



U.S. Department
of Transportation

National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

NATIONWIDE 1-800-424-9393
DC METRO AREA (202) 366-0123
INTERNET: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>

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738708

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

Signature of Owner

Date ____/____/____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
WDBED30E9PB918981	MERCEDES BEN	300	1993	

Purchase Date 01-OCT-2098 ☐ New ☒ Used	Dealer's Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.0 No Cylinders _____	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☐ Fuel Injection
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Transmission Type ☐ Manual ☐ Automatic	Antilock Brakes ☒ Yes ☐ No	Restraint System ☐ 3-Point Belt ☐ Motorbelt ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ 2-Point Belt ☐ Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control ☒ Yes ☐ No	Drive Train ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☒ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Sport Util ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other _____	Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☒ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other _____
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 01222000 13100000	Part Name(s) STEERING:POWER:SHAFT SECTOR STRUCTURE:FRAME:MEMBERS AND BODY	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No. of Failures 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 11-DEC-2000 Mileage at Failure(s) 82000 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 35	Failed Part(s) Available? ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? ☐ Yes ☐ No

APPLICATION INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies) on the back of this form.)

Crash ☐ Yes ☐ No	Fire ☐ Yes ☒ No	Number of Persons Injured 0	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

VEHICLE WAS IN ACCIDENT 9-2-00. DEALER TOLD INSURANCE COMPANY (CHUBB) THAT THERE WAS \$50000 DAMAGE. AFTER CONTACTING RALPH KOOS AT MERCEDES USA, HE FOUND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN ADDITIONAL REPAIRS. CONCOURS WAS REIMBURSED FOR MORE THAN THE CAR WAS WORTH. HOWEVER MERCEDES ASSURED US THAT THE CAR WAS COMPLETELY FIXED AND SAFE TO DRIVE. A FEW WEEKS LATER, THE RIGHT SIDE COLLAPSED, MADE NOISES AND SWAYED SIDE TO SIDE SO MUCH THE VEHICLE FELT LIKE IT WAS GOING TO FLIP OVER. THE VEHICLE HAS EITHER A MANUFACTURERS DEFECT OR THE REPAIRS WERE NOT COMPLETE FROM THE ACCIDENT.

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