



Mercedes-Benz

TO: ALL MERCEDES-BENZ CENTERS

SUBJECT: **Model X253 Model Year 2018
Seatbelt Latch Plate**

Daimler AG, ("DAG"), the manufacturer of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, has determined that on certain MY18 GLC vehicles (X253 platform) without the "dynamic locking tongue" seat belt latch in the second seating row, the outboard seatbelt latch plates might retract into the area between the c-pillar paneling and the rear side paneling. In the event this occurs, an outboard rear occupant might not be able to fasten the seat belt latch. If the latch plate retracts behind the panel, the respective seat belt for the affected rear seat may not be available for fastening. If a rear seat passenger does not fasten the seatbelt according to the Operator's Manual, the risk of injury in a crash could increase.

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Procedure

i The operation steps must be performed on both sides of the vehicle.

1. Release and remove luggage compartment cover.
2. Mask off D-pillar trims in trunk on both sides (**Figure 1**).



Figure 1

3. Release trunk linings (**A**, **figure 2**) at rear left and right on D-pillar using plastic wedge and manually unclip in upper area (**figure 3**).

i Press edge guard (**figure 2**) only slightly to side.



Figure 2



Figure 3

4. Place rag between D-pillar (figure 4) and trunk lining and cover seat belt (figure 5).



Figure 4



Figure 5

5. Drill hole (\varnothing 4.5 mm) at bottom in trim on C-pillar (B, figure 6). (Use new pointed drill bit.)

i Remove seat belt from drilling area. Clearance (1, figure 7) approx. 23 mm at center.

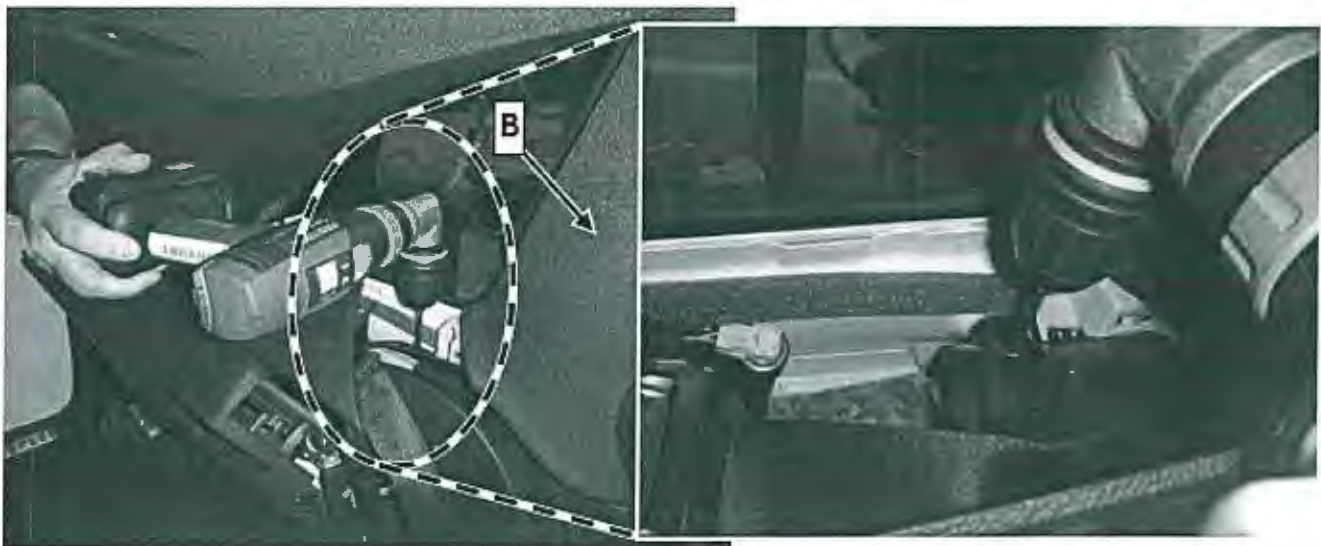


Figure 6



Figure 7

6. Insert protective padding (C, figure 8) from underneath upward into previously drilled hole.

i Install protective padding (C) with lubricant if necessary.



Figure 8

7. Check the distance (figure 9) between the protective padding (C) and side paneling (D).

i Use a feeler gauge like the one shown in (figure 10 and 11)

i Protective padding (C) must be installed!

i The distance must not be greater than 9 mm.

- If the distance is 9mm or less as seen in (figure 10) reassemble in reverse order.
- If the distance is more than 9mm as seen in (figure 11) continue to step 8.

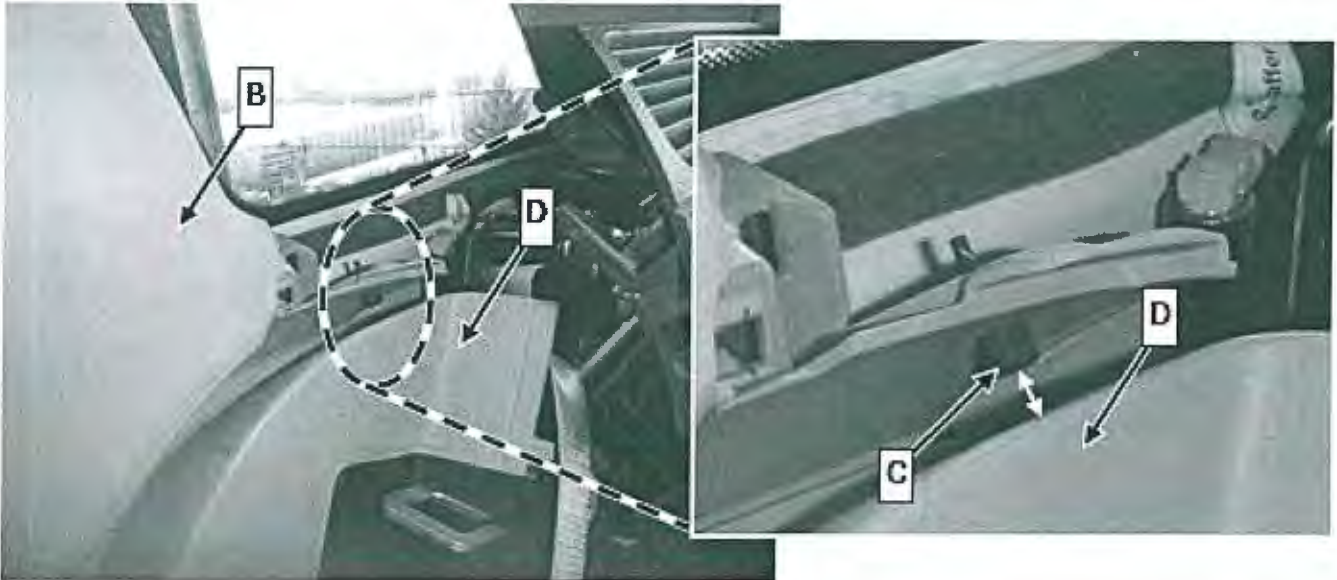


Figure 9

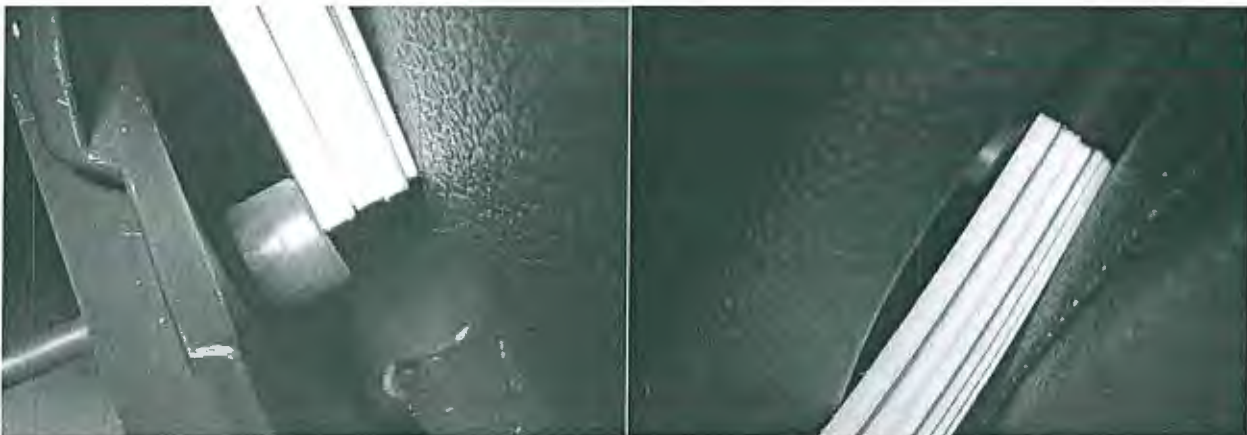


Figure 10 (OK)

figure 11 (Not OK)

8. Remove the C-pillar (B, figure 9) trim, cut the centering pin off (E, Figure 12)

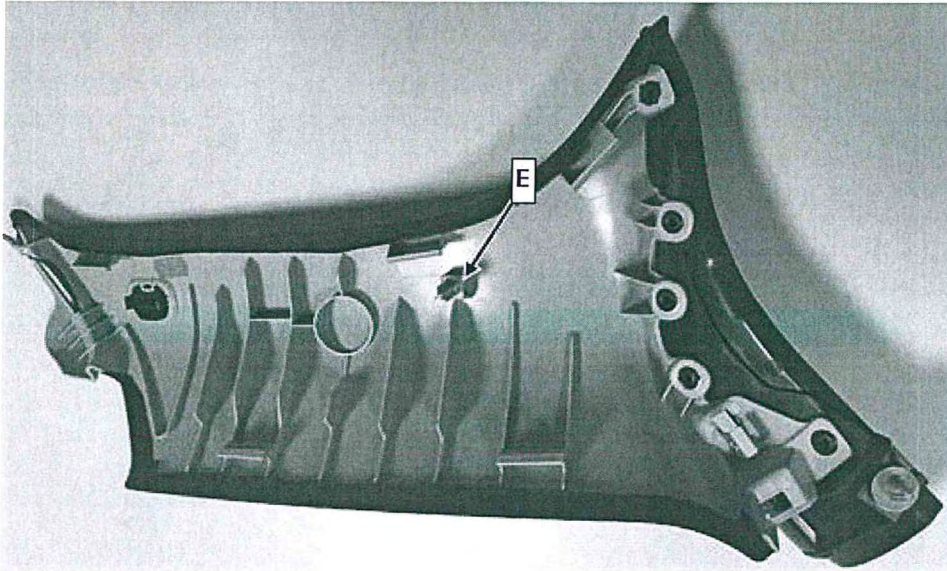


Figure 12

9. Reinstall the C-pillar as low as the clips will allow. Check the distance (Repeat step 7).

Primary Parts Information

Qty.	Part Name	Part Number	Estimated Replacement Rate
	Protective padding	A 253 692 97 00	