

TO: Mercedes-Benz Dealer Principals, General Managers, Sales Managers, Service Managers, Parts Managers	FROM: Gregory Gunther, Department Manager, Vehicle Compliance and Analysis, Engineering Services
RE: Recall Campaign Launch Notification Check Airbag Control Unit Installation MY21 S-Class (223 platform)	DATE: April 8, 2022

IMPORTANT RECALL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Please see the attached documents related to the campaign listed above.

Please note that all customer inquiries should be directed to the Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-FOR-MERCEDES.

Sincerely,

Gregory Gunther

Department Manager, Vehicle Compliance & Analysis



Recall Campaign Launch Notification			April 8, 2022
Campaign No. :	NHTSA ID	Campaign Desc. :	Check Airbag Control Unit Installation
2022030024	22V124	22P5494205	
<p>This is to notify you of the Recall Campaign Launch to check the airbag control unit fastening nuts on 14 Model Year (“MY”) 2021 S-Class (223 platform) vehicles. The recall campaign will be visible on the www.safercar.gov website and may generate questions from customers. Affected VINs will be flagged in VMI as “OPEN” on April 8, 2022.</p>			
Background			
Issue	<p>Mercedes-Benz AG (“MBAG”), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, has determined that on certain Model Year (“MY”) 2021 S-Class (223 platform) vehicles, the airbag control unit fastening nuts might not have been tightened according to current production specifications. This may cause the airbag control unit to detect incorrect acceleration values while driving. As a result, the restraint systems might deploy unintentionally in the vehicle. In addition, in the event of a crash, the restraint systems might not be activated as specified. Depending on the scenario, the risk of a crash or injury could be increased.</p>		
What We’re Doing	<p>MBUSA will conduct a voluntary recall. An authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will check the installation of airbag control unit fastening nut on the affected vehicles and correct it, if necessary.</p>		
Parts	<p>The remedy is available and can be performed.</p>		
Vehicles Affected			
Vehicle Model Year(s)	2021		
Vehicle Model	S-Class		
Vehicle Populations			
Total Recall Population	14		
Total Vehicles in Dealer Inventory	0		
<p>Given this notice, it is <u>a violation of Federal law</u> for a dealer to sell or lease any <u>new</u> MY21 S-Class vehicles in dealer inventory covered by this notification until the vehicle has been repaired. Once the remedy is available, the vehicles will be flagged as “OPEN” and Work Instructions will be available in Xentry. Once the repair is complete the vehicle may be sold or leased.</p>			
<p>Loaner and demonstrator vehicles may continue to be driven, but must not be retailed until repaired. As a matter of normal service process, please check for other repair measures which might be applicable to the vehicle(s).</p>			
<p>Additionally, given this notice, it is <u>a violation of Federal Law</u> for <u>car rental companies</u> to rent new MY21 S-Class vehicles covered by this notification until the vehicle has been repaired.</p>			
Next Steps/Notes			
Customer Notification Timeline	Customer letters will be mailed on or before 5/3/2022.		
AOMS/SOMS	AOMs – This recall may generate questions from your dealers. Please forward this notice to your dealers ASAP.		
Rental Fleet Partners	This recall may affect vehicles in your fleet. Please contact your respective MBUSA fleet representative for further information and next steps. For repairs, please contact your preferred MBUSA dealer.		
<p>While we regret any inconvenience this may cause, MBUSA is determined to maintain a high level of vehicle quality and customer satisfaction. Please refer all customer inquiries to the Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-FOR-MERCEDES.</p>			



Recall Campaign Bulletin



Mercedes-Benz

Campaign No. 2022030024, April 2022

TO: ALL MERCEDES-BENZ CENTERS

SUBJECT: **Model S-Class (223 platform)**
Model Year 2021

Check Airbag Control Unit Installation

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Prior to performing this Campaign:

- **VMI must always be checked before performing campaigns to verify that the campaign is required on a specific vehicle. Always check for any other open campaigns, and perform accordingly.**
- Please review the entire Campaign bulletin and follow the repair procedure exactly as described.

Approximately 14 vehicles are affected.

Order No. P-RC-2022030024

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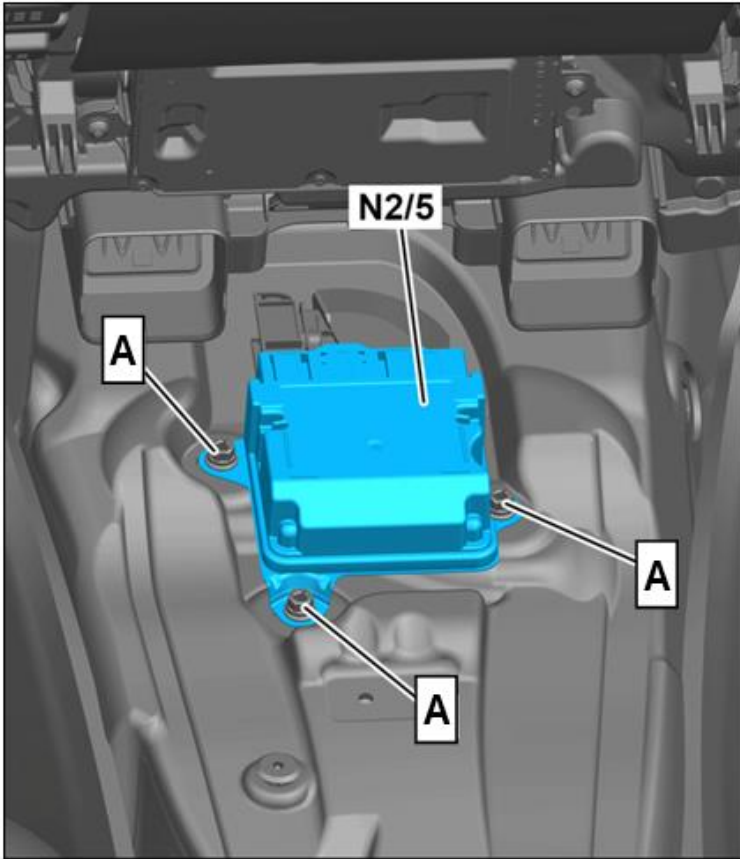
Check threaded connection for restraint system control unit, replace if necessaryModel 223

Check/test procedure

1. Expose restraint system control unit until the three bolting points (**A, figure 1**) can be accessed.

i For basic data, see **AR91.60-P-0628S**.

i Disconnect ground line.

**Figure 1**

1. Remove 3 nuts (**A, figure 1**) and check thread at threaded studs including the nuts.
 - a. Thread at threaded studs and nuts **without** damage:
Carry out **work procedure A**.
 - b. Thread at threaded studs and nuts damaged:
Perform **work procedure B**.

Work Procedure A

1. **Tighten** nuts at bolting points with **specified torque**.

Nm Nut, restraint systems control unit to vehicle floor **10 Nm**

i Clean support points at nuts and SRS control unit if necessary.

Work Procedure B

i Threads in nuts for restraint system control unit or threaded pins are damaged.

1. Completely remove restraint system control unit.
2. Replace threaded studs with damaged thread.
 - a) Remove lines as well as insulation mats in the repair area of the bodyshell screw bolt.
 - b) Protect surrounding area against flying sparks and welding splatter, line with welding mats. **AH60.00-P-0001-01S** and **AH54.00-P-0001-01A**.
 - c) Cut off/grind off damaged bodyshell weld stud so that flat at bodyshell.
 - d) Remove, grind off paint and primer in repair area.
 - e) Mark center of old spot weld using a punch mark.
 - f) Pre-drill hole and then drill with a **8.1 mm Ø** for positioning the new bodyshell weld stud.
 - g) Insert new bodyshell weld stud and weld on in a MAG welding process.
 - h) Paint repair area in spot repair method according to the Mercedes-Benz specifications.
 - i) Apply a cavity protection agent to repair area according to Mercedes-Benz specifications.
3. Assemble in reverse order.

Primary Parts Information

Qty.	Part Name	Part Number
As required	Weld stud	A 000 991 32 03
As required	Nut	A 004 990 62 50

i Small parts such as screws, lock nuts, sealing rings, cable ties, fluids, sealant, etc. are not listed in the parts list. The required small parts are taken into account in the budgeting.

i Note: *The following allowable labor operation should be used when submitting a warranty claim for this repair:*

Warranty Information

Damage Code	Operation Number	Description	Labor Time (hrs.)
54 942 05	02-0385	Check threaded connection for restraint system control unit Includes: Work procedure A	1.3
	02-0386	Repair threaded pin for restraint system control unit (after check) Includes: Work procedure B	ZM

i Note: *Always check ASRA for the current OP-Code times. Labor times are subject to change and updates may not be reflected in this document.*