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Campaign No. 2011030004, April 2011

TO: ALL MERCEDES-BENZ CENTERS

SUBJECT: **Model 212, Model Year 2011**
Check Vibration Damper, Replace if Necessary

This Recall Campaign has been initiated because Daimler AG, the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, has determined a possible inconsistency during the vulcanization process at the supplier for the vibration damper located on the engine. This can lead to insufficient adhesion between the vibration damper and its inner mass damper ring, which may cause a sudden separation of the inner ring from the vibration damper without prior warning. As a result, the kinetic energy of a separated mass damper ring can create a potential for personal injury when working in the engine compartment while the engine is running. Dealers will check for a production date and replace the vibration damper if necessary.

Attached is a sample copy of a letter which owners of the affected vehicles will receive.

Prior to performing this Recall Campaign:

- Please check VMI to determine if the vehicle is involved in the Campaign and if it has been previously repaired.
- Please review the entire Recall Campaign bulletin and follow the repair procedure exactly as described.

Please note that Recall and Service Campaigns **do not expire** and may also be performed on a vehicle with a vehicle status indicator.

Approximately 41 vehicles are involved.

Order No. P-RC-2011030004

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Procedure

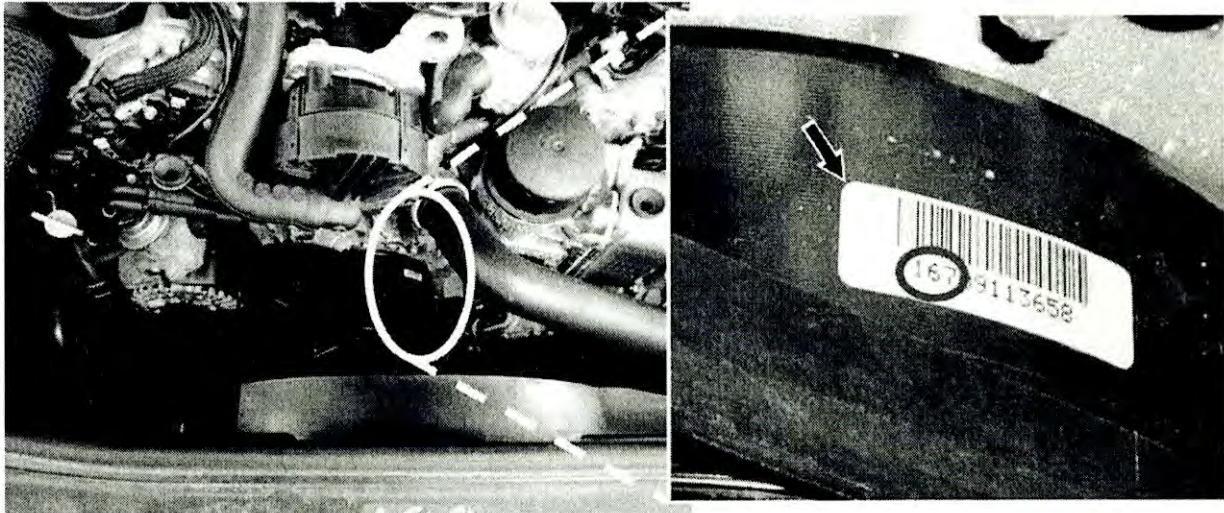


Figure 1

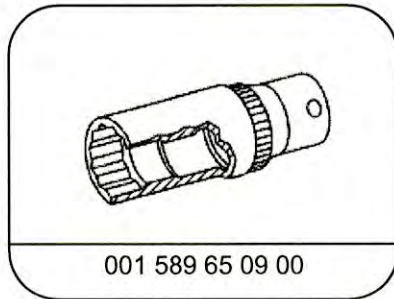
1. Check production date (first 3 digits) on bar code affixed to vibration damper:
Turn the engine in normal rotation until the bar code sticker (arrow, Figure 1) affixed to the vibration damper is visible:
 - If the first 3 digits **are not** 167 (circled, Figure 1): procedure is complete.
 - If the first 3 digits **are** 167 (circled, Figure 1): proceed to next step.
2. Replace vibration damper, refer to WIS: AR03.30-P-1600EWS.

Notes (regarding above WIS instructions):

- Remove engine belt from vibration damper (it's not necessary to completely remove belt from engine).
- 4Matic **only**: It's not necessary to completely remove starter from engine to install retaining lock (special tool). Unbolt starter from engine and unclip (metal) starter harness clip from mount, then move starter to one side.

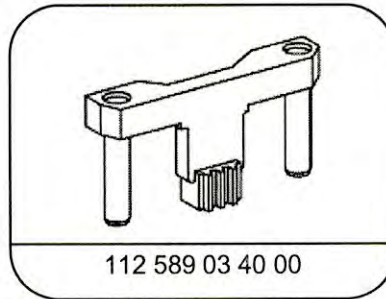
The following repairs may not be claimed under this campaign:

- Check/replace engine belt.
- Check/replace engine drive plate (flywheel).

Special Tools

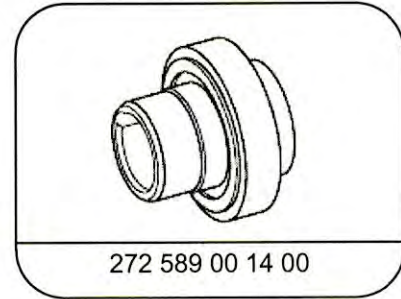
001 589 65 09 00

Wrench socket



112 589 03 40 00

Retaining lock



272 589 00 14 00

Insertion tool

Primary Parts Information

Qty.	Part Name	Part Number	Estimated Replacement Rate
1	Vibration damper	A 272 030 08 03	10%
	Radial sealing ring	A 023 997 84 47	
	Vibration damper bolt	A 006 990 70 04	

Additional Parts Information 4Matic ONLY

Qty.	Part Name	Part Number	Estimated Replacement Rate
2	Bolt and washer (exhaust pipe to exhaust manifold)	A 170 990 00 10	10%
2	Nut (front exhaust pipe to bracket)	A 002 990 16 54	
1	Clamp (front exhaust pipe to rear exhaust pipe)	A 000 490 13 41	

Note:

- Please be aware that only the part number(s) referenced in the Campaign Bulletin is approved for use to repair the vehicle. Repairs performed using any other part(s) will not have been performed in accordance with the campaign. Accordingly, warranty claims submitted with reference to an improper part number(s) will be denied.
- The following allowable labor operation should be used when submitting a warranty claim for this repair:

Warranty Information**Repair 1**

Operation: Check production date on vibration damper (02-7154)

Damage Code	Operation Number	Labor Time (hrs.)	Model Indicator(s)
03 900 25 8	02-7154	0.1	FA, FC, FF

Repair 2

Operation: Check production date on vibration damper (02-7154)
Replace vibration damper (02-7155)

Damage Code	Operation Number	Labor Time (hrs.)	Model Indicator(s)
03 900 25 7	02-7154	0.1	FA, FC, FF
	02-7155	1.0	FA
		1.5	FC, FF

NOTE REGARDING CUSTOMER REIMBURSEMENT

Reimbursement to customers for repairs performed prior to this recall:

If the customer already paid to have this recall campaign condition repaired and provides adequate documentation to support their claim of a non-warranty repair of this item, they may be eligible to receive reimbursement.

Requests for reimbursement may include parts, labor, fees and taxes.

Reimbursement is limited to the amount the vibration damper would have cost if completed by an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer under this campaign.

Submit a warranty claim, utilizing Damage Code 03 900 25 8 as a sublet, utilizing the sublet code of "SUB." Sublet repairs require dealer text as stated in the Warranty Policies and Procedures Manual. Repair date should be the date that the customer paid for the repair.

Note:

Please note the claim submitted for customer reimbursement will **not** close the campaign (if still open). If the customer is still in possession of the vehicle with an open campaign, please arrange to close the campaign in the usual manner as described in this bulletin.



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**Safety Recall # 2011030004
Vibration Damper**

April, 2011

Dear Mercedes-Benz Owner,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Daimler AG (DAG), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Model Year 2011 E-Class vehicles with regard to the vibration damper located on your vehicle's engine. Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC (MBUSA) therefore has initiated a recall of these vehicles. Our records indicate that your vehicle is included in the affected population of vehicles.

WE SENT YOU THIS NOTICE BECAUSE WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR SAFETY.

DAG has identified a possible inconsistency during the vulcanization process at the supplier for the vibration damper located on the engine. This can lead to insufficient adhesion between the vibration damper and its inner mass damper ring, which may cause a sudden separation of the inner ring from the vibration damper without prior warning. As a result, the kinetic energy of a separated mass damper ring can create a potential for personal injury when working in the engine compartment while the engine is running.

MBUSA therefore has initiated a voluntary recall of all potentially affected vehicles described above.

An authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will check, and if necessary replace, the vibration damper in your vehicle.

This service will be provided free of charge. The working time required may be as much as 2 hours if it is found necessary to replace the vibration damper. As a matter of normal service process, an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer will also check for other repair measures which might be applicable to your vehicle and this may increase the required working time. Please contact an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer for additional information and to schedule an appointment at your earliest convenience. Please mention Recall Campaign #2011030004.

If you are no longer the vehicle owner, or have a change of address, please complete the reverse side of this letter and return the complete letter in the enclosed envelope. If this is a leased vehicle and the lessor and registered owner receive this notice, please forward this information by first class mail to the lessee. If you have paid to have this recall condition corrected prior to this notice you may be eligible to receive reimbursement. Please see the reverse side of this notice for details.

Please contact an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer should you have any questions or encounter any difficulty regarding this recall. If a dealer is unable to remedy your situation please contact us at 1-(800) FOR-MERcedes (1-800-367-6372).

If an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer or Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC, fails or is unable to perform this service without charge within 60 days, pursuant to law 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this situation may cause you.

Sincerely,

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IMPORTANT

IF FOR ANY REASON YOU DO NOT NOW OWN THIS VEHICLE OR HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PLEASE COMPLETE THE SECTION BELOW, PLACE IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, AND DROP IN ANY MAIL BOX. IF POSSIBLE, PROVIDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PRESENT OWNER SO THAT WE MAY CONTACT THEM.

- SCRAPPED
- STOLEN
- OTHER _____
- SOLD _____ I HAVE SOLD THE VEHICLE TO:
- MY NEW ADDRESS IS:

NAME _____

STREET _____ APT. _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

**** PLEASE DO NOT DETACH. RETURN COMPLETE LETTER ****
DO NOT USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE FOR OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

Reimbursement to Customers for Repairs Performed Prior to Recall

If you have already paid to have this recall condition corrected you may be eligible to receive reimbursement.

Requests for reimbursement may include parts, labor, fees and taxes. Reimbursement may be limited to the amount the repair would have cost if completed by an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer. The following documentation must be presented to your dealer for reimbursement.

Original or clear copy of all receipts, invoices and/or repair orders that show:

- The name and address of the person who paid for the repair.
- The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the vehicle that was repaired.
- What problem occurred, what repair was done, when it was done and who repaired it.
- The total cost of the repair expense that is being claimed.
- Proof of payment of repair (copy of front and back of cancelled check, or copy of credit card receipt).
- Reimbursement will be made by check from your dealer. If your claim is denied you will receive a letter from MBUSA within 60 days of receipt with the reason(s) for the denial.

Please speak with your dealer concerning this matter.