



U.S. Department
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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V172

Manufacturer Name: Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC

Submission Date: Mar 20, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V172

Manufacturer Recall No.:

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC

Address: 13470 International
Parkway
Jacksonville FL, 32218

Total number of potentially involved: 20

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 MERCEDES-BENZ AMG GLC43 4MATIC

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Sep 16, 2025 - Sep 18, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 3

Descriptive Information:

The recall population was determined through production records.

The vehicles outside this recall population have the specified variant of the center rear seat belts installed.

Vehicle 2: 2026-2026 MERCEDES-BENZ GLC 300 4MATIC

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Sep 16, 2025 - Sep 18, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 11

Descriptive Information:

The recall population was determined through production records.

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The vehicles outside this recall population have the specified variant of the center rear seat belts installed.

Vehicle 3: 2026-2026 MERCEDES-BENZ GLC 300

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Sep 16, 2025 - Sep 18, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 3

Descriptive Information:

The recall population was determined through production records.

The vehicles outside this recall population have the specified variant of the center rear seat belts installed.

Vehicle 4: 2026-2026 MERCEDES-BENZ GLC 300 4MATIC COUPE

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Sep 16, 2025 - Sep 18, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 3

Descriptive Information:

The recall population was determined through production records.

The vehicles outside this recall population have the specified variant of the center rear seat belts installed.

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") 2026 GLC (254 platform) vehicles, a seat belt variant without the additional child seat protection function might have been installed in the center rear seating position. Subsequently, regulatory requirements under FMVSS 208 and 209 might not be met.

FMVSS1: 208 - Occupant crash protection

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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 GmbH

Address: La-Rochelle-Strasse 1
Bremen Foreign States, 28309

Country: Germany

Involved Components

Component Name 1: SEAT BELT

Component Description: SEAT BELT

Component Part Number: A2548602300

Chronology

In September 2025, MBAG launched initial investigations regarding the potential installation of different belt variants based on seatbelt part anomalies discovered during an internal audit.

In the following months, out of an abundance of caution, MBAG implemented a plant action to rework all potentially affected vehicles, which were still accessible to MBAG.

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In November 2025, MBAG became aware that vehicles in the field could also be affected. Further analyses were initiated to determine the root cause of the possible deviation. These analyses lasted until the end of January 2026. In February 2026, MBAG launched investigations into potential consequences of different variants of the seat belts and to determine the potentially affected population in the field.

On March 13, 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, or other information related to this defect in the USA.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Inspect, Replace

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

An authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will check the center rear seat belt assembly on the affected vehicles and replace it, if necessary.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

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

Remedy Part No: SEAT BELT A2548603401

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 September 19, 2025 onwards.

Reimbursement Plan

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 the involved vehicles would not have been previously subject to the condition described.

Period of reimbursement:

Costs to be reimbursed:

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Address for reimbursement claims:

Recall Schedule**Description of recall schedule:**

Dealers will be notified of the pending voluntary recall campaign on March 27, 2026. Owners will be notified of the voluntary recall campaign before May 15, 2026. A copy of all communications will be provided when available.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Mar 27, 2026 No Dealers**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:** No Owners**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** May 15, 2026 Phased Recall**Date when VIN will be searchable:** Mar 27, 2026