August 9, 2023

Mr. Greg Gunther
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Jacksonville, FL 32218

Subject: Roof Frame Absorbers May Detach

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 EQE/2023
MERCEDES-BENZ/EQE 350/2023
MERCEDES-BENZ/EQE 500/2023

Mfr's Report Date: August 4, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V-555

Components:
STRUCTURE:FRAME AND MEMBERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 10

Problem Description:
Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) is recalling certain 2023 AMG EQE, EQE 500, and EQE 350 vehicles. The absorbers in the roof frame may not be secured properly and can detach during window air bag deployment.

Consequence:
In the event of a crash with window air bag deployment, detached absorbers can strike vehicle occupants and increase their risk of injury.

Remedy:
Dealers will replace the absorbers, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed October 3, 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 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

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.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement