



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

Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

NATIONWIDE 1-800-424-9393
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INTERNET: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>

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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) (Locate at bottom of windshield or driver's side door) WDBRFG4J01F052771	Vehicle Make MERCEDES BENZ	Vehicle Model C320	Vehicle Year 2001	Current Odometer Reading
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Purchase Date 01-JAN-2001	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☒ Fuel Injection
☒ New ☐ Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No Cylinders _____	
Transmission Type ☐ Manual ☐ Automatic	Antilock Brakes ☒ Yes ☐ No	Restraint System ☐ 3-Point Belt ☐ Motorbelt ☐ Driverside Airbag ☒ 2-Point Bel ☐ 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 _____

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 08510000 12422000	Part Name(s) ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:IGNITION:SWITCH INTERIOR SYSTEMS:INSTRUMENT PANEL:GAUGE:INDICATOR:DI	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 3	Date(s) of Failure(s) 30-OCT-2001 Mileage at Failure(s) 3500 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 0	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ 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 Damag 0	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

THE ELECTRONIC KEY PRESENTS A SAFETY HAZARD SINCE IT QUES IN ALL SETTING FOR THE DRIVER. WHILE DRIVING THE MIRRORS WOULD CHANGE POSITION. THE KEY CAN STOP "TALKING" TO THE CAR AND NOT ALLOW THE CAR TO BE STARTED. SOMETIMES WHEN STARTING THE PANEL AND OTHER INSIDE LIGHTS FAILED TO COME ON, BUT THE CAR WAS DRIVEABLE. THE OIL LEVEL CHECK SYSTEM WOULD SAY THE OIL LEVEL IS TO HIGH, AND ADD MILES TO THE NEXT SERVICE POINT. THE BIG CONFIDENCE BREAKER IS WILL THIS KEY STOP TALKING ENTIRELY TO THE CAR WHILE DRIVING? THIS WOULD SURLEY RESULT IN A NON-STEERABLE EVENT. I COULD NOT GET MERCEDES TO ANSWER SUCH INQUIRY, OR REASSURE ME THAT IT COULD NOT HAPPEN. I TURNED THE CAR BACK INTO THE DEALER AND

CONTINUE ON REVERSE

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.