



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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

NEF-150JK  
21V-057

**Subject:** Dashboard May Impair Passenger Air Bag Deployment

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/AMG GLE53/2021  
MERCEDES-BENZ/GLE350/2020  
MERCEDES-BENZ/GLE450/2020  
MERCEDES-BENZ/GLS450/2020

**Mfr's Report Date:** February 5, 2021

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 21V-057

**Components:**

STRUCTURE:INTERIOR PANELS:DASHBOARD

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 8

**Problem Description:**

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) is recalling certain 2020 GLS 450, GLE 350, GLE 450, and 2021 AMG GLE53 vehicles. The dashboard surface may not be properly secured to the base material.

**Consequence:**

In the event of a crash where the passenger air bag deploys, an unsecured dashboard could impair the inflation of the passenger air bag, increasing the risk of injury.

**Remedy:**

MBUSA will notify owners, and dealers will replace the dashboard, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 6, 2021. Owners may contact MBUSA customer serviced 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](http://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](mailto:jennifer.kruger@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley  
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Enforcement