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Attention: VIN Coordinator

Subject: Correction to Submission of December 21, 2001:
Part 565.7 (c), VIN Reporting Requirements

This correspondence is to serve as a correction to the December 21, 2001 submission that deciphers the Vehicle Identification Number for a new model series expected to be marketed during Model Year 2003 by Mercedes-Benz USA.

The fifth character of the second group, designated as "F", incorrectly identifies a restraint system for the driver position as "Type-2 Belt with ETD, Air Bag, Knee Bolster, Side Impact Air Bag". The character "F" for the driver position should be identical to the passenger position and designated as: "Type-2 belt with ETD, Air Bag, Knee Bolster or Knee Air Bag, Side Impact Air Bag".

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at 201-573-2389.

Sincerely,


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Attachments

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Mercedes-Benz USA, Inc. - Model Year 2003 Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Deciphering Information
Attributes of Vehicles (As specified in Part 565.4, Table I)

WMI	First 4 Characters of Second VIN	Line	Series	Body Type	Engine Type
WDB	SK75	230 (SL-Class)	SL500	2-door Convertible	MB 5,0 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 302 Net bhp
WDB	SK74	230 (SL-Class)	SL55K AMG	2-door Convertible	MB 5.5 Liter, V-Type 8 cyl., Gasoline, 469 Net bhp

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 Attributes of Vehicles (As specified in Part 565.4, Table I)

Fifth Character of Second VIN Section	Driver	Front Passenger	Outboard Rear	Center Rear
F (Line 230)	Type-2 Belt with ETD [*] , Air Bag, Knee Bolster or Knee Bag, Side Impact Air Bag	Type-2 Belt with ETD [*] , Air Bag, Knee Bolster or Knee Bag, Side Impact Air Bag	N/A**	N/A**

* Emergency Tensioning Device (Retractor or buckle)

** Line 230 (SL500, SL55K AMG series) and Line 170 (SLK230, SLK 320, SLK 32K AMG series) have only two front designated seating positions

Plant Designation Codes for WDB: A,B,C,D = Sindelfingen; E= Juiz de Fora, Brazil; F,G,H = Bremen; J = Rastatt; T=Osnabrück; X = Graz
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