



IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL 2020020017
This notice applies to your vehicle, VIN: [REDACTED]
Implausible Seatbelt Detection
NHTSA Recall #19V788

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC

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- A remedy is available for your vehicle.
- Schedule an appointment with your authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer as soon as possible.
- This repair will be provided free of charge.

Dear Mercedes-Benz Owner:

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

Mercedes-Benz AG ("MBAG"), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Model Year ("MY") 2018-2019 GLC-Class, E-Class, CLS-Class, AMG GT-Class Four Door, and G-Class vehicles. Our records indicate that your vehicle is included in the affected population of vehicles.

What is the CONCERN?

MBAG has determined that on certain MY 18-19 GLC-Class (253 platform), E-Class (213 platform), CLS-Class (257 platform), AMG GT Four-Door (290 platform) and G-Class (463 platform) vehicles, certain front seat belt buckles might not have been manufactured according to current production specifications. In such case, a correctly latched seat belt could be erroneously detected as not latched. As a result, the electric PRE-SAFE®-function and the pretensioner may not be activated in the event of a crash in which the restraint systems are activated. Thus, the electric PRE-SAFE®-function and the seat belt pretensioners may not deploy during a crash, increasing the risk of injury for the front passengers. The occupants would be made aware by both a warning symbol in the instrument cluster as well as by an acoustic signal that warns instantly at the start of the drive.

What will your DEALER DO?

An authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will check the relevant seat belt buckles in the affected vehicles and replace them if necessary. **This service will be provided free of charge.** We are dedicated to always delivering the best customer experience, and respect for your time is a top priority. While the minimum repair time can be less than 2.5 hours, 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 which may increase the required working time.

What should YOU DO?



To find the most convenient authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer from your smartphone, scan the QR code to the left.

For additional information and to schedule an appointment, please contact your preferred authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer at your earliest convenience. To locate authorized dealers see www.MBUSA.com/recall. **Please mention you are scheduling an appointment to have the seatbelt buckles checked under Recall Campaign # 2020020017.**

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.

Information for Owners

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 business days to comply with Federal Regulations.

A VIN-based recall lookup tool on our MBUSA.com website now offers a search feature 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. 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).

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 <https://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this situation may cause you.

Sincerely,

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 Sandy Springs, GA 30328
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IMPORTANT



If for any reason YOU NO LONGER 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.

- EXPORTED
- LEASE, VEHICLE RETURNED
- SCRAPPED

- SOLD
- STOLEN
- OTHER _____

NEW OWNER INFORMATION

MY NEW NAME OR ADDRESS IS:

Grid for Last Name, First Name (26 boxes)

Last Name, First Name

Grid for Street (26 boxes)

Street

Apt

Grid for City (16 boxes), State (2 boxes), ZIP (5 boxes)

City

State

ZIP

Grid for Email Address (30 boxes)

Email Address

Grid for Phone (numbers only) (12 boxes)

Phone (numbers only)

Grid for Mobile (numbers only) (12 boxes)

Mobile (numbers only)

Date

Signature

****** PLEASE DO NOT DETACH. RETURN COMPLETE LETTER ******
DO NOT USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE FOR OTHER CORRESPONDENCE