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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: Recall Campaign Initial Notification Replace Seatbelt Buckle MY 19 C-Class Coupe/Cabriolet, E-Class Coupe/Cabriolet, S-Class (205, 238, 222)	DATE: December 7, 2018

IMPORTANT NEW RECALL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION





RECALL CAMPAIGN INITIAL NOTIFICATION

December 7, 2018

Campaign No. :	NHTSA ID	Campaign Desc. :	Replace Seatbelt Buckle
TBA	18V839	PEND SB BUCKLE	
This is to notify you of a new Recall Campaign regarding certain seatbelt buckles on 5,433 Model Year (“MY”) 2019 C-Class Coupe/Cabriolet, E-Class Coupe/Cabriolet, and S-Class vehicles (205, 238, and 222 platforms). The recall campaign will be visible on the www.safercar.gov website and may generate questions from customers. Affected VINs will be flagged in VMI as “PENDING” on December 7, 2018.			
Background			
Issue	Daimler AG, (“DAG”), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, has determined that on certain MY19 C-Class Coupe/Cabriolet, E-Class Coupe/Cabriolet, and S-Class vehicles (205, 238, and 222 platforms), the switches in certain seatbelt buckles might not meet production specifications. A correctly fastened seatbelt might be incorrectly detected as unfastened. In this case, the tensioning functions of the seatbelt would not be activated in the event of a crash, increasing the risk of injury.		
What We’re Doing	MBUSA will conduct a voluntary recall. An additional notification will be sent when the remedy is available.		
Parts	Parts are currently unavailable. An additional notification will be sent once parts are available for repairs.		
Vehicles Affected			
Vehicle Model Year(s)	2019		
Vehicle Model	C-Class Coupe/Cabriolet, E-Class Coupe/Cabriolet, S-Class		
Vehicle Populations			
Total Recall Population	5433		
Total Vehicles in Dealer Inventory	1981		
Given this notice, it is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to sell or lease any new MY19 C-Class Coupe/Cabriolet, E-Class Coupe/Cabriolet, or 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.			
Loaner and demonstrator vehicles may continue to be driven, but must not be retailed until repaired.			
Additionally, given this notice, it is a violation of Federal Law for car rental companies to rent new MY19 C-Class Coupe/Cabriolet, E-Class Coupe/Cabriolet, or S-Class vehicles covered by this notification until the vehicle has been repaired.			
Next Steps/Notes			
Customer Notification Timeline	Customer letters will be mailed approximately one week after the remedy becomes available.		
AOMS/SOMS	AOMs – This recall may generate questions from your dealers. Please forward this notice to your dealers ASAP.		
Rental Fleet Partners	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.		
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.			