

March 19, 2024

Mr. Greg Gunther Department Manager VCA Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC 13470 International Parkway Jacksonville, FL 32218

Subject: Improperly Secured 48-Volt Ground Connection

Dear Mr. Gunther:

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/AMG GLE53/2021-2024 MERCEDES-BENZ/AMG GLE63 S/2021-2024 MERCEDES-BENZ/AMG GLS63/2021-2023 MERCEDES-BENZ/GLE350/2023-2024 MERCEDES-BENZ/GLE450/2020-2024 MERCEDES-BENZ/GLS80/2020-2023 MERCEDES-BENZ/GLS580/2020-2023 MERCEDES-BENZ/GLS580/2020-2023

Mfr's Report Date: March 15, 2024

NHTSA Campaign Number: 24V-207

**Components:** ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:WIRING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 116,020

# **Problem Description:**

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) is recalling certain 2023-2024 GLE 350, 2020-2024 GLE 450, 2020-2023 GLS 580, GLE 580, 2019-2023 GLS 450, 2021-2023 Maybach GLS 600, AMG GLS 63, 2021-2024 AMG GLE 53, AMG GLE 53 Coupe, and AMG GLE 63 S vehicles. A 48-Volt ground connection under the passenger seat may not be secured properly, resulting in the ground connection overheating.

#### **Consequence:**

An overheated ground connection can increase the risk of a fire.



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## **Remedy:**

Dealers will inspect and tighten the 48-Volt ground connection as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed May 14, 2024. Owners may contact MBUSA customer service at 1-800-367-6372.

#### Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), 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 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,

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

