



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

December 18, 2023

Mr. Greg Gunther
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Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC
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NEF-107ES
23V-851

Subject: Rear Axle Differential Housing May 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:

MERCEDES-BENZ/AMG G63/2022-2023

Mfr's Report Date: December 15, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V-851

Components:

POWER TRAIN:DRIVELINE:DIFFERENTIAL UNIT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 588

Problem Description:

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) is recalling certain 2022-2023 AMG G63 special edition 4x4² (squared) vehicles. The rear axle differential housing may develop cracks, possibly resulting in oil leaking onto the roadway or axle failure.

Consequence:

Oil leaking onto the roadway may cause a road hazard for following traffic. Rear axle failure can result in a sudden loss of handling or drive power. Either of these conditions can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Owners are advised not to drive their vehicles until the repair has been performed. Towing to an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer may be necessary. The remedy is currently under development. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed February 13, 2024. 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:



Please ensure the following requirements are met:

A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8))

(i). **AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

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