



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 05-062
Date Opened: 11/10/2005
Principal Investigator: Ali Motamedamin
Subject: Instrument Cluster Failure

Manufacturer: Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.
Products: MY 2000-2001 Mercedes-Benz S Class Vehicles
Population: 72,148

Problem Description: Loss of illumination resulting in inoperative turn signal indicators, cluster gauges, and telltale lights.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	7		
Crashes/Fires:	0		
Injury Incidents:	0		
# Injuries:	0		
Fatality Incidents:	0		
# Fatalities:	0		
Other*:	0		

*Description Of Other:

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation (PE) is opened.

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Summary: The subject vehicle's speedometer, fuel gauge, turn signal indicators, warning lights and other gauges (i.e., instrument cluster) are designed to be illuminated whenever the vehicle is in operation (ignition key is on). ODI has received 7 reports alleging failure of the illumination for the instrument cluster resulting in driver unable to read gauges and indicators. ODI has opened a Preliminary Evaluation to investigate this issue.

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