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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)		Date Received 26-SEP-2005		Repository ☐ Reference No. 10137613	
Name [REDACTED] Address [REDACTED] City GREELEY State CO Zip Code [REDACTED]		Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED] Evening Telephone Number [REDACTED]		E-mail Address [REDACTED]	
Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? In the absence of a signature, your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer. Signature of Owner [REDACTED] Date 10/4/05 ☒ YES ☐ NO					
VEHICLE INFORMATION					
17 digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) [REDACTED]		Make MERCEDES BENZ		Model ML320	
Date Purchased 17-AUG-00		Dealer's Name and Telephone Number MURRAY MOTOR IMPORT 303-759-2400		Engine: 6 Cylinders 3 Fuel Type: Gas	
Original Owner ☒		Dealer's City GLENDALE State CO Zip Code 80248			
Transmission Type AUTOMATIC ☒ Antilock Brakes ☒ Cruise Control		Powertrain ALL WHEEL DRIVE		Vehicle Component Code 063140 ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING; EXHAUST SYSTEM; EMISSION	
Multiple Failure: 1					
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION					
Incident Date(s) 01-JUN-2005		Failure Mileage 47615		Failure Speed [REDACTED]	
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE					
Tire Make [REDACTED]		Tire Model (Make or Number) [REDACTED]		Tire Size (Example P215/65R16) [REDACTED]	
DOT No. (Example: DOTWALBABC035) [REDACTED]		☐ Original Equipment ☐ Prior Repair		Failure Location: [REDACTED]	
Tire Component Code [REDACTED]		Tire Failure Type [REDACTED]			
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE					
Make: [REDACTED]		Date Manufactured: [REDACTED]		Model No./Name: [REDACTED]	
Seat Type: [REDACTED]		Installation System: [REDACTED]			
Child Seat Component Code: [REDACTED]		Failed Part: [REDACTED]			
APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION (Please indicate if any of the incident(s) resulted in death or injury.)					
Crash ☐ Yes ☒ No		Fire ☐ Yes ☒ No		Number of Persons Injured 1	
				Number of Deaths 0	
				Recognized Police Response N	
Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies). Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e. parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).					
UT: THERE IS A CRACK IN THE CATALYTIC CONVERTER. IT WAS LEAKING CARBON MONOXIDE. WHEN DRIVING WITH THE WINDOWS CLOSED THE CONSUMER WAS GETTING CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING. THE PROBLEM FIRST STARTED ON JUNE OF 2005. THE CRACK OCCURRED SOMETIMES BEFORE THIS. THERE WAS A RATTLING NOISE COMING FROM THE VEHICLE ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2005, AND ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2005 THE MECHANIC DISCOVERED A LEAK IN THE RIGHT ONE. BOTH CATALYTIC CONVERTERS CRACKED. THE CONSUMER FOUND THAT THERE HAS BEEN A PROBLEM WITH THIS TYPE OF VEHICLE CONCERNING CATALYTIC CONVERTERS. THE CONSUMER WAS CONCERNED THAT SHE WAS NOT MADE AWARE OF THIS ISSUE. *AR Consumer has Carbon Monoxide detector in car as of 9-15-05.					
Physician contacted and Consumer complained of nausea, dizziness, headaches, sleepiness while driving in Aug. + Sept. of 2005. Symptoms disappeared after parts replaced at Murray Motors.					
Include, if available, Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoices. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.					
The Privacy Act of 1974, Public Law 93-579 That information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond and your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.					

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Carbon Monoxide Poses Safety Threat to Drivers

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Carbon Monoxide Poses Safety Threat to Drivers, Says Quantum Group

SAN DIEGO, May 22 Memorial Day Weekend is tradition: the start of the heavy summer driving season. Additionally, people are facing longer commutes and spending more time in their vehicles overall.

To operate a vehicle safely, a driver must be alert, awake and unimpaired. Slow reaction time or clouded judgement can be deadly. Both also may be symptoms of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in the country.

"The car is a prime spot for exposure to carbon monoxide," said Dr. Edward Kruszalok, past-president of the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology and director of the Pittsburgh Poison Center.

"People poisoned by carbon monoxide can be as dangerous on the highway as drunk drivers because their brains are similarly affected," he said. "Even low levels of carbon monoxide can affect a driver's reaction time as well as seriously impair judgement. You might feel dizziness, headaches, fatigue, irritability or other symptoms and not even consider carbon monoxide."

What's more, if a person has been drinking alcohol, the impact of carbon monoxide exposure can be magnified, Kruszalok noted.

Pregnant women, the elderly and children are particularly susceptible to the effects of carbon monoxide, he said.

A 1989 California Air Resources Board Study reported that the air breathed inside cars could be as much as 10 times more polluted than typical dirty outdoor air in Southern California. The report noted that Southern Californians' highest daily exposure to air pollutants may be during their commute to and from work -- including carbon monoxide, which was found in high concentrations.

Until recently, drivers had no way of knowing if odorless, invisible carbon monoxide was present in automobiles. To combat this serious health and safety risk, Quantum Group, the world leader in CO alarm sensors, is introducing the COSTAR(R) Model P-1, a personal carbon monoxide alarm made especially for use in motor vehicles.

Carbon monoxide, a major component of car exhaust fumes, can enter the passenger compartment of a car in several ways. A motor vehicle in front of or on either side of a vehicle could be a prime source of CO. Other potential opportunities for CO build-up within a vehicle include operating a vehicle in an enclosed structure such as a garage or carport, idling, a damaged exhaust system, cracked block or leaking gasket or backdrafting while driving (which occurs when negative air pressure forces CO into the vehicle from exhaust fumes).

"The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends carbon monoxide alarms for every home in America," said Mark Goldstein, Ph.D., president of Quantum Group. "We know from research that motor vehicles are a major source of carbon monoxide. It stands to reason that having carbon monoxide alarms in cars could help prevent illness and death due to CO exposure."

The COSTAR P-1 Personal Carbon Monoxide Alarm retails for \$59.99 and can be ordered online at <http://www.qginc.com> or by calling Quantum Group at 800-432-5599.

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