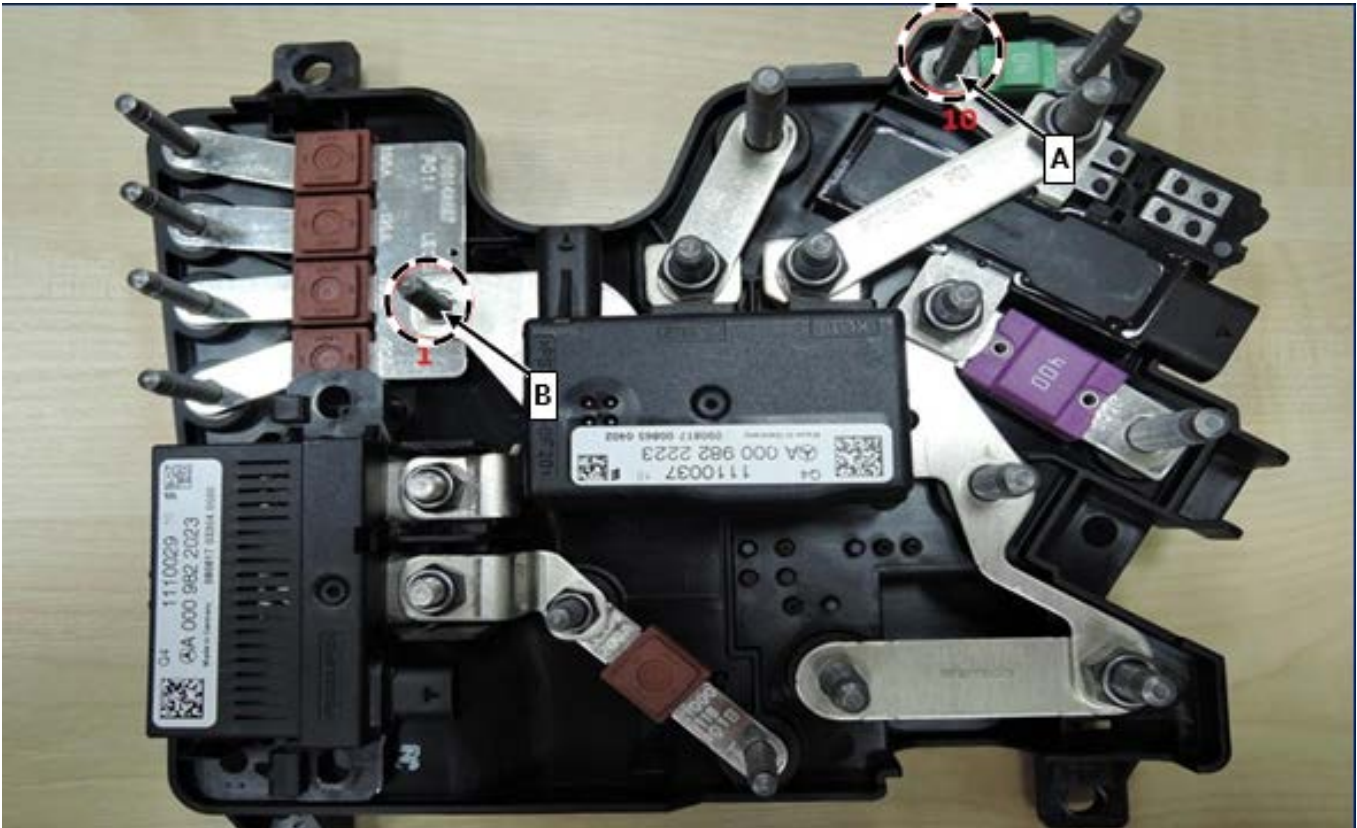
### Check / test

1. Disconnect ground line of battery (**AR54.10-P-0003LF**).
2. Expose rear prefuse box.  
Basic data model 217: **AR54.15-P-1340LC**  
Basic data model 222: **AR54.15-P-1340LF**
3. Loosen clip and four screws for the prefuse box (**1, figure 1**). Together with the connected lines, tilt the prefuse box slightly downward.
4. Check to see if the nuts (**A and B, figure 1**) are present.  
**i** It is **essential** that **both** nuts (**A and B, figure 2**) be present.



Figure 1

- a. If the nuts (**A or B**) are not present: **perform work procedure.**
- b. If the nuts (**A and B**) are present: **end measure.**



**Figure 2**

**i** The **findings** from the check/test procedure must be recorded **on the work order**.

### Work procedure

1. Replace prefuse box.  
Model 217: **AR54.15-P-1340LC**  
Model 222: **AR54.15-P-1340LF**
2. Assemble in reverse order.

### Primary Parts Information

Qty.	Part Name	Part Number	Estimated Replacement Rate
As required	Prefuse box	A 222 540 60 40	10%

**Warranty Information****With Check**

**Operation:** Check rear prefuse box on model 217 (02-2573)  
 Check rear prefuse box on model 222 (02-2573)

<b>Damage Code</b>	<b>Operation Number</b>	<b>Labor Time (hrs.)</b>
54 976 31 8	02-2573 (model 217)	0.4
	02-2573 (model 222)	0.5

**With Check and Repair**

**Operation:** Check rear prefuse box on model 217 (02-2573)  
 Check rear prefuse box on model 222 (02-2573)  
 Replace rear prefuse box (after check) (02-2574)  
 Extra work for: checking rear prefuse box on vehicles with through-load ski bag/refrigerator box (02-2575)

<b>Damage Code</b>	<b>Operation Number</b>	<b>Labor Time (hrs.)</b>
54 976 31 7	02-2573 (model 217)	0.4
	02-2573 (model 222)	0.5
	02-2574	0.4
	02-2575	0.1

**Note**

Operation Number labor times are subject to change.