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National Highway
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Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

25V864

Manufacturer Name: Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC

Submission Date: Jan 23, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 25V864

Manufacturer Recall No.: 2026010003

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC

Address: 13470 International
Parkway
Jacksonville FL, 32218

Total number of potentially involved: 82

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2025-2025 MERCEDES-BENZ GLE 350 4MATIC

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Jun 24, 2025 - Jul 14, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 81

Descriptive Information:

Mercedes-Benz MY25 GLE 350 4MATIC 81 vehicles. The recall population was determined through production records. Vehicles outside the recall population have the specified variant of the center rear seat belts installed.

Vehicle 2: 2026-2026 MERCEDES-BENZ GLE 350 4MATIC

Product Category:

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Jun 24, 2025 - Jul 14, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 1

Descriptive Information:

Mercedes-Benz MY26 GLE 350 4MATIC 1 vehicle. The recall population was determined through production records. Vehicles outside the recall population have the specified variant of the center rear seat belts installed.

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Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Mercedes-Benz AG ("MBAG"), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, has determined that on certain Model Year ("MY") 2025-2026 GLE (167 platform) vehicles, a seat belt variant without the additional child seat protection function might have been installed in the center rear seating position. Regulatory requirements under FMVSS 208 and 209 might not be met.

FMVSS1: 208 - Occupant crash protection

FMVSS2: 209 - Seat belt assemblies

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

The additional child seat protection function enables the center rear seat belt to lock when installing a child restraint system.

If a seat belt variant without the child seat protection function is installed, the risk of injury for occupants in a child seat might be increased in the event of a crash.

Description of the cause:

Due to a deviation in the production process at the supplier, the incorrect seat belt variant might have been installed in the center rear seating position.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

The customer might notice that the typical ratcheting sound after fully extending the center rear seat belt is not present.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:**Supplier Type:**

Name: Lear Corporation McCalla

Address: 6700 Jefferson Metro Pkwy
McCalla AL, 35111

Country: United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: SEAT BELT

Component Description: SEAT BELT

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Component Part Number: A1678602802

Chronology

In July 2025, MBAG launched an initial investigation based on a report from the supplier regarding the potential that different seat belt variants may have been mixed up during delivery to the plant. MBAG implemented a plant action to rework all potentially affected vehicles, which were still accessible to MBAG.

In October 2025, MBAG became aware that also vehicles in the field could be affected. MBAG then launched an extensive investigation into the potential consequences of the installation of different seat belt variants and to determine the potentially affected population in the field.

On December 5, 2025, MBAG determined that a non-compliance cannot be ruled out and decided to conduct a recall.

MBAG can confirm there are no warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information (such as the numbers of deaths and/or injuries) related to this defect in the USA.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type:

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

An authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will replace the center rear seat belt assembly on the affected vehicles.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Vehicles outside the recall population have the specified variant of the center rear seat belts installed.

Remedy Part No:
SEAT BELT A1678602702

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

A change in the production procedure of our supplier ensures that this issue can no longer occur from July 15, 2025 onwards.

Reimbursement Plan

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**25V864****Description of reimbursement program:**

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 577.11(e), MBUSA does not plan to provide notice about pre-notice reimbursement to owners since none of the involved vehicles would have been previously subject to the condition described and all remain covered under the new vehicle warranty.

Period of reimbursement:**Costs to be reimbursed:****Address for reimbursement claims:****Recall Schedule****Description of recall schedule:**

Dealers will be notified of the pending voluntary recall campaign on December 19, 2025. Owners will be notified of the voluntary recall campaign before February 6, 2026. A copy of all communications will be provided when available.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Dec 19, 2025 No Dealers**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:** No Owners**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** Feb 06, 2026 Phased Recall**Date when VIN will be searchable:** Dec 19, 2025