

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Mr. Greg Gunther
Department Manager VCA
Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC

NEF-107ES
22V-937

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Rear Axle Differential Housing May Crack and Break

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:

13470 International Parkway Jacksonville, FL 32218

MERCEDES-BENZ/AMG G63/2022

Mfr's Report Date: December 16, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-937

Components:

POWER TRAIN: AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 278

Problem Description:

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) is recalling certain 2022 AMG G63 4x4-squared vehicles. The rear axle differential housing may crack, leaking oil onto the road. In addition, the rear axle differential housing may break, resulting in a loss of rear wheel control and drive power.

Consequence:

A loss of rear wheel control and drive power can increase the risk of a crash. In addition, differential oil that leaks onto the road can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Owners are advised not to drive their vehicles until the vehicle has been remedied. Dealers will inspect and replace the rear axle, as necessary, free of charge. The MBUSA Customer Assistance Center will assist owners to make arrangements with their authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer to have the vehicle towed for inspection. Towing and loaner vehicles or alternate transportation, where available, will be offered at no cost to the customer. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed before February 14, 2023. 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.nhtsa.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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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.

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC's contact for this recall will be Emily C. Smith who may be reached by email at emily.c.smith@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

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