



U.S. Department of Transportation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

**DOT Auto Safety Hotline**  
**Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire**  
To Report Vehicle Safety Defects  
1-888-DASH-2-DOT  
(1-888-327-4236)  
INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name			Daytime Telephone Number		E-mail Address
Address			Evening Telephone Number		
City	State	Zip Code			

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle?  YES  NO  
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side WDBNG75J		Make MERCEDES BENZ	Model S CLASS	Model Year 2000
Date Purchased 28-AUG-03	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number MERCEDES OF NORTH HAVEN		Engine: No: Cylinders 8	Fuel Type: Gas
Original Owner <input type="checkbox"/>	Dealer's City NORTH HAVEN	State CT	Zip Code	
Transmission Type AUTOMATIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control	Powertrain REAR WHEEL DRIVE	Vehicle Component Code 117000 DIGITAL INSTRUMENT PANEL	
Multiple Failure: 1				

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Incident Date(s) 07-SEP-2006	Failure Mileage 104000	Failure Speed	
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**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make	Tire Model (Name or Number)	Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Prior Repair	Failure Location:
Tire Component Code	Tire Failure Type	

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE**

Make:	Date Manufactured:	Model No./Name:
Seat Type:	Installation System:	
Child Seat Component Code:	Failed Part:	

**APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION**

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).)

Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Deaths	Reported to Police N
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**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).

DT\*: THE CONTACT STATED THE LIGHTS ON THE DASH WENT OUT. THE DEALER DETERMINED THE INSTRUMENT CLUSTER NEEDED TO BE REPLACED. THERE WAS A NHTSA RECALL, # 06V028000, REGARDING THE INTERIOR LIGHTING. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE RECALL DUE TO THE VIN.\*AK

On two occasions I almost crashed, I talked with Dealer Mercedes Benz of No. Haven Ct and Mercedes Benz USA and nothing has been done, this vehicle is dangerous to drive and all around who might around this veh. while being operated.

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. 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.

**Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)**

While driving this vehicle on the highway the instrument cluster lights flared several times because I could not see my speed I almost crashed on this occasion I believe this is a factory defect, I spoke to the dealer and they state that they know of no recall on this vehicle, from what I understand that from Mercedes Benz USA # Recall 06V025000 there is a recall on M.B. S-500, 2002, Feb. 6, 2006.

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**Think your vehicle has a safety defect?**



**If so:**

**Use the enclosed form to file a report.**

**or visit:**

**www.safercar.gov**

**or call:**

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