

TO: Mercedes-Benz Dealer Principals, General Managers, Sales Managers, Service Managers, Parts Managers	FROM: Gregory Gunther, Senior Manager, Vehicle Compliance and Analysis, Engineering Services
RE: Recall Campaign Initial Notification Inspect 12V Starter/Alternator Wiring Harness MY22-23 SL (232 platform)	DATE: October 13, 2023

IMPORTANT RECALL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

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

Senior Manager, Vehicle Compliance & Analysis



Recall Campaign Initial Notification			October 13, 2023
Campaign No. :	NHTSA ID	Campaign Desc. :	Inspect 12V Starter/Alternator Wiring Harness
TBA	23V676	23P2197640	
<p>This is to notify you of the new Recall Campaign to inspect the 12V starter/alternator wiring harness on 5,326 Model Year (“MY”) 2022-2023 SL (232 platform) vehicles. The recall campaign will be visible on the www.NHTSA.gov website and may generate questions from customers. Affected VINs will be flagged in VMI as “PENDING” on October 13, 2023.</p>			
Background			
Issue	Mercedes-Benz AG (“MBAG”), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, has determined that on certain Model Year (“MY”) 2022-2023 SL (232 platform) vehicles with the M177 engine, the routing of the 12V starter/alternator wiring harness might not meet specifications. The wiring harness might contact the drive shaft and chafe, which may result in a short circuit. A loss of propulsion cannot be ruled out which could increase the risk of a crash. Additionally, due to the high electrical currents potentially flowing through this wiring harness, the temperature in this area might increase. Therefore, a risk of fire cannot be ruled out.		
What We’re Doing	MBUSA will conduct a voluntary recall. An authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will inspect and secure the 12V-starter/alternator wiring harness on the affected vehicles.		
Parts	Remedy is not available at this time.		
Vehicles Affected			
Vehicle Model Year(s)	2022-2023		
Vehicle Model	SL		
Vehicle Populations			
Total Recall Population	5,326		
Total Vehicles in Dealer Inventory	566		
<p>Given this notice, it is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to sell or lease any new 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 NetStar VMI and Xentry Portal. 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 a violation of Federal Law for car rental companies to rent new 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 December 5, 2023.		
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.		
Customer Reimbursement	Customer reimbursement is not being offered for this campaign.		
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.			

