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Campaign No. 96-0572

June 1996

TO: OUR MERCEDES-BENZ PASSENGER CAR DEALERS  
 SUBJECT: MODEL 140, 129 (ENGINE 119, 120)  
 EMISSION CONTROL INFORMATION LABEL REPLACEMENT

MBAG has recently informed us that the Emission Control Information (ECI) label (Figure 1) affixed to the radiator cross-member on approximately 4300 early production model year 1996 model 129, 140 vehicles equipped with V8 or V12 engines contains an error. The error is in the bar code on the emission control information label and the engine family designation. The bar code does not agree with the engine family text description. The label with the wrong bar code was installed in production in the serial number range indicated below.

Enclosed is a sample copy of the letter which will be mailed to all owners of vehicles within the Effective Serial Number Range below.

**Effective Serial Number Ranges**

Model	Engine	Chassis End Number	
		From	To
140.043	119.981	1996 Model Year Start-Up	A 306 130
140.051	119.980	1996 Model Year Start-Up	A 306 504
140.070	119.980	1996 Model Year Start-Up	A 306 504
140.057	120.982	1996 Model Year Start-Up	A 306 677
140.076	120.982	1996 Model Year Start-Up	A 306 677
129.067	119.982	1996 Model Year Start-Up	F 133 732
129.076	120.983	1996 Model Year Start-Up	F 133 632

Order No. S-RC-96-0572



Mercedes-Benz

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Emission Recall # 96-0572

Mercedes-Benz  
of North America, Inc.

Dear Mercedes-Benz Owner:

Mercedes-Benz of North America has determined that the Emission Control Information label affixed on certain 1996 model year SL500, SL600, S420, S500, S600 cars may contain an error. Our records indicate that your car is included in this group.

#### WHAT'S WRONG

The Emission Control Information Label states an incorrect engine family and also, the bar code on the label is wrong.

#### EFFECT ON EMISSIONS

Since this is only a typographical error on the label affixed to the vehicle, there is no adverse affect on fuel economy, driveability or performance of the vehicle. However, without the correct label your vehicle may fail a vehicle inspection or Smog Check test when such tests are required by law.

#### CORRECTIVE ACTION

A new label will be installed free of charge at your local authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer. The label is a controlled item. Therefore, to assure that the label is at the dealer when you arrive, it is requested that you advise your dealer of this letter when scheduling your next appointment. The removal of the incorrect label and affixing of the correct label should not require more than 0.5 hours to complete.

In order to ensure your full protection under the emission warranty made applicable to your vehicle by Federal Law, and your right to participate in future recalls, it is recommended that you have your vehicle serviced as soon as possible. Failure to do so could legally be determined to be a lack of proper maintenance of your vehicle.

#### QUESTIONS

Should you have any questions or encounter any difficulty regarding this recall, please contact us at Mercedes-Benz of North America, Customer Assistance Center, Glenview Road, Montvale, NJ 07645. Our toll-free number is 1-800 FOR-MERCedes (1-800-367-6372).

#### IF YOU ARE NO LONGER THE OWNER OF THE DESCRIBED VEHICLE.

Please fill in the "Owner's Reply Card" providing the new owner's name and address or other disposition (traded, scrapped, stolen, etc.) as appropriate. The "Owner's Reply Card" is stamped and self-addressed to minimize your inconvenience.

We apologize for any inconvenience this situation may cause you.

Sincerely,

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Vice President Operations

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To identify whether a vehicle within range is affected, perform a Vehicle Master Inquiry (VMI).  
By law, vehicles in dealer inventory may not be retailed until the recall campaign is performed.

**Please note:**

If the campaign claim was submitted less than 1 week prior, the campaign may still be indicated as being open even though the car was corrected, i.e. there is up to a 1 week delay before the campaign claim is reflected on VMI.

VEHICLE EMISSION CONTROL INFORMATION MERCEDES-BENZ AG.			
ENGINE FAMILY TM86.0VJGFEK	EVAP. FAMILY TMB1155AYME0 (\$ 88.130-95 PROCEDURES)	DISPLACEMENT 5987.CC	EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM SFI/AIR/HO2S/TWC
FEDERAL CERT. EXHAUST EMISSION STANDARDS: TIER I IN-USE EMISSION STANDARDS: TIER I (INTERM.)		CALIFORNIA CERT. EXHAUST EMISSION STANDARDS: TIER I IN-USE EMISSION STANDARDS: TIER I (ALTERNATIVE)	
IDLE SPEED, IDLE AIR FUEL MIXTURE AND IGNITION TIMING HAVE BEEN PRESET BY THE FACTORY AND ARE AUTOMATICALLY CONTROLLED. PROVISIONS FOR ADJUSTMENT FOR ROUTINE TUNE-UP ARE NOT PROVIDED. SEE SERVICE MANUAL FOR MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THIS VEHICLE CONFORMS TO MODEL YEAR 1996 U.S. EPA REGULATIONS AND APPLICABLE CANADIAN EMISSION STANDARDS. IT ALSO CONFORMS TO CALIFORNIA REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO 1996 MODEL YEAR NEW PASSENGER CARS. MODEL DESIGNATION: S 600			
A 140 584 59 21 / CODE 494+806		60VJGFEF	OBD II CERTIFIED
		CATALYST APPROVED FOR IMPORT	
<b>ECI Label</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">  R.C. No. _____            Dealer Code No. _____         </div> <b>Recall Sticker (LZ-2605-093)</b>			

Figure 1

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Check A-pillar on the driver's side for recall sticker (Figure 1).

If a recall sticker label is affixed with Recall Campaign number 96-0572, the campaign was already performed and no further action is necessary (see Warranty Instruction on page 3).

The incorrect ECI label (Figure 1) must be **replaced** with the correct version during the vehicle's next scheduled maintenance or repair (see Parts Information on this page) or at an appointment made by the customer to have the correction made.

To replace the ECI label, carefully remove the incorrect label. Clean the surface and affix the correct ECI label at the same location.

After completion of the campaign, write the recall number 96-0572 and dealer code on the appropriate location on the recall sticker (LZ-2605-093) (Figure 1) and affix the recall sticker to the driver's door A-pillar.

**Parts Information**

<b>Part Name</b>	<b>Model Type</b>	<b>New Part Number</b>	<b>Old Part Number</b>
ECI label	140.043	140 584 57 21	<del>140-584-39-21</del>
	140.051	140 584 58 21	<del>140-584-40-21</del>
	140.070	140 584 58 21	<del>140-584-40-21</del>
	140.057	140 584 59 21	<del>140-584-38-21</del>
	140.076	140 584 59 21	<del>140-584-38-21</del>
	129.067	129 584 62 17	<del>129-584-60-21</del>
	129.076	129 584 63 17	<del>129-584-58-21</del>

To simplify procurement of ECI label an initial amount of 20% of the labels (as per the "Dealer Vehicle Campaign List" transmitted to each dealer via MB-NET) will be supplied. Due to the limited availability of certain labels, in particular, P/N 129 584 63 17 and 140 584 59 21, it is not possible to provide 20% of the labels to all dealers in every case. In the event that a vehicle is serviced at other than the retailing dealer, the ECI label must be ordered by contacting your local PDC via fax. Orders for ECI labels will be handled outside the parts ordering system. A corresponding chassis number must be provided for each label ordered. Orders without chassis numbers and duplicate orders for the same chassis number will not be processed.

Should it be necessary to order an ECI label, it is suggested to place the fax order when scheduling the vehicle's next maintenance or repair, thereby avoiding any inconvenience to the vehicle owner.

**In Case of Warranty**

**Operation:** ECI label, replace

<b>Damage Code</b>	<b>Repair Code</b>	<b>Operation Code</b>	<b>Time (hrs.)</b>	<b>Model Indicator(s)</b>
58 910 33	10 (inspect only)		0.1	B3, B4, B7, B8, B9, 96, 97
	11 (inspect/replace)		0.2	