

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

February 3, 2021

Mr. Greg Gunther Department Manager VCA Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC 13470 International Parkway Jacksonville, FL 32218

NEF-150JK

21V-033

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

**Subject:** Transmission May Shift Into Neutral While Driving

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/GLA250/2019

Mfr's Report Date: January 29, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-033

# **Components:**

POWER TRAIN: AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

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**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 4

## **Problem Description:**

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) is recalling certain 2019 GLA 250 vehicles. The power supply for the automatic transmission control unit might be interrupted while driving, possibly causing the transmission to shift into neutral.

## **Consequence:**

If the transmission shifts into neutral while driving, there would be loss of drive power, increasing the risk of a crash.

## Remedy:

MBUSA will notify owners, and dealers will replace the transmission control unit, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 30, 2021. Owners may contact MBUSA customer service at 1-800-367-6372.

### 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.

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).

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

