

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

This INTERIM notice applies to your vehicle, eCall Hardware not Working

NHTSA Recall #20V068

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC

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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") 2020 C-Class, CLS-Class, E-Class, GLC-Class, and GT-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 Model Year ("MY") 2020 C-class (205 platform), E-Class (213 platform), E-Class Coupe, (238 platform), GLC-Class (253 platform), CLS-Class (257 platform) and GT-Class (290 platform) vehicles, an electrical circuit in the communication module for the emergency call system (eCall) may be damaged. This could lead to an impairment of the communication module's GPS functionality. If the electrical circuit in the eCall communications module is damaged, the GPS based localization data may be incorrect or missing. Activation of the vehicle's emergency call feature would perform as intended, however, it is possible that emergency responders could be provided with incorrect GPS coordinates which could cause delay or inability to, locate the vehicle. This might increase the risk of an injury following an emergency event.

An authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will replace the communication module on the affected vehicles. Unfortunately, the parts to remedy this issue are currently not yet available.

We are working to obtain the necessary parts to correct this condition as quickly as possible. As parts become available, we will send you another letter asking you to take your vehicle to an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer to have the recall completed free of charge

Should you have any concerns or questions regarding your vehicle before you receive the next recall letter when parts are available, 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 1-800-367-6372. A new vehicle identification number (VIN)-based recall lookup tool on our MBUSA.com website, offers a search function that will indicate whether a vehicle has been subject to a safety recall, and whether that vehicle has had the free remedy performed. Please visit www.MBUSA.com/recall.

If you are no longer the vehicle owner, or have a change of address, please complete the reverse side of this letter and return the complete letter 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 days to comply with federal regulations.

If a 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 http://www.safercar.gov.

We regret any inconvenience this situation may cause you.

Sincerely,

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Phone (770) 705-0600

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DO NOT USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE FOR OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

Reimbursement to Customers for Repairs Performed Prior to Recall

If you have already <u>paid</u> to have this recall condition corrected you may be eligible to receive reimbursement. Requests for reimbursement may include parts, labor, fees and taxes. Reimbursement may be limited to the amount the repair would have cost if completed by an authorized Freightliner dealer. The following documentation must be presented to your dealer for reimbursement.

Original or clear copy of all receipts, invoices and/or repair orders that show:

- The name and address of the person who paid for the repair.
- The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the vehicle that was repaired.
- What problem occurred, what repair was done, when it was done and who repaired it.
- The total cost of the repair expense that is being claimed.
- Proof of payment of repair (copy of front and back of cancelled check, or copy of credit card receipt).
- Reimbursement will be made by check from your dealer. If your claim is denied you will receive a letter from MBUSA within 60 days of receipt with the reason(s) for the denial.

Please speak with your dealer concerning this matter. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.