



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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Date Received

04-MAY-2001

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Reference No.

887539

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.) <small>(Location at bottom of and/or above driver's side)</small>	Vehicle Make MERCEDES BENZ	Vehicle Model C280	Vehicle Year 1998	Current Odometer Reading		
Purchase Date <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used	Dealer's Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____ No Cylinders _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio			
Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Restraint System <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt <input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Bel <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Drive Train <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Util <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Body Style <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 08100000	Part Name(s) ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: BATTERY	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part's <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
No of Failure 0	Date(s) of Failure(s) 16-APR-2001 Mileage at Failure(s) 30000 0	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously <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)


Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured 1	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

WHILE HUSBAND WAS MOVING OBJECTS IN TRUNK. TOUCHED BATTERY AND EXPLODE AT HIS FACE, INJURING PARTS ON FACE AND BODY.*AK

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.

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 J.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration		Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ) NATIONWIDE 1-888-DASH-2-DOT 1-888-327-4236 www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline	
OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print) [Redacted] 690307		Date Received: 04-MAY-2001 Reference No. 887539 Work Number [Redacted] Home Number [Redacted]	
Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO In the absence of an authorized representative, you must provide your name and address to the vehicle manufacturer.			
Signature of Owner [Redacted]		Date 5/12/01	
VEHICLE INFORMATION			
Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year
WDBHA29G4WA618760	MERCEDES BENZ	C280	1998
Current Odometer Reading	36690		
Purchase Date	Dealer's Name	Engine Size (CID/CC/L)	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo Diesel Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection
5/16/98	Ed Potter Inc.	2.8L	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used	City Columbus State OH Zip Code 43212	No Cylinders 6	
Transmission Type	Antilock Brakes	Restraint System	Cruise Control
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
			Drive Train
			<input type="checkbox"/> Front <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel
			Vehicle Type
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Utl <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other
			Body Style
			<input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION			
Component	Part Name(s)	Location	Failed Part(s)
08100000	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: BATTERY	<input type="checkbox"/> Left <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rear	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
No of Failures	Date(s) of Failure(s)	Failed Part(s) Available?	NHTSA Previously Contacted?
0	16-APR-2001 Mileage at Failure(s) 20000 Approx 36412 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" 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)			
Crash	Fire	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Fatalities
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	1	0
			Estimated Property Damage
			~ \$400.00 (Repair to vehicle)
			Reported to Police
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)			
WHILE HUSBAND WAS MOVING OBJECTS IN TRUNK, TOUCHED BATTERY AND EXPLODE AT HIS FACE, INJURING PARTS ON FACE AND BODY.*AK In trunk of vehicle. Removed cardboard/carpet cover to expose spare tire and battery. Noted that plastic cap with "+" symbol was partially coming off. Reached with bare right to touch "+" cap. Instantly upon touching the "+" cap, the battery (cont.)			
CONTINUE ON BACK IF NEEDED			
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