



U.S. Department
of Transportation

National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V278

Manufacturer Name: Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC

Submission Date: May 01, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V278

Manufacturer Recall No.:

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC

Address: 13470 International
Parkway
Jacksonville FL, 32218

Total number of potentially involved: 16

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 MERCEDES-BENZ CLA 350 4MATIC (EV)

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Nov 11, 2024 - Nov 10, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 4

Descriptive Information:

Mercedes-Benz 2026 CLA 350 4MATIC 4 vehicles

The recall population was determined through production records. The vehicles outside this recall population have a seatbelt that operates according to production specifications.

Vehicle 2: 2026-2026 MERCEDES-BENZ CLA 250+ (EV)

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Nov 11, 2024 - Nov 10, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 12

Descriptive Information:

Mercedes Benz 2026 CLA 250+ 12 vehicles

The recall population was determined through production records. The vehicles outside this recall population have a seatbelt that operates according to production specifications.

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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") 2025-2027 CLA (174, 178 platform) vehicles, the front passenger seat belt might lock after previous usage of the integral child seat safety function.

FMVSS1:**FMVSS2:****Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:**

In this case, the front passenger might not be able to fasten the seat belt. If the front passenger is not able to fasten the seat belt, the risk of injury could be increased.

Description of the cause:

Due to a deviation in the development process at the supplier, the deactivation of the child seat safety function might be impaired.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

When the issue occurs, the front passenger would notice the locking seat belt and the driver would be made aware of an unbelted front passenger acoustically and through a warning in the instrument cluster.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:**Supplier Type:**

Name: Autoliv Production Plant: Autoliv KFT

Address: Iskola u. 38-50 9483
Sopronkövesd Foreign States

Country: Hungary

Involved Components

Component Name 1: SEAT BELT

Component Description: SEAT BELT

Component Part Number: A1748609101

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26V278**Component Name 2:** SEAT BELT**Component Description:** SEAT BELT**Component Part Number:** A1748609601**Component Name 3:** SEAT BELT**Component Description:** SEAT BELT**Component Part Number:** A1748601102**Component Name 4:** SEAT BELT**Component Description:** SEAT BELT**Component Part Number:** A1748603300

Chronology

In the end of January 2026, MBAG launched initial investigations based on an irregularity during a certification test in which a front passenger seat belt locked. During subsequent analyses it was found that under certain circumstances the front passenger seat belt might lock after using the child seat safety function.

In parallel to these analyses, beginning at the end of February, MBAG conducted an investigation to identify whether any potentially affected vehicles have been sold to customers.

During March 2026, it was analyzed whether a locked front passenger seat belt would be recognized by a vehicle's front passenger and whether there is any scenario in which a customer can resolve this sporadic issue before starting the journey.

On April 24, 2026, MBAG determined that a potential safety risk 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: Replace**Consumer Advisories:** ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside**Description of remedy program:**

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An authorized Mercedes-Benz dealership will replace the front passenger seat belt on the affected vehicles.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 577.11(e), MBUSA plans not to provide notice about pre-notice reimbursement to owners since the involved vehicles would not have been previously subject to the condition described

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The vehicles outside this recall population have a seatbelt that operates as according to production specifications.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

A design change of the front passenger seat belt ensures that this issue can no longer occur from November 17, 2025 onwards.

Reimbursement Plan

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Owners will be notified of the voluntary recall campaign before June 30, 2026.

Dealers will be notified of the pending voluntary recall campaign on May 08, 2026. A copy of all communications will be provided when available.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: May 08, 2026 - May 08, 2026 ☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: ☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Jun 30, 2026 - Jun 30, 2026 ☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: May 08, 2026