



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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Reference No.

8004999

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

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| Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN)<br><small>(Location at bottom of<br/>windshield and driver's side)</small><br><b>4JGAB72E0XA085017</b> |                                                                                    | Vehicle Make<br><b>MERCEDES BENZ</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Vehicle Model<br><b>ML430</b>                                                     | Vehicle Year<br><b>1999</b>                                                                                                                  | Current Odometer Reading                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Purchase Date<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used                                      | Dealer's Name _____<br>City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Engine Size<br>(CID/CC/L) _____<br>No Cylinders _____                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Turbo<br><input type="checkbox"/> Diesel<br><input type="checkbox"/> Gas<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Transmission Type<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Manual<br><input type="checkbox"/> Automatic                                  | Antilock Brakes<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No | Restraint System<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt<br><input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Bel<br><input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag | Cruise Control<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No | Drive Train<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Front<br><input type="checkbox"/> Rear<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel                       | Vehicle Type<br><input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Util<br><input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck<br><input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____<br>Body Style<br><input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door<br><input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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

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| Component<br><b>02112000</b> | Part Name(s)<br><b>SUSPENSION INDEPENDENT FRONT ATTACHING MECHANISMS:</b>                     | Location<br><input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right<br><input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear | Failed Part(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Original<br><input type="checkbox"/> Replacement |
| No of Failure<br><b>40</b>   | Dates of Failure(s) _____<br>Mileage at Failure(s) _____<br>Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) _____ | Failed Part(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                               | NHTSA Previously<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                |

### APPLICATION INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies) on the back of this form)

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| Crash<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Fire<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Number of Persons Injured | Number of Fatalities | Estimated Property Damag | Reported to Police<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

**WHILE DRIVING A NOISE OCCURS WITHIN FRONT END OF VEHICLE DUE TO DEFECTIVE STABILIZER BAR. VEHICLE HAS BEEN TO DEALER 40 TIMES IN REFERENCE TO THIS PROBLEM. PLEASE GIVE ANY FURTHER DETAILS.\*AK**

COPIES OF THIS FORM ARE:

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.