



U.S. Department of Transportation

**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

April 02, 2026

26V199

Joseph Haller
Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC

Subject: Air Bag May Not Deploy as Intended

Dear Joseph Haller:

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/GLE 350 4MATIC/2026
MERCEDES-BENZ/GLE 450 4MATIC/2026
MERCEDES BENZ/AMG GLE63 S 4MATIC/2026
MERCEDES BENZ/AMG GLS63 4MATIC/2026
MERCEDES BENZ/GLS 580 4MATIC/2026
MERCEDES BENZ/GLS 450 4MATIC/2026
MERCEDES-MAYBACH/GLS 600 4MATIC/2026
MERCEDES BENZ/AMG GLE53 4MATIC/2026
MERCEDES BENZ/GLE 350/2026
MERCEDES BENZ/GLE 450E 4MATIC/2026
MERCEDES BENZ/GLE 580 4MATIC/2026

Mfr's Report Date: March 27, 2026

NHTSA Campaign Number: 26V199

Components:

AIR BAGS:PASSENGER SIDE FRONTAL:CUSHION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 932

Problem Description:

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) is recalling certain 2026 GLE 350 4MATIC, GLE 450 4MATIC, GLE 350, GLE 580 4MATIC, GLS 580 4MATIC, GLE 450 E 4MATIC, AMG GLE53 4MATIC, AMG GLS63 4MATIC, AMG GLE63 S 4MATIC, GLS 450 4MATIC, and GLS 600 4MATIC vehicles. The passenger air

bag fabric may have been manufactured incorrectly, which can cause the air bag not to deploy as intended.

Consequence:

Air bags that do not deploy as intended during a crash increase the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Dealers will replace the passenger air bag module, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed May 22, 2026. Owners may contact MBUSA customer service at 1-800-367-6372. Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs) involved in this recall will be searchable on NHTSA.gov beginning April 3, 2026.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-888-275-9171), 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 Dusty Gardner who may be reached by email at dusty.gardner@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

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