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Our company and staff congratulate you on the purchase of your new Mercedes-Benz.

Your selection of our product is a demonstration of your trust in our company name. Furthermore, it exemplifies your desire to own an automobile that will be as easy as possible to operate and provide years of service.

Your Mercedes-Benz represents the efforts of many skilled engineers and craftsmen. To help assure your driving pleasure, and also the safety of you and your passengers, we ask you to make a small investment of time:

- Please read this manual carefully, then return it to your vehicle where it will be handy for your reference.
- Please follow the recommendations contained in this manual. They are designed to acquaint you with the operation of your Mercedes-Benz.

- Please pay attention to the warnings and cautions contained in this manual. They are designed to help improve the safety of the vehicle operator and occupants.

We extend our best wishes for many miles of safe, pleasurable driving.

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▼ Product information

Please observe the following in your own best interest:

We recommend using genuine Mercedes-Benz parts as well as conversion parts and accessories explicitly approved by us for your vehicle model.

We have tested these parts to determine their reliability, safety and special suitability for Mercedes-Benz vehicles.

We are unable to make an assessment for other products and therefore cannot be held responsible for them, even if in individual cases an official approval or authorization by governmental or other agencies should exist. Use of such parts and accessories could adversely affect the safety, performance or reliability of your vehicle. Please do not use them.

Genuine Mercedes-Benz parts as well as conversion parts and accessories approved by us are available at your authorized Mercedes-Benz Center where you will receive comprehensive information, also on permissible technical modifications, and where proper installation will be performed.

This Operator's Manual contains a great deal of useful information. We urge you to read it carefully and familiarize yourself with the vehicle before driving.

For your own safety and longer service life of the vehicle, we urge you to follow the instructions and warnings contained in this manual. Ignoring them could result in damage to the vehicle or personal injury to you or others. Vehicle damage caused by failure to follow instructions is not covered by the Mercedes-Benz Limited Warranty.

Your vehicle may have some or all of the equipment described in this manual. Therefore, you may find explanations for optional equipment not installed in your vehicle. If you have any questions about the operation of any equipment, your authorized Mercedes-Benz Center will be glad to demonstrate the proper procedures.

We continuously strive to improve our product, and ask for your understanding that we reserve the right to make changes in design and equipment. Therefore, information, illustrations and descriptions in this Operator's Manual might differ from your vehicle.

Optional equipment is also described in this manual, including operating instructions wherever necessary. Since they are special-order items, the descriptions and illustrations herein may vary slightly from the actual equipment of your vehicle.

If there are any equipment details that are not shown or described in this Operator's Manual, your authorized Mercedes-Benz Center will be glad to inform you of correct care and operating procedures.

The Operator's Manual and Maintenance Booklet are important documents and should be kept with the vehicle.

Service and warranty information

The Service and Warranty Information Booklet contains detailed information about the warranties covering your Mercedes-Benz, including:

- New Car Limited Warranty
- Emission System Warranty
- Emission Performance Warranty
- California, Maine, Massachusetts, and Vermont Emission Control System Warranty (California, Maine, Massachusetts, and Vermont only)
- State Warranty Enforcement Laws (Lemon Laws)

Important notice for California retail buyers and lessees of Mercedes-Benz automobiles

Under California law you may be entitled to a replacement of your vehicle or a refund of the purchase price or lease price, if Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC and/or its authorized repair or service facilities fail to fix one or more substantial defects or malfunctions in the vehicle that are covered by its express warranty after a reasonable number of repair attempts. During the period of 18 months from original delivery of the vehicle or the accumulation of 18000 miles (approx. 29000 km) on the odometer of the vehicle, whichever occurs first, a reasonable number of repair attempts is presumed for a retail buyer or lessee if one or more of the following occurs:

- (1) the same substantial defect or malfunction results in a condition that is likely to cause death or serious bodily injury if the vehicle is driven, that defect or malfunction has been subject to repair two or more times, and you have directly notified Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC in writing of the need for its repair,
- (2) the same substantial defect or malfunction of a less serious nature than category (1) has been subject to repair four or more times and you have directly notified us in writing of the need for its repair, or

- (3) the vehicle is out of service by reason of repair of the same or different substantial defects or malfunctions for a cumulative total of more than 30 calendar days.

Written notification should be sent to us, not a dealer, at Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC, Customer Assistance Center, One Mercedes Drive, Montvale, NJ 07645-0350.

Maintenance

The Maintenance Booklet describes all the necessary maintenance work which should be performed at regular intervals.

Always have the Maintenance Booklet with you when you take the vehicle to your authorized Mercedes-Benz Center for service. The service advisor will record each service in the booklet for you.

Roadside Assistance

The Mercedes-Benz Roadside Assistance Program provides factory-trained technical help in the event of a breakdown. Calls to the toll-free Roadside Assistance number

1-800-FOR-MERCEdes (in the USA)
1-800-387-0100 (in Canada)

will be answered by Mercedes-Benz Customer Assistance Representatives 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

For additional information refer to the Mercedes-Benz Roadside Assistance Program Brochure in your vehicle literature portfolio.

Change of address or ownership

If you change your address, be sure to send in the "Change of Address Notice" found in the Service and Warranty Information Booklet, or simply call the Mercedes-Benz Customer Assistance Center (in the USA) at 1-800-FOR-MERCEdes, or Customer Service (in Canada) at 1-800-387-0100. It is in your own interest that we can contact you should the need arise.

If you sell your Mercedes, please leave all literature with the vehicle to make it available to the next operator.

If you bought this vehicle used, be sure to send in the "Notice of Purchase of Used Car" found in the Service and Warranty Information Booklet, or call the Mercedes-Benz Customer Assistance Center (in the USA) at 1-800-FOR-MERCEdes, or Customer Service (in Canada) at 1-800-387-0100.

Operating your vehicle outside the USA or Canada

If you plan to operate your vehicle in foreign countries, please be aware that:

- service facilities or replacement parts may not be readily available,
- unleaded gasoline for vehicles with catalytic converters may not be available; the use of leaded fuels will damage the catalysts,
- gasoline may have a considerably lower octane rating, and improper fuel can cause engine damage.

Certain Mercedes-Benz models are available for delivery in Europe under our European Delivery Program. For details, consult an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center or write to:

In the USA:

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC
European Delivery Department
One Mercedes Drive
Montvale, NJ 07645-0350

In Canada:

Mercedes-Benz Canada Inc.
European Delivery Department
98 Vanderhoof Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M4G 4C9

Where to find it

This Operator's Manual is designed to provide comprehensive support information for you, the vehicle operator. Each section has its own reference color.

At a glance

Here you will find an overview of all the controls that can be operated from the driver's seat.

Getting started

Here you will find all the information you need for your first drive. You should read this section first if this is your first Mercedes-Benz vehicle or if you are renting or borrowing this vehicle.

Safety and Security

Here you will find descriptions of the safety and security features of your vehicle.

Controls in detail

Here you will find detailed information about the equipment installed in your vehicle. This section expands on the "Getting started" section and also describes technical innovations. If you are already familiar with the basic functions of your vehicle, this section will be of particular interest to you.

Operation

Here you will find all the information you need for the proper operation of your vehicle.

Practical hints

This section provides fast assistance for dealing with problems you may encounter.

Technical data

All important technical data for your vehicle can be found in this section.

Indexes

The glossary provides explanations of the most important technical terms.

The table of contents and the index are designed to help you find information quickly and easily.

The following publications are part of your vehicle documentation:

- this Operator's Manual
- the Maintenance Booklet

Separate operating instructions will be provided as required depending on the equipment options installed in your vehicle.

▼ Symbols

Trademarks:

- ESP® is a registered trademark of DaimlerChrysler.
- HomeLink® is a registered trademark of Prince, a Johnson Controls Company.
- BabySmart™ is a trademark of Siemens Automotive Corp.
- SIRIUS and related marks are trademarks of Sirius Satellite Radio Inc.

The following symbols are found in this Operator's Manual:

- * Optional equipment is identified with an asterisk. Since standard equipment varies between models, the descriptions and illustrations in this manual may differ slightly from the actual equipment of your vehicle.

Warning!



Warning notices draw your attention to hazards that may endanger your health or life, or the health or life of others.



Highlights hazards that may result in damage to your vehicle.



Helpful hints or further information you may find useful.

- ▶ This symbol points to instructions for you to follow.
- ▶ A number of these symbols appearing in succession indicates a multiple-step procedure.
- ▷ Page This symbol tells you where to look for further information on a topic.
- ▷▷ This continuation symbol marks an interrupted procedure which will be continued on the next page.
- > In the glossary of technical terms, this symbol is used to indicate cross-references to term definitions.
- Display Words appearing in the multi-function display are printed in the type shown here.

Warning!



Work improperly carried out on electronic components and associated software could cause them to cease functioning. Because the vehicle's electronic components are interconnected, any modification made may produce an undesired effect on other systems.

See an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center for repairs or modifications to electronic components.

Other improper work or modifications on the vehicle could also have a negative impact on the operating safety of the vehicle.

Some safety systems only function while the engine is running. You should therefore never turn off the engine while driving.

Warning!



Heavy blows against the vehicle undercarriage or tires/wheels, for example when running over an obstacle, road debris or a pothole, may cause serious damage and impair the operating safety of your vehicle. If you feel a sudden significant vibration or ride disturbance, or you suspect that damage to your vehicle has occurred, you should turn on your hazard warning flashers, carefully slow down, and drive with caution to an area which is a safe distance from the road.

Inspect the vehicle undercarriage or tires/wheels for possible damage. If the vehicle appears unsafe, have it towed to the nearest authorized Mercedes-Benz Center or other qualified maintenance or repair facility for further inspection or repairs.

Proper use of the vehicle

Proper use of the vehicle requires that you are familiar with the following information and rules:

- the safety precautions in this manual
- the “Technical data” section (> page 433) in this manual
- the traffic rules and regulations
- the motor vehicle laws and safety standards

Warning!



Various labels are attached to your vehicle. These warning labels are intended to make you and others aware of various risks. You should not remove any of these warning labels unless explicitly instructed to do so by information on the label itself. Removal of any of these labels may cause you and others to be unaware of certain risks which may result in an accident and/or personal injury.

▼ Problems with your vehicle

If you should experience a problem with your vehicle, particularly one that you believe may affect its safe operation, we urge you to immediately contact an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center to have the problem diagnosed and corrected if required. If the matter is not handled to your satisfaction, please discuss the problem with the Mercedes-Benz Center management, or if necessary contact us at one of the following addresses:

In the USA:

Customer Assistance Center
Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC
One Mercedes Drive
Montvale, NJ 07645-0350

In Canada:

Customer Relations Department
Mercedes-Benz Canada Inc.
98 Vanderhoof Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M4G 4C9

Reporting safety defects

For the USA only:

The following text is published as required of manufacturers under Title 49, Code of U.S. Federal Regulations, Part 575 pursuant to the “National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966”.

Reporting safety defects

If you believe that your vehicle has a defect which could cause a crash or could cause injury or death, you should immediately inform the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in addition to notifying Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.

If NHTSA receives similar complaints, it may open an investigation, and if it finds that a safety defect exists in a group of vehicles, it may order a recall and remedy campaign. However, NHTSA cannot become involved in individual problems between you, your dealer, or Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.

To contact NHTSA, you may either call the Auto Safety Hotline toll-free at 1-888-327-4236 (or 366-0123 in Washington, D.C. area) or write to: NHTSA, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590. You can also obtain other information about motor vehicle safety from the Hotline.

▼ Vehicle data recording

Information regarding electronic recording devices

(Including notice pursuant to California Code § 9951)

Please note that your vehicle is equipped with devices that can record vehicle systems data and, if equipped with the Tele Aid system, may transmit some data in certain accidents.

This information helps, for example, to diagnose vehicle systems after a collision and to continuously improve vehicle safety. DaimlerChrysler may access the information and share it with others

- for safety research or vehicle diagnosis purposes
- with the consent of the vehicle owner or lessee
- in response to an official request by law enforcement or other government agency
- for use in dispute resolution involving DaimlerChrysler, its affiliates or sales/service organization and/or
- as otherwise required or permitted by law.

Please check the Tele Aid subscription service agreement for details regarding the information that may be recorded or transmitted via that system.

Cockpit

Instrument cluster

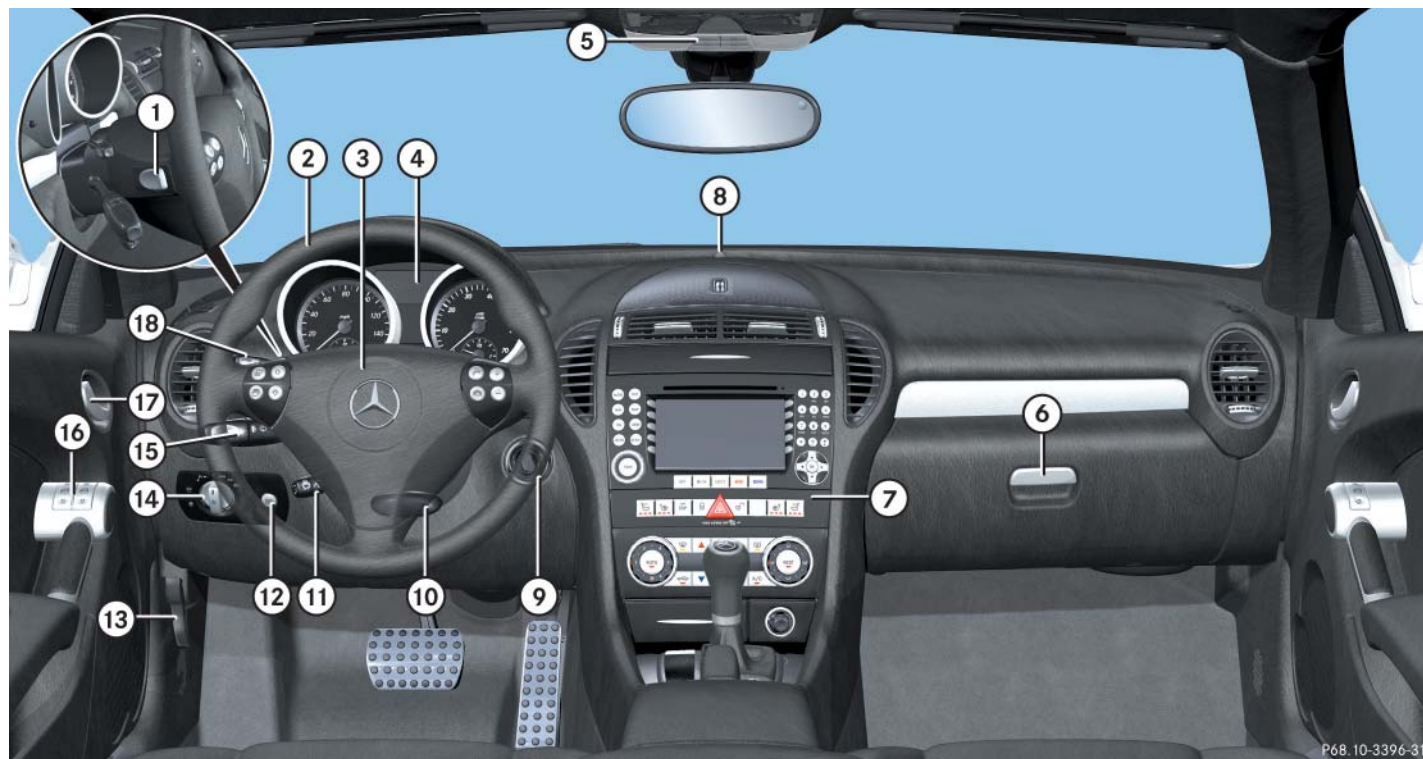
Multifunction steering wheel

Center console

Overhead control panel

Door control panel

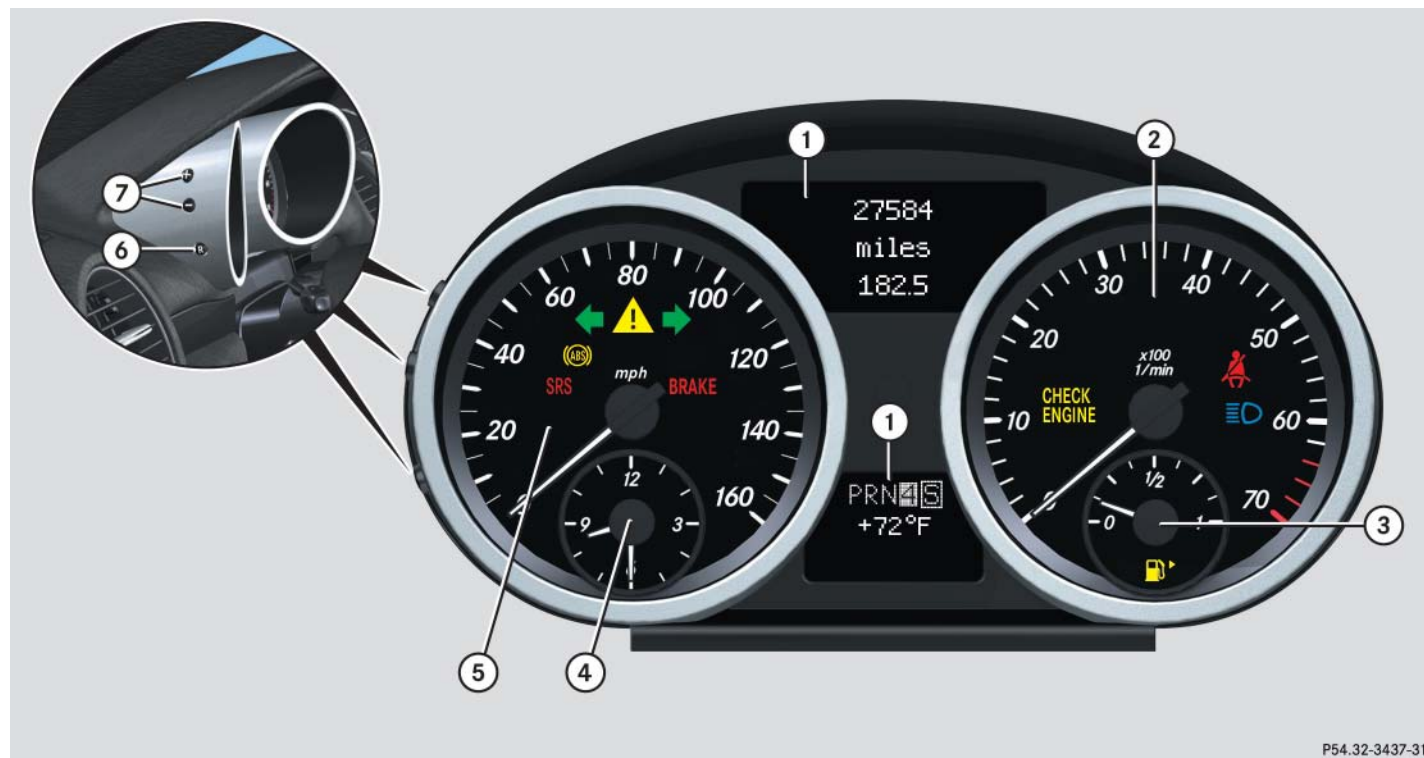






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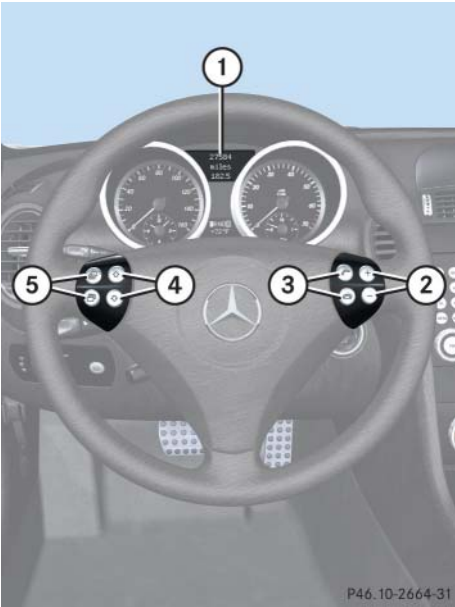
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The steering wheel in this vehicle will vary from steering wheel shown. However, multifunction steering wheel symbols and feature description apply to AMG vehicles as well.

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Upper part



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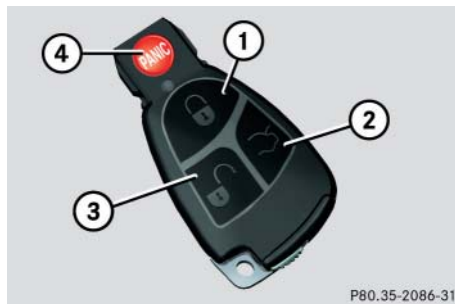


Unlocking

The “Getting started” section provides an overview of the vehicle’s most basic functions. First-time Mercedes-Benz owners should pay special attention to the information given here.

If you are already familiar with the basic functions described here, the “Controls in detail” section (▷ page 91) will provide you with further information. The corresponding page references are located at the end of each segment.

Unlocking with the SmartKey



SmartKey with remote control

- ① Lock button
- ② Unlock button for trunk lid
- ③ Unlock button
- ④ Panic button (▷ page 80)

- ▶ Press unlock button on the SmartKey.

All turn signal lamps flash once. The locking knobs in the doors move up. The anti-theft alarm system is disarmed.

- ▶ Get in the vehicle and insert the SmartKey in the starter switch.



Opening a door causes the windows on that side of the car to open slightly. They will return to the up position when the door is closed.



The side windows will not open or close if the battery is discharged or the windows are covered with ice. As a result, you may no longer be able to properly close the door. Do not attempt to force the door shut. Doing so may damage the door or the side window. Correct the condition that prevents the windows from operating before attempting to close the door.



Without the antenna on the left rear side of the vehicle installed, the SmartKey signaling range is considerably reduced. Hold the SmartKey in close proximity towards the antenna base when locking or unlocking the vehicle.

For more information, see “Locking and unlocking” (▷ page 92).

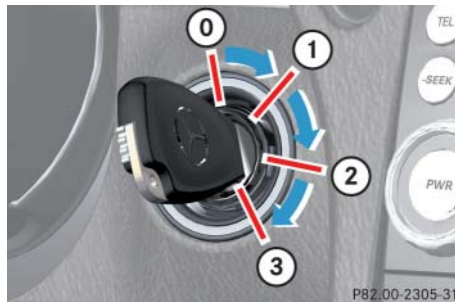
Starter switch positions

Warning!



When leaving the vehicle, always remove the SmartKey from the starter switch, take it with you, and lock the vehicle. Do not leave children unattended in the vehicle, or with access to an unlocked vehicle. Unsupervised use of vehicle equipment may cause an accident and/or serious personal injury.

SmartKey



Starter switch

- 0** For removing the SmartKey
The steering is locked when the SmartKey is removed from the starter switch.
- 1** Power supply for some electrical consumers, such as seat adjustment.

- 2** Ignition (power supply for all electrical consumers) and driving position.

All lamps (except high beam headlamp indicator lamp and turn signal indicator lamps unless activated) in the instrument cluster come on. If a lamp in the instrument cluster fails to come on when the ignition is switched on, have it checked and replaced if necessary. If a lamp in the instrument cluster remains on after starting the engine or comes on while driving, refer to see “Lamps in instrument cluster” (▷ page 362).

- 3** Starting position.



When you switch on ignition, the indicator and warning lamps (except high beam headlamp indicator lamp and turn signal indicator lamps unless activated) in the instrument cluster come on. The indicator and warning lamps (except high beam headlamp indicator lamp and turn signal indicator lamps if activated) will go out when the engine is running. This indicates that the respective systems are operational.



Vehicles with automatic transmission*: The SmartKey can only be removed from the starter switch with the gear selector lever in position **P**.



If the SmartKey cannot be turned in the starter switch, the vehicle battery may not be sufficiently charged.

- Check the vehicle battery and charge it if necessary (▷ page 421).
- Get a jump start (▷ page 424).

To prevent accelerated vehicle battery discharge or a completely discharged vehicle battery, always remove the SmartKey from the starter switch when the engine is not in operation.

For information on starting the engine, see (▷ page 50).

Adjusting

Warning!



All seat, head restraint, steering wheel, and rear view mirror adjustments, as well as fastening of seat belts, must be done before the vehicle is put into motion.

Seats

The seats can be adjusted either manually or electrically, depending on the vehicle's equipment.

For more information, see "Seats" (▷ page 104).

Warning!



Do not adjust the driver seat while driving. Adjusting the seat while driving could cause the driver to lose control of the vehicle.

Never ride in a moving vehicle with the seat back in an excessively reclined position as this can be dangerous. You could slide under the seat belt in a collision. If you slide under it, the belt would apply force at the abdomen or neck. That could cause serious or fatal injuries. The seat back and seat belts provide the best restraint when the wearer is in a nearly upright position and belts are properly positioned on the body. Your seat must be adjusted so that you can correctly fasten your seat belt (▷ page 47).

Never place hands under the seat or near moving parts while the seat is being adjusted.

Warning!



When leaving the vehicle, always remove the SmartKey from the starter switch, take it with you, and lock the vehicle.

Even with the SmartKey removed from the starter switch, the power seats* can be operated when the respective door is open. Therefore, do not leave children unattended in the vehicle, or with access to an unlocked vehicle. Unsupervised use of vehicle equipment may cause an accident and/or serious personal injury.

Warning!

Children 12 years old and under must never ride in this vehicle, except in a Mercedes-Benz authorized BabySmart™ compatible child seat, which operates with the BabySmart™ system installed in the vehicle to deactivate the passenger front air bag when it is properly installed. Otherwise they will be struck by the air bag when it inflates in a crash. If this happens, serious or fatal injury will result.

Infants and small children must be seated in an appropriate BabySmart™ compatible infant or child restraint system, which is properly secured with the vehicle's seat belt, fully in accordance with the child seat manufacturer's instructions.

A child's risk of serious or fatal injuries is significantly increased if the child restraints are not properly secured in the vehicle and the child is not properly secured in the child restraint.



When moving the seats, make sure there are no items in the footwell or behind the seats. Otherwise you could damage the seats.

Manual seat adjustment

- ① Seat fore and aft adjustment
- ② Seat height
- ③ Backrest tilt

Seat fore and aft adjustment

- ▶ Pull handle ①.
- ▶ Slide the seat to the desired position.

Adjust seat to a comfortable seating position that allows you to reach the accelerator/brake pedal safely. The position should be as far rearward as possible, consistent with ability to properly operate controls.

- ▶ Allow handle ① to reengage with an audible click.
- ▶ Check for proper engagement before driving.

Adjusting

Seat height

- Pull or push handle ② up or down and adjust the seat height until your legs are slightly supported.

Backrest tilt

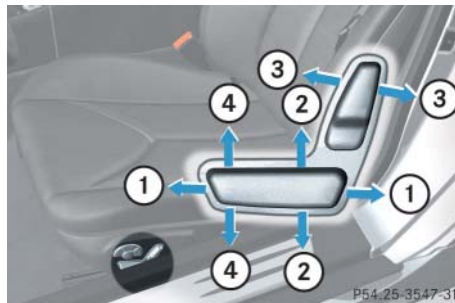
- Pull handle ③ and adjust the backrest until your arms are slightly angled when holding the steering wheel.
- Release handle ③ when the desired backrest tilt is reached.

When you hear an audible click, the backrest is again fixed into place.

For more information, see “Seats” (▷ page 104).

Power seat* adjustment

The seat adjustment switches are located on the outer side of each seat.



- ① Seat fore and aft adjustment
- ② Seat height
- ③ Backrest tilt
- ④ Seat cushion tilt

- Switch on the ignition (▷ page 36).

or

- Open the respective door.



The memory function* (▷ page 107) lets you store the settings for power seats*, steering wheel adjustment (electrical)*, and exterior rear view mirrors.

Seat fore and aft adjustment

- Press the horizontal switch forward or backward in direction of arrow ①.

Adjust seat to a comfortable seating position that still allows you to reach the accelerator/brake pedal safely. The position should be as far rearward as possible, consistent with ability to properly operate controls.

Seat height

- Press the horizontal switch up or down in direction of arrow ② and adjust the seat height until your legs are slightly supported.

Backrest tilt

- Press the vertical switch forward or backward in direction of arrow ③ until your arms are slightly angled when holding the steering wheel.

Seat cushion tilt

- Press the horizontal switch up or down in direction of arrow ④ until your upper legs are lightly supported.

Head restraint height**Warning!**

For your protection, drive only with properly positioned head restraints.

Adjust head restraint so that the head restraint supports the back of the head at eye level. This will reduce the potential for injury to the head and neck in the event of an accident or similar situation.

Do not drive the vehicle without the seat head restraints. Head restraints are intended to help reduce injuries during an accident.

**Head restraint**

- Adjust the height of head restraints manually by pulling them upwards or pushing them downwards.



Adjust the head restraint in such a way that it is as close to the head as possible.

Adjusting

Steering wheel

Warning!



Do not adjust the steering wheel while driving. Adjusting the steering wheel while driving, or driving without the steering wheel adjustment feature locked could cause the driver to lose control of the vehicle.

When leaving the vehicle, always remove the SmartKey from the starter switch, take it with you, and lock the vehicle.

Even with the SmartKey removed from the starter switch, the electrical steering wheel adjustment feature* can be operated when the driver's door is open. Therefore, do not leave children unattended in the vehicle, or with access to an unlocked vehicle. Unsupervised use of vehicle equipment may cause an accident and/or serious personal injury.

Steering wheel adjustment, manual



① Adjustment handle

- ▶ To unlock the steering column, pull handle ① out to its stop limit.
- ▶ Move the steering wheel to the desired position.
- ▶ Push handle ① back to its original position to relock the steering column.

When you hear an audible click, the steering column is again fixed into place.

- ▶ Make sure the steering column is securely locked by trying to move the steering wheel up and down, in and out before driving off.



Do not drive the vehicle until you have properly locked the steering column.

Warning!

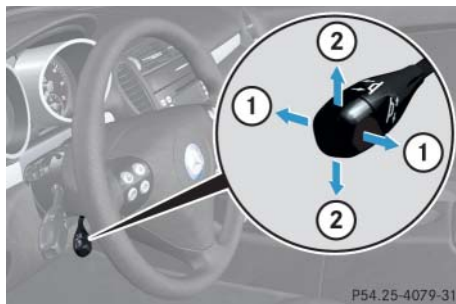


Only adjust the steering wheel with the vehicle at a standstill and make sure the steering column is securely locked in place before driving off.

Driving without the steering column locked may cause an unexpected steering wheel movement which could cause the driver to lose control of the vehicle. Make sure the steering column is securely locked by trying to move it up and down, and in and out before driving off.

Steering wheel adjustment, electrical*

The lever for the electrical steering wheel adjustment is located on the steering column (lower left).



- ① Adjusting steering column, in or out
- ② Adjusting steering column, up or down
- Switch on the ignition (► page 36).
- or
- Open the driver's door.



The memory function* (► page 107) lets you store the settings for the steering wheel together with the settings for the exterior rear view mirrors and the driver's seat position.

Adjusting steering column in or out

- Move the lever in direction of arrows ① until a comfortable steering wheel position is reached with your arms slightly bent at the elbow.

Adjusting steering column up or down

- Move the lever in direction of arrows ②.

Make sure your legs can move freely and all the displays (including malfunction and indicator lamps) on the instrument cluster are clearly visible.

Easy-entry/exit feature*

This feature allows for easier entry into and exit from the vehicle.

The easy-entry/exit feature can be activated or deactivated in the Convenience submenu of the control system (► page 147).

Warning!



You must make sure no one can become trapped or injured by the moving steering wheel when the easy-entry/exit feature is activated.

To cancel steering wheel movement, do one of the following:

- Move steering column lever* (▷ page 43).
- Press one of the memory position buttons* or the memory button **M*** (▷ page 107).

Do not leave children unattended in the vehicle, or with access to an unlocked vehicle. Children could open the driver's door and unintentionally activate the easy-entry/exit feature, which could result in an accident and/or serious personal injury.

With the easy-entry/exit feature activated, the steering wheel will return to its last set position when you:

- close the driver's door with the ignition switched on,
or
- insert the SmartKey into the starter switch with the driver's door closed.



The last set steering wheel position is stored when

- the ignition is switched off
- the position is stored in memory (▷ page 107)

With the easy-entry/exit feature activated, the steering wheel tilts upwards when you:

- remove the SmartKey from the starter switch,
or
- open the driver's door with the SmartKey in starter switch position **0** or **1**.



If the current position for the steering wheel is in the uppermost tilt position, the steering wheel will no longer be able to move upward when the easy-entry/exit feature is activated.

The adjustment procedure is briefly interrupted when the engine is started.

Warning!

Let the system complete the adjustment procedure before setting the vehicle in motion. All steering wheel adjustment must be completed before setting the vehicle in motion. Driving off with the steering wheel still adjusting could cause the driver to lose control of the vehicle.

Mirrors

Adjust the interior and exterior rear view mirrors before driving so that you have a good view of the road and traffic conditions.

Warning!

In case of an accident, liquid electrolyte may escape the mirror housing if the mirror glass breaks.

Electrolyte has an irritating effect. Do not allow the liquid to come into contact with eyes, skin, clothing, or respiratory system. In case it does, immediately flush affected area with water, and seek medical help if necessary.



Electrolyte drops coming into contact with the vehicle paint finish can only be completely removed while in their liquid state and by applying plenty of water.

Interior rear view mirror

- Adjust the interior rear view mirror manually.

For more information, see “Rear view mirrors” (▷ page 173).

Exterior rear view mirrors**Warning!**

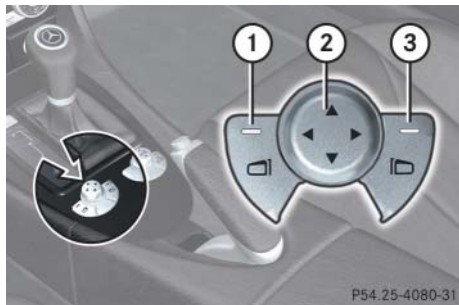
Exercise care when using the passenger-side exterior rear view mirror. The mirror surface is convex (outwardly curved surface for a wider field of view). Objects in mirror are closer than they appear. Check your interior rear view mirror or glance over your shoulder before changing lanes.

Adjusting



If an exterior rear view mirror housing is forcibly pushed forward (hit from the rear) or rearward (hit from the front), reposition it by applying firm pressure until it snaps into place. The exterior rear view mirror housing is now properly positioned and you can adjust the mirror normally.

The switches are located on the lower part of the center console.



- ① Driver's side exterior rear view mirror
- ② Adjustment switch
- ③ Passenger-side exterior rear view mirror



The memory function (▷ page 107) lets you store the settings for the exterior rear view mirrors together with the settings for the steering wheel and the driver's seat position.

- ▶ Switch on the ignition (▷ page 36).
- ▶ Press switch ① or ③ to select the respective exterior rear view mirror.

The indicator lamp in the respective switch comes on. If you do not adjust the selected exterior rear view mirror by pressing adjustment switch ②, the indicator lamp in the switch will switch off automatically after approximately 10 seconds.

- ▶ Press adjustment switch ② forward, rearward, left, or right according to the desired setting.



At low ambient temperatures, the exterior rear view mirrors will be heated automatically.



Before driving the vehicle through an automatic car wash, fold the exterior mirrors in. Otherwise they may get damaged.

For more information, see “Storing exterior rear view mirror parking position (parking aid)” (▷ page 108).

▼ Driving

Warning!



Do not lay any objects in the driver's footwell. Be careful that floor mats or carpets in the driver's footwell have sufficient clearance for the pedals.

During sudden driving or braking maneuvers the objects could get caught between the pedals. You could then no longer brake or accelerate.

Fastening the seat belts

Warning!



Always fasten your seat belt before driving off. Always make sure your passengers are properly restrained, even pregnant women.

Failure to wear and properly fasten and position your seat belt greatly increases your risk of injuries and their likely severity in an accident. You and your passenger should always wear seat belts.

If you are ever in an accident, your injuries can be considerably more severe without your seat belt properly buckled. Without your seat belt buckled, you are much more likely to hit the interior of the vehicle or be ejected from it. You can be seriously injured or killed.

In the same crash, the possibility of injury or death is lessened if you are wearing your seat belt. The air bags can only provide the protection they were designed to afford if the occupants are using their seat belts (▷ page 64).

Warning!



Children 12 years old and under must never ride in the front seat, except in a Mercedes-Benz authorized BabySmart™ compatible child seat, which operates with the BabySmart™ system installed in the vehicle to deactivate the passenger front air bag when it is properly installed.

Otherwise they will be struck by the air bag when it inflates in a crash. If this happens, serious or fatal injury will result.

Infants and small children must be seated in an appropriate BabySmart™ compatible infant or child restraint system, which is properly secured with the vehicle's seat belt, fully in accordance with the child seat manufacturer's instructions.

A child's risk of serious or fatal injuries is significantly increased if the child restraints are not properly secured in the vehicle and the child is not properly secured in the child restraint.

Warning!



Never let more people ride in the vehicle than there are seat belts available. Be sure everyone riding in the vehicle is correctly restrained with a separate seat belt. Never use a seat belt for more than one person at a time.

Warning!



Never ride in a moving vehicle with the seat backrest in an excessively reclined position as this can be dangerous. You could slide under the seat belt in a collision. If you slide under it, the belt would apply force at the abdomen or neck. That could cause serious or even fatal injuries. The seat backrest and seat belt provide the best restraint when the wearer is in a nearly upright position and the belt is properly positioned on the body.

Warning!



Read and observe the additional warning notices printed in the “Safety and Security” section (▷ page 68) and (▷ page 71).



- ① Loop for seat belt guidance
- ② Latch plate
- ③ Release button
- ④ Buckle

- ▶ With a smooth motion, pull the belt from the belt outlet.
- ▶ Place the shoulder portion of the belt across the top of your shoulder and the lap portion across your hips.
- ▶ Push latch plate ② into buckle ④ until it engages.
- ▶ If necessary, tighten the lap portion to a snug fit by pulling shoulder portion up.

For more information, see “Safety guidelines for the seat belt, emergency tensioning device and air bag” (▷ page 68).

Proper use of seat belts

- Do not twist the seat belt when fastening.
- Adjust seat belt so that the shoulder portion is located as close as possible to the middle of the shoulder (it should not touch the neck). Never pass the shoulder portion of the belt under your arm.
- Position the lap belt as low as possible on your hips (over hip joint) and not across the abdomen.
- Place the seat backrest in a nearly upright position.

Driving

- Never use a seat belt for more than one person at a time.
- Do not fasten a seat belt around a person and another object at the same time.
- When using a seat belt to secure infant or toddler restraints or children in booster seats, always follow the child seat manufacturer's instructions.
- Check your seat belt during travel to make sure it is properly positioned.
- Make sure the seat belt is always fitted snugly. Take special care of this when wearing loose clothing.

Warning!



Do not pass belts over sharp edges. They could tear.

Do not allow the belt to get caught in the door or in the seat adjustment mechanism. This could damage the belt.

Never attempt to make modifications to seat belts. This could impair the effectiveness of the belts.

Do not bleach or dye seat belts as this may severely weaken them. In a crash, they may not be able to provide adequate protection.

Damaged seat belts or belts that were highly stressed in an accident must be replaced. Contact an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center.

Starting the engine

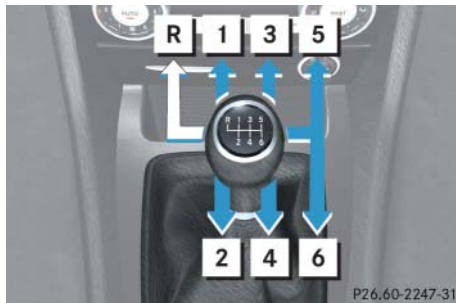
Warning!



Inhalation of exhaust gas is hazardous to your health. All exhaust gas contains carbon monoxide, and inhaling it can cause unconsciousness and possible death.

Do not run the engine in confined areas (such as a garage) which are not properly ventilated. If you think that exhaust gas fumes are entering the vehicle while driving, have the cause determined and corrected immediately. If you must drive under these conditions, drive only with at least one window fully open.

Manual transmission



Gearshift pattern for manual transmission

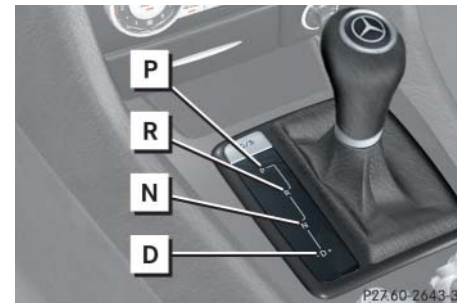
For more information, see “Manual transmission” (▷ page 155).

Starting

- ▶ Depress brake pedal.
 - ▶ Make sure the gearshift lever is in neutral position (no gear selected).
 - ▶ Fully depress clutch pedal.
- Otherwise the engine cannot be started due to the integrated safety interlock.
- ▶ Do not depress accelerator.
 - ▶ Turn the SmartKey in the starter switch to position **3** (▷ page 36) and hold until the engine starts.

For information on turning off the engine, see “Turning off engine” (▷ page 61).

Automatic transmission*



Gearshift pattern for automatic transmission

- P** Park position with gear selector lever lock
- R** Reverse gear
- N** Neutral position
- D** Drive position

For more information, see “Automatic transmission*” (▷ page 157).

Starting

- ▶ Place the gear selector lever in position **P**.
- ▶ Do not depress accelerator.
- ▶ Turn the SmartKey in the starter switch to position **3** (▷ page 36) and release it again immediately. The engine starts automatically.

For information on turning off the engine, see “Turning off engine” (▷ page 61).

Starting difficulties

If the engine does not start as described, carry out the following steps:

- ▶ Turn the SmartKey in the starter switch to position **0** and repeat the starting procedure.

Remember that extended starting attempts can drain the vehicle battery.

- ▶ Get a jump start (▷ page 424).

If the engine does not start after several starting attempts, there could be a malfunction in the engine electronics or in the fuel supply system.

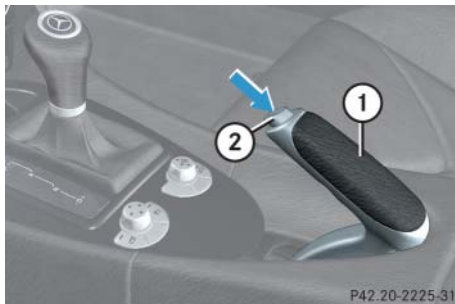
- ▶ Notify an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center.

Parking brake

Warning!



When leaving the vehicle, always remove the SmartKey from the starter switch, take it with you, and lock the vehicle. Do not leave children unattended in the vehicle, or with access to an unlocked vehicle. Children could release the parking brake, which could result in an accident and/or serious injury.



① Parking brake lever

② Release button

- ▶ Pull up slightly on parking brake lever ① and press release button ②.
- ▶ Push parking brake lever ① down to its original position.

The brake warning lamp **BRAKE** (USA only) or **①** (Canada only) in the speedometer dial goes out.

Driving

Warning!



On slippery road surfaces, never downshift in order to obtain braking action. This could result in drive wheel slip and reduced vehicle control. Your vehicle's ABS will not prevent this type of loss of control.



If you hear a warning signal and the message **Release parking brake** appears in the multifunction display when driving off, you have forgotten to release the parking brake.



Simultaneously depressing the accelerator pedal and the brake pedal reduces engine performance and causes premature brake and drivetrain wear.



Once the vehicle is in motion, the automatic central locking system engages and the locking knobs drop down.

For more information, see "Automatic central locking" (> page 101).

Manual transmission

- ▶ Depress the brake pedal.
- ▶ Fully depress the clutch pedal.
- ▶ Move gearshift lever to first gear to drive forward, or to reverse gear to drive rearward.
- ▶ Simultaneously release the brake pedal and slowly the clutch pedal.
- ▶ Carefully depress the accelerator pedal.

Automatic transmission*



Wait for the gear selection process to complete before setting the vehicle in motion.

- ▶ Depress the brake pedal.
- ▶ Move gear selector lever to position **D** to drive forward, or to position **R** to drive rearward.
- ▶ Release the brake pedal.
- ▶ Carefully depress the accelerator pedal.



During the brief warm-up, transmission upshifting is delayed. This allows the catalytic converter to heat up more quickly to operating temperature.

Warning!



Vehicles with automatic transmission*: It is dangerous to shift the gear selector lever out of **P** or **N** if the engine speed is higher than idle speed. If your foot is not firmly on the brake pedal, the vehicle could accelerate quickly forward or in reverse. You could lose control of the vehicle and hit someone or something. Only shift into gear when the engine is idling normally and when your right foot is firmly on the brake pedal.


Switching on headlamps

Low beam headlamps

The exterior lamp switch is located on the dashboard to the left of the steering wheel.



Exterior lamp switch

- ① Off
- ② Low beam headlamps on
- Turn exterior lamp switch to position .


High beam

The combination switch is located on the left of the steering column.



Combination switch

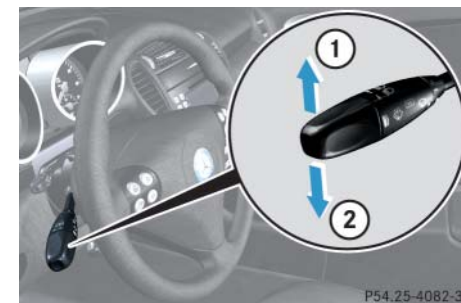
- ① High beam
- ② High beam flasher
- Push combination switch in direction of arrow ①.

The high beam headlamp indicator lamp  in the instrument cluster comes on (► page 24).

For more information on headlamps, see “Lighting” (► page 110).

Turn signals

The combination switch is located on the left of the steering column.





Combination switch

- ① Turn signals, right
- ② Turn signals, left

Driving

- ▶ Press combination switch in direction of arrow ① or ②.

The corresponding turn signal indicator lamp  or  in the instrument cluster flashes (▷ page 24).

The combination switch resets automatically after major directional changes.



To signal minor directional changes, press combination switch only to point of resistance and release. The corresponding turn signals will flash three times.

Windshield wipers

The combination switch is located on the left of the steering column.



Combination switch

- ① Single wipe
Wiping with windshield washer fluid
 - ② Switching on windshield wipers
- ▶ Switch on the ignition (▷ page 36).



Do not operate the windshield wipers when the windshield is dry. Dust that accumulates on a windshield might scratch the glass and/or damage the wiper blades when wiping occurs on a dry windshield. If it is necessary to operate the wipers in dry weather conditions, always operate the windshield wipers with windshield washer fluid (▷ page 57).

Switching on windshield wipers

- ▶ Turn the combination switch to the desired position depending on the intensity of the rain.

0 Windshield wipers off

I Intermittent wiping

II Normal wiper speed

III Fast wiper speed

Intermittent wiping



Vehicles with rain sensor*:

Do not leave windshield wipers in intermittent setting when vehicle is taken to an automatic car wash or during windshield cleaning. Windshield wipers will operate in the presence of water sprayed on the windshield, and windshield wipers may be damaged as a result.

Vehicles with rain sensor*:

Intermittent wiping interval is dependent on wetness of windshield.

- ▶ Turn the combination switch to position **I**.

Vehicles with rain sensor*:

After the initial wipe, pauses between wipes are automatically controlled by the rain sensor.



Intermittent wiping is interrupted when the vehicle is at a standstill and a door is opened. This helps to avoid people being sprayed with water from wiper action when getting into and out of the vehicle.

Intermittent wiping will be continued when

- all doors are closed
- and
- the clutch pedal is depressed (vehicles with manual transmission)
- or
- the gear selector lever is in position **D** or **R** (vehicles with automatic transmission*)
- or
- the wiper setting is changed using the combination switch

Single wipe

- ▶ Press the combination switch briefly in direction of arrow ① to the resistance point.

The windshield wipers wipe one time without washer fluid.

Wiping with windshield washer fluid

- ▶ Press the combination switch in direction of arrow ① past the resistance point.

The windshield wipers operate with washer fluid.



To prevent smears on the windshield, wipe with windshield washer fluid every now and then even when it is raining.

For information on filling up the washer reservoir, see “Windshield washer system and headlamp cleaning system*” (▷ page 315).



If anything blocks the windshield wipers (leaves, snow, etc.), switch them off immediately.

- For safety reasons, stop the vehicle in a safe location, turn off the engine and remove the SmartKey from the starter switch before attempting to remove any blockage.
- Remove blockage.
- Turn the windshield wipers on again.

If the windshield wipers fail to function at all with combination switch in position I,

- set combination switch to the next higher wiper speed
- have the windshield wipers checked at the nearest authorized Mercedes-Benz Center

Problems while driving

The engine runs erratically and misfires

- An ignition cable may be damaged.
 - The engine electronics may not be operating properly.
 - Unburned gasoline may have entered the catalytic converter and damaged it.
- ▶ Give very little gas.
 - ▶ Have the problem repaired by an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center as soon as possible.

The coolant temperature is above 248°F (120°C)

The coolant is too hot and is no longer cooling the engine.

- ▶ Stop the vehicle as soon as possible and turn off the engine. Allow engine and coolant to cool.
- ▶ Check the coolant level and add coolant if necessary (▷ page 313).

In case of accident

If the vehicle is leaking gasoline:

- ▶ Do not start the engine under any circumstances.
- ▶ Notify local fire and/or police authorities.

If the extent of the damage cannot be determined:

- ▶ Notify an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center.

If no damage can be determined on the

- Major assemblies
 - Fuel system
 - Engine mount
- ▶ Start the engine in the usual manner.

▼ Parking and locking

You have now completed your first drive. You have properly stopped and parked your vehicle. End your drive as follows.

Warning!



Vehicles with manual transmission: Wait until the vehicle is stationary before removing the SmartKey from the starter switch. The vehicle cannot be steered when the SmartKey is removed.

Warning!



With the engine not running, there is no power assistance for the brake and steering system. In this case, it is important to keep in mind that a considerably higher degree of effort is necessary to brake and steer the vehicle.

Warning!



Do not park this vehicle in areas where combustible materials such as grass, hay or leaves can come into contact with the hot exhaust system, as these materials could be ignited and cause a vehicle fire.

To reduce the risk of personal injury as a result of vehicle movement, before turning off the engine and leaving the vehicle always:

- Keep right foot on brake pedal.
- Pull up the parking brake lever firmly.
- Move the gear selector lever* to position **P** (manual transmission: first or reverse gear).
- Slowly release brake pedal.
- When parked on an incline, turn front wheels towards the road curb.
- Turn the SmartKey in the starter switch to position **0** and remove the SmartKey from the starter switch.
- Take the SmartKey and lock vehicle when leaving.

Parking brake



① Parking brake lever

② Release button

- Pull up parking brake lever ① firmly.

When the ignition is switched on or the engine is running, the brake warning lamp **BRAKE** (USA only) or **Ⓟ** (Canada only) in the speedometer dial comes on.

Parking and locking

Warning!



Getting out of your vehicle with the gear selector lever* not fully engaged in position **P** (manual transmission: first or reverse gear) is dangerous. Also, when parked on an incline, position **P** (manual transmission: first or reverse gear) alone may not prevent your vehicle from moving, possibly hitting people or objects.

Always set the parking brake in addition to shifting to position **P** (manual transmission: first or reverse gear).

When parked on an incline, turn the front wheels towards the road curb.

Warning!



When leaving the vehicle, always remove the SmartKey from the starter switch, take it with you, and lock the vehicle. Do not leave children unattended in the vehicle, or with access to an unlocked vehicle. Children could release the parking brake and/or move the gear selector lever* from position **P** (manual transmission: into Neutral), either of which could result in an accident and/or serious injury.

Switching off headlamps

- Turn exterior lamp switch to **0** (▷ page 55).

For more information, see “Lighting” (▷ page 110).

Turning off engine

- ▶ Manual transmission: Move the gear-shift lever into first or reverse gear.
- ▶ Automatic transmission*: Place the gear selector lever in position **P**.



Always set the parking brake in addition to shifting into first or reverse gear (automatic transmission*: gear selector lever in position **P**).

On slopes, turn the front wheels towards the road curb.

- ▶ Turn the SmartKey in the starter switch to position **0** and remove the SmartKey from the starter switch.

The immobilizer is activated.



Vehicles with automatic transmission*: The SmartKey can only be removed from the starter switch with the gear selector lever in position **P**.

- ▶ Press the seat belt release button (▷ page 49).
- ▶ Guide the latch plate to allow the retractor to completely rewind the seat belt.



Make sure the seat belt retracts fully so that the seat belt and/or latch plate cannot get caught or pinched in the door or in the seat mechanism. This can damage the seat belt and impair the effectiveness of the seat belt, and/or cause damage to the door and/or door trim panel. Such damage is not covered by the Mercedes-Benz Limited Warranty.

Damaged seat belts must be replaced. Contact an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center.



With the SmartKey removed from the starter switch and the driver's door open, a warning sounds if the parking lamps or low beam headlamps are switched on (▷ page 110).

The message *Turn off lights* appears in the multifunction display.

Parking and locking



Opening a door causes the windows on that side of the car to open slightly. They will return to the up position when the door is closed.



The side windows will not open or close if the battery is discharged or the windows are covered with ice. As a result, you may no longer be able to properly close the door. Do not attempt to force the door shut. Doing so may damage the door or the side window. Correct the condition that prevents the windows from operating before attempting to close the door.

Locking

Warning!




To prevent possible personal injury, always keep hands and fingers away from the door openings when closing the doors. Be especially careful when small children are around.

Before closing doors, make sure there is no possibility of someone getting caught in a door during closing.

Warning!



When leaving the vehicle, always remove the SmartKey from the starter switch, take it with you, and lock the vehicle. Do not leave children unattended in the vehicle, or with access to an unlocked vehicle. Unsupervised use of vehicle equipment may cause an accident and/or serious personal injury.

- ▶ Exit the vehicle and close all doors.
- ▶ Press the lock button  on the SmartKey (▷ page 34).

With the trunk and all doors closed, all turn signal lamps flash three times. The locking knobs on the doors move down.

The anti-theft alarm system is armed now (▷ page 87).



Without the antenna on the left rear side of the vehicle installed, the SmartKey signaling range is considerably reduced. Hold the SmartKey in close proximity towards the antenna base when locking or unlocking the vehicle.

For more information, see “Locking and unlocking” (▷ page 92).

Occupant safety

Panic alarm

Driving safety systems

Anti-theft systems



Occupant safety

In this section you will learn the most important facts about the restraint systems of the vehicle.

The restraint systems are

- Seat belts
- Emergency tensioning device (ETD)
- Air bags
- Child seats
- Child seat recognition

As independent systems, their protective effects work in conjunction with each other.



For information on infants and children traveling with you in the vehicle and restraint systems for infants and children, see “Children in the vehicle” (▷ page 75).

The **SRS** indicator lamp in the speedometer dial (▷ page 24) comes on

- for about 4 seconds when you turn the SmartKey in the starter switch to position **1**. It then goes out briefly, comes on again and remains lit until you start the engine.
- for about 4 seconds when you start the engine by turning the SmartKey.



The **SRS** indicator lamp remains lit if the SmartKey is turned to position **2** and left there. The indicator lamp will go out when you start the engine.

The **SRS** indicator lamp goes out shortly after you start the engine. This shows that the restraint systems are operational.

A malfunction in the system has been detected if the **SRS** indicator lamp

- fails to extinguish after approximately 4 seconds with the SmartKey in the starter switch position **1**
- does not come on at all
- comes on after the engine was started
- comes on while driving

For safety reasons, we strongly recommend that you visit an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center immediately to have the system checked.

For more information, see “Practical hints” (▷ page 366).

Warning!



In the event that the **SRS** indicator lamp comes on during driving or does not come on at all, the SRS self-check has detected a malfunction. For your safety, we strongly recommend that you visit an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center immediately to have the system checked; otherwise the SRS may not be activated when needed in an accident, which could result in serious or fatal injury, or it might deploy unexpectedly and unnecessarily which could also result in injury.

In addition, improper work on the SRS creates a risk of rendering the SRS inoperative or causing unintended air bag deployment. Work on the SRS must therefore only be performed by qualified technicians. Contact an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center.

Air bags

Warning!



Air bags are designed to reduce the potential of injury in certain frontal impacts (front air bags, kneebags), or side impacts (head-thorax air bags) which may cause significant injuries. However, no system available today can totally eliminate injuries and fatalities.

The activation of the air bags temporarily releases a small amount of dust from the air bags. This dust, however, is neither injurious to your health, nor does it indicate a fire in the vehicle. The dust might cause some temporary breathing difficulty for people with asthma or other breathing trouble. To avoid this, you may wish to get out of the vehicle as soon as it is safe to do so. If you have any breathing difficulty but cannot get out of the vehicle after the air bag inflates, then get fresh air by opening a window or door.

Warning!



To reduce the risk of injury when the front air bags inflate, it is very important for the driver and passenger to always be in a properly seated position and to wear their seat belts.

For maximum protection in the event of a collision always be in normal seated position with your back against the backrest. Fasten your seat belt and ensure it is properly positioned on your body.

Since the air bag inflates with considerable speed and force, a proper seating and hands on steering wheel position will help to keep you at a safe distance from the air bag. Occupants who are unbelted, out of position or too close to the air bag can be seriously injured or killed by an air bag as it inflates with great force in the blink of an eye:

- Sit properly belted in a nearly upright position with your back against the seat backrest.



Occupant safety



- Adjust the driver seat as far as possible rearward, still permitting proper operation of vehicle controls. The distance from the center of the driver's breastbone to the center of the air bag cover on the steering wheel must be at least ten inches (25 cm) or more. You should be able to accomplish this by a combination of adjustments to the seat and the steering wheel. If you have any problems, please see an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center.
- Do not lean with your head or chest close to the steering wheel or dashboard.
- Keep hands on the outside of the steering wheel rim. Placing hands and arms inside the rim can increase the risk and potential severity of hand/arm injury when driver front air bag inflates.
- Adjust the passenger seat as far as possible rearward from the dashboard when the seat is occupied.

- Occupants, especially children, should never lean their heads in the area of the door where the head-thorax air bag inflates. This could result in serious injuries or death should the air bag be triggered. Always sit nearly upright, properly use the seat belts and appropriately sized infant or child restraint system.
- Children 12 years old and under must never ride in this vehicle, except in a Mercedes-Benz authorized BabySmart™ compatible child seat, which operates with the BabySmart™ system installed in the vehicle to deactivate the passenger front air bag when it is properly installed. Otherwise, they will be struck by the air bag when it inflates in a crash. If this happens, serious or fatal injury will result.

Failure to follow these instructions can result in severe injuries to you or other occupants.

If you sell your vehicle, it is important that you make the buyer aware of this safety information. Be sure to give the buyer this Operator's Manual.

Warning!



Accident research shows that the safest place for children in an automobile is in the rear seat. Should you choose to place a child 12 years old or under in the passenger seat of your vehicle, you must properly use a BabySmart™ child restraint which will turn off the passenger front air bag. BabySmart™ will not, however, turn off any head-thorax air bag.

It should be noted, however, that there is a possibility of a head-thorax air bag related injury if occupants, especially children, are not properly seated or restrained when next to a head-thorax air bag which needs to deploy rapidly in a side impact in order to do its job.

To help avoid the possibility of injury, please follow these guidelines:

- (1) Occupants, especially children, should never place their bodies or lean their heads in the area of the door where the head-thorax air bag inflates. This could result in serious injuries or death should the head-thorax air bag be activated.
- (2) Always sit nearly upright, properly use the seat belts and use an appropriately sized infant or child restraint system for all children 12 years old or under.

- (3) Always wear seat belts properly.

If you believe that, even with the use of these guidelines, it would be safer for your passenger seat occupants to have the passenger head-thorax air bag deactivated, then deactivation can be accomplished upon your written request to do so at an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center at an additional cost.

Please contact your local authorized Mercedes-Benz Center or call our Customer Assistance Center at 1-800-FOR-MERcedes (1-800-367-6372) for details.

Occupant safety



Air bags are designed to activate only in certain frontal impacts (front air bags, kneebags), or side impacts (head-thorax air bags) which exceed preset thresholds.

Only during these types of impacts, if of sufficient severity to meet the deployment thresholds, will they provide their supplemental protection.

The driver and passenger should always wear their seat belts. Otherwise it is not possible for the air bags to provide their supplemental protection.

In cases of other frontal impacts, angled impacts, roll-overs, other side impacts, rear collisions, or other accidents, the air bags will not be activated. The driver and the passenger will then be protected by the fastened seat belts.

We caution you not to rely on the presence of the air bags in order to avoid wearing your seat belt.

Your vehicle was originally equipped with air bags that are designed to activate in certain impacts exceeding a preset threshold to reduce the potential and severity of injury. It is important to your safety and that of your passengers that you replace deployed air bags and repair any malfunctioning air bags to make sure the vehicle will continue to provide supplemental crash protection for occupants.

Safety guidelines for the seat belt, emergency tensioning device and air bag

Warning!



- Damaged seat belts or belts that were highly stressed in an accident must be replaced and their anchoring points must also be checked. Only use belts installed or supplied by an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center.
- Air bags and emergency tensioning devices (ETDs) are designed to function on a one-time-only basis. An air bag or ETD that was activated must be replaced.
- No modifications of any kind may be made to any components or wiring of the SRS. This includes changing or removing any component or part of the SRS, the installation of additional trim material, badges etc. over the steering wheel hub, passenger air bag cover, outboard sides of the seat backrests, door trim panels, or door frame trims,

and installation of additional electrical/electronic equipment on or near SRS components and wiring. Keep area between air bags and occupants free from objects (e.g. packages, purses, umbrellas, etc.).

- Do not pass belts over sharp edges. They could tear.
- Do not make any modification that could change the effectiveness of the belts.
- Do not bleach or dye seat belts as this may severely weaken them. In a crash they may not be able to provide adequate protection.
- Never place your feet on the instrument panel, or on the seat. Always keep both feet on the floor in front of the seat.
- Air bag system components will be hot after an air bag has inflated. Do not touch.

- In addition, improper repair work on the SRS creates a risk of rendering the SRS inoperative or causing unintended air bag deployment. Work on the SRS must therefore only be performed by qualified technicians. Contact an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center.
- For your protection and the protection of others, when scrapping the air bag unit or emergency tensioning device, our safety instructions must be followed. These instructions are available from your authorized Mercedes-Benz Center.
- Given the considerable deployment speed and the textile structure of the air bags, there is the possibility of abrasions or other injuries resulting from air bag deployment.

Warning!



Only use seat covers which have been tested and approved by Mercedes-Benz for your vehicle model. Using other seat covers may interfere with or prevent the deployment of the head-thorax airbags. Contact your authorized Mercedes-Benz Center for availability.

When you sell your vehicle, we strongly urge you to give notice to the subsequent owner that it is equipped with an SRS by alerting them to the applicable section in the Operator's Manual.

Occupant safety

Front air bags




- ① Driver's air bag
- ② Passenger air bag
- ③ Kneebag (passenger side)
- ④ Kneebag (driver's side)

Driver and passenger air bags are deployed

- in the event of certain frontal impacts
- if impact exceeds a preset deployment threshold
- independently of the head-thorax air bags

The air bags will not deploy in impacts which do not exceed the system's deployment thresholds. You will then be protected by the fastened seat belts.

The passenger air bag will only be deployed if

- the passenger seat is occupied
- the  indicator lamp in the center console is not lit (▷ page 77)
- the impact exceeds a preset deployment threshold



Do not place objects heavier than 20 lbs (9 kg) on the passenger seat. This could cause the front air bag or head-thorax air bag on the passenger side to deploy in a crash which exceeds the system's deployment threshold.

Kneebags

The driver-side kneebag is located on the driver's side lower instrument panel. The passenger-side kneebag is located on the passenger side below the glove box. They are designed to operate together with the air bags in certain frontal impacts exceeding a preset threshold. The kneebags operate best in conjunction with properly positioned and fastened seat belts.

Head-thorax air bags



① Head-thorax air bag


The head-thorax air bags are deployed

- on the impacted side of the vehicle
- in impacts exceeding a preset deployment threshold
- independently of the front air bags


The passenger-side head-thorax air bag will only deploy if the system senses that the passenger seat is occupied.


The head-thorax air bags are not deployed in impacts which do not exceed the system's deployment threshold.



Seat belts


When the engine is started, the seat belt telltale  illuminates for a maximum of 6 seconds and a warning chime sounds to remind you and your passenger to fasten your seat belt.

If after these 6 seconds, the driver's or the passenger's seat belt (with the passenger seat occupied) are not fastened with all doors closed,

- and the vehicle speed does not exceed 15 mph (25 km/h), the seat belt telltale  remains illuminated for as long as either the driver's or passenger's seat belt is not fastened.

- and the vehicle speed exceeds 15 mph (25 km/h), the seat belt telltale  starts flashing and a warning chime sounds with increasing intensity until both the driver's and passenger's seat belt are fastened, or for a maximum of 60 seconds from the time the vehicle speed exceeded 15 mph (25 km/h) if either the driver's or passenger's seat belt remains unfastened.

If the driver's or passenger's seat belt remains unfastened after 60 seconds, the seat belt telltale  stops flashing and the warning chime stops sounding. The seat belt telltale  then continues to be illuminated for as long as either the driver's or passenger's seat belt are not fastened.

The seat belt telltale  will only go out if both the driver's and passenger's seat belt (with the passenger seat occupied) are fastened, or the vehicle is standing still and a door is opened.

Occupant safety

Always wear your seat belt. All vehicle occupants always need to have their seat belts fastened and wear them properly.

In addition, applicable motor vehicle safety laws require you to wear seat belts. Even where this is not the case, we strongly recommend that all vehicle occupants have their seat belts fastened and wear them properly.

For more information, see “Fastening the seat belts” (▷ page 47).



For information on infants and children traveling with you in the vehicle and restraint systems for infants and children, see “Children in the vehicle” (▷ page 75).

Warning!



Always fasten your seat belt before driving off. Always make sure your passenger is properly restrained, even pregnant women.

Failure to wear and properly fasten and position your seat belt greatly increases your risk of injuries and their likely severity in an accident. You and your passenger should always wear seat belts.

If you are ever in an accident, your injuries can be considerably more severe without your seat belt properly buckled. Without your seat belt buckled, you are much more likely to hit the interior of the vehicle or be ejected from it. You can be seriously injured or killed.

In the same crash, the possibility of injury or death is lessened if you are properly wearing your seat belt. Air bags can only protect as they are designed if the occupants are properly wearing their seat belts.

Warning!



Never ride in a moving vehicle with the seat backrest in an excessively reclined position as this can be dangerous. You could slide under the seat belt in a collision. If you slide under it, the belt would apply force at the abdomen or neck. That could cause serious or even fatal injuries. The seat backrest and seat belt provide the best restraint when the wearer is in a nearly upright position and the belt is properly positioned on the body.

Warning!



Never let more people ride in the vehicle than there are seat belts available. Be sure everyone riding in the vehicle is correctly restrained with a separate seat belt. Never use a seat belt for more than one person at a time.

Warning!



Damaged seat belts or belts that were highly stressed in an accident must be replaced and their anchoring points must also be checked.

Only use seat belts which have been approved by Mercedes-Benz.

Do not make any modifications to the seat belts. This can lead to unintended activation of the ETDs or to failure.

Do not bleach or dye seat belts as this may severely weaken them. In a crash they may not be able to provide adequate protection.

Have all work carried out only by qualified technicians. Contact an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center.

Warning!



USE SEAT BELTS PROPERLY

- Seat belts can only work when used properly. Never wear seat belts in any other way than as described in this section, as that could result in serious injuries in case of an accident.
- Each occupant should wear his or her seat belt at all times, because seat belts help reduce the likelihood and potential severity of injuries in accidents, including rollovers. The integrated restraint system includes SRS (driver air bag, passenger air bag, kneebags, head-thorax air bags) and ETD (seat belt emergency tensioning device).

The system is designed to enhance the protection offered to properly belted occupants in certain frontal (front air bags, kneebags, and EDT) and side (head-thorax air bags and EDT) impacts which exceed preset deployment thresholds.

- Never wear the shoulder belt under your arm, against your neck or off your shoulder. In a crash, your body would move too far forward. That would increase the chance of head and neck injuries. The belt would also apply too much force to the ribs or abdomen, which could severely injure internal organs such as your liver or spleen.
- Never wear belts over rigid or breakable objects in or on your clothing, such as eyeglasses, pens, keys, etc., as these might cause injuries.
- Position the lap belt as low as possible on your hips and not across the abdomen. If the belt is positioned across your abdomen, it could cause serious injuries in a crash.
- Never use a seat belt for more than one person at a time. Do not fasten a seat belt around a person and another person or other objects.



Occupant safety



- Belts should not be worn twisted. In a crash, you wouldn't have the full width of the belt to manage impact forces. The twisted belt against your body could cause injuries.
- Pregnant women should also use a lap-shoulder belt. The lap belt portion should be positioned as low as possible on the hips to avoid any possible pressure on the abdomen.
- Never place your feet on the instrument panel, dashboard or on the seat. Always keep both feet on the floor in front of the seat.

Emergency tensioning device (ETD), seat belt force limiter

The seat belts are equipped with emergency tensioning devices (ETDs) and seat belt force limiters.

The ETD is designed to activate in the following cases:

- in frontal or rear-end impacts exceeding a preset severity level.
- if the restraint systems are operational and functioning correctly, see **SRS** indicator lamp (▷ page 64).



The ETDs for the seats will only activate if the respective seat belt is fastened (latch plate properly inserted into buckle).

In an impact emergency tensioning devices remove slack from the belts in such a way that the seat belts fit more snugly against the body. Belt force limiters reduce the force exerted by the seat belts on occupants during a crash.

Warning!



An emergency tensioning device (ETD) that was activated must be replaced.

When scrapping the emergency tensioning device, our safety instructions must be followed. These are available at your authorized Mercedes-Benz Center.



Do not place objects heavier than 20 lbs (9 kg) on the passenger seat. This could cause the front air bag or head-thorax air bag on the passenger side and, with the seat belt fastened to secure the object, the ETD to deploy in a crash which exceeds the system's deployment threshold.

Children in the vehicle

If an infant or child is traveling with you in the vehicle:

- Secure the child using an infant or child restraint appropriate to the age and size of the child.
- Ensure the infant or child is properly secured at all times while the vehicle is in motion.

Infant and child restraint seats and information on choosing an appropriate restraint system can be obtained from any Mercedes-Benz Center.

Infant and child restraint systems

Use only a BabySmart™ compatible child restraint for the passenger seat in this vehicle.

We recommend all infants and children be properly restrained at all times while the vehicle is in motion.

The passenger lap-shoulder belt has a special seat belt retractor for secure fastening of child restraints.

To fasten a child restraint, follow child restraint instructions for mounting. Then pull the shoulder belt out completely and let it retract. During seat belt retraction, a ratcheting sound can be heard to indicate that the special seat belt retractor is activated. The belt is now locked. Push down on child restraint to take up any slack.

To deactivate, release seat belt buckle and let seat belt retract completely. The seat belt can again be used in the usual manner.

Occupant safety

Warning!



Never release the seat belt buckle while the vehicle is in motion, since the special seat belt retractor will be deactivated.



The use of infant or child restraints is required by law in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. territories and all Canadian provinces.

Infants and small children should be seated in an appropriate infant or child restraint system properly secured by a lap-shoulder belt that complies with U.S. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards 213 and 225 and Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards 213 and 210.2.

A statement by the child restraint manufacturer of compliance with this standard can be found on the instruction label on the restraint and in the instruction manual provided with the restraint.

When using any infant or child restraint system, be sure to carefully read and follow all manufacturer's instructions for installation and use.

Please read and observe warning labels affixed to inside of vehicle and to infant or child restraints.

Warning!



Children 12 years old and under must never ride in this vehicle, except in a Mercedes-Benz authorized BabySmart™ compatible child seat, which operates with the BabySmart™ system installed in the vehicle to deactivate the passenger front air bag when it is properly installed. Otherwise they will be struck by the air bag when it inflates in a crash. If this happens, serious or fatal injury can result.

Infants and small children must be seated in an appropriate BabySmart™ compatible infant or child restraint system, which is properly secured with the vehicle's seat belt, fully in accordance with the child seat manufacturer's instructions.

Infants and small children should never share a seat belt with another occupant. During an accident, they could be crushed between the occupant and seat belt.

Children too big for child restraint systems should use regular seat belts. Position the shoulder belt across chest and shoulder, not face or neck. A booster seat may be necessary to achieve proper belt positioning for children from 41 lbs until they reach a height where a lap/shoulder belt fits properly without a booster.

A child's risk of serious or fatal injuries is significantly increased if the child restraints are not properly secured in the vehicle and the child is not properly secured in the child restraint.

When the child restraint is not in use, remove it from the vehicle or secure it with the seat belt to prevent the child restraint from becoming a projectile in the event of an accident.


Do not leave children unattended in the vehicle; even if the children are secured in a child restraint system. Unsupervised children in a child restraint system may use vehicle equipment and may cause serious personal injury.

BabySmart™ air bag deactivation system



①  indicator lamp

Special BabySmart™ compatible child seats, designed for use with the Mercedes-Benz system and available at any authorized Mercedes-Benz Center are required for use with the BabySmart™ air bag deactivation system. With the special child seat properly installed, the passenger front air bag will not deploy.

The  indicator lamp will be illuminated, except with the SmartKey removed or in starter switch position 0.







The system does not deactivate the head-thorax air bag and the ETD (emergency tensioning device).

Occupant safety

Self-test BabySmart™ without special child seat installed

After turning the SmartKey in the starter switch to position **1** or **2**, the

  indicator lamp comes on for approximately 6 seconds and then goes out.

If the   indicator lamp should not come on or is continuously lit, the system is not functioning. You must see an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center before seating any child on the passenger seat.

For more information, see “Practical hints” (▷ page 367).

Warning!





The BabySmart™ air bag deactivation system will **ONLY** work with a special child seat designed to operate with it. It will not work with child seats which are not BabySmart™ compatible.

Never place anything between seat cushion and child seat (e.g. pillow), since it reduces the effectiveness of the deactivation system. The bottom of the child seat must make full contact with the passenger seat cushion. An incorrectly mounted child seat could cause injuries to the child in case of an accident, instead of protecting the child.







Follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation of special child seats.

Warning!




When using a BabySmart™ compatible child seat on the passenger seat, the front passenger air bag will not deploy only if the   indicator lamp remains illuminated.

Please be sure to check the

  indicator lamp every time you use the special system child seat. Should the   indicator lamp go out while the restraint is installed, please check installation. If the   indicator lamp remains out, do not use the BabySmart™ restraint to transport children on the passenger seat until the system has been repaired.

Warning!

Do not place powered-on laptops, cell phones, electronic tags such as those used in ski passes, and like electronic devices on the passenger seat. Signals from such devices may interfere with the BabySmart™ system. Such signal interference, for example, may cause the  indicator lamp not to come on during self-test or be continuously lit, indicating that the system is not functioning.

Panic alarm

An audible alarm and flashing exterior lamps will operate for approximately 2¹/₂ minutes.



① **PANIC** button



USA only:

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Any unauthorized modification to this device could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.



Canada only:

This device complies with RSS-210 of Industry Canada. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) This device may not cause interference, and
- (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Any unauthorized modification to this device could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Activating

- ▶ Press and hold button ① for at least 1 second.



Without the antenna on the left rear side of the vehicle installed, the SmartKey signaling range for the panic alarm is considerably reduced. The panic alarm then only functions if the SmartKey is held in close proximity towards the antenna base.

Deactivating

- ▶ Press button ① again.
- or
- ▶ Insert the SmartKey in the starter switch.

Driving safety systems

In this section you will find information on the following driving safety systems:

- ABS (Antilock Brake System)
- BAS (Brake Assist System)
- ESP® (Electronic Stability Program)



In winter operation, the maximum effectiveness of the ABS, the BAS, and the ESP® is only achieved with winter tires (▷ page 348), or snow chains as required.

Warning!



The following factors increase the risk of accidents:

- Excessive speed, especially in turns
- Wet and slippery road surfaces
- Following another vehicle too closely

The ABS, BAS, and ESP® cannot reduce this risk.

Always adjust your driving style to the prevailing road and weather conditions.

ABS

Warning!




Do not pump the brake pedal. Use firm, steady brake pedal pressure instead. Pumping the brake pedal defeats the purpose of the ABS and significantly reduces braking effectiveness.

The Antilock Brake System (ABS) regulates the brake pressure so that the wheels do not lock during braking. This allows you to maintain the ability to steer your vehicle.

The ABS is functional above a speed of approximately 5 mph (8 km/h) independent of road surface conditions.

On slippery road surfaces, the ABS will respond even to light brake pressure.

The  indicator lamp in the speedometer dial (▷ page 24) comes on when you switch on the ignition. It goes out when the engine is running.

Braking

At the instant one of the wheels is about to lock up, a slight pulsation can be felt in the brake pedal, indicating that the ABS is in the regulating mode.

- Keep firm and steady pressure on the brake pedal while experiencing the pulsation.

Continuous, steady brake pedal pressure yields the advantages provided by the ABS, namely braking power and the ability to steer the vehicle.

The pulsating brake pedal can be an indication of hazardous road conditions and functions as a reminder to take extra care while driving.

Emergency brake maneuver

- Keep continuous full pressure on the brake pedal.

Warning!



The ABS cannot prevent the natural laws of physics from acting on the vehicle, nor can it increase braking or steering efficiency beyond that afforded by the condition of the vehicle brakes and tires or the traction afforded. The ABS cannot prevent accidents, including those resulting from excessive speed in turns, following another vehicle too closely, or hydroplaning. Only a safe, attentive, and skillful driver can prevent accidents. The capabilities of an ABS equipped vehicle must never be exploited in a reckless or dangerous manner which could jeopardize the user's safety or the safety of others.

For more information, see "Practical Hints" (► page 362).

BAS

The Brake Assist System (BAS) operates in emergency situations. If you apply the brakes very quickly, the BAS automatically provides full brake boost, thereby potentially reducing braking distance. Apply continuous full braking pressure until the emergency braking situation is over. The ABS will prevent the wheels from locking.

When you release the brake pedal, the brakes function again as normal. The BAS is then deactivated.

Warning!



If the BAS is malfunctioning, the brake system is still functioning normally, but without the additional brake boost available that BAS would normally provide in an emergency braking maneuver. Therefore, the braking distance may increase.

Warning!




The BAS cannot prevent the natural laws of physics from acting on the vehicle, nor can it increase braking efficiency beyond that afforded by the condition of the vehicle brakes and tires or the traction afforded. The BAS cannot prevent accidents, including those resulting from excessive speed in turns, following another vehicle too closely, or hydroplaning. Only a safe, attentive, and skillful driver can prevent accidents. The capabilities of a BAS equipped vehicle must never be exploited in a reckless or dangerous manner which could jeopardize the user's safety or the safety of others.


ESP®

The Electronic Stability Program (ESP®) is operational as soon as the engine is running and monitors the vehicle's traction (force of adhesive friction between the tires and the road surface) and handling.

The ESP® recognizes when a wheel is spinning or if the vehicle starts to skid.


By applying brakes to the appropriate wheel and by limiting engine output, the ESP® works to stabilize the vehicle. The ESP® is especially useful while driving off and on wet or slippery road surfaces. The ESP® also stabilizes the vehicle during braking maneuvers.

The ESP® warning lamp  in the speedometer dial flashes when the ESP® is engaged.

The ESP® warning lamp  in the speedometer dial comes on when you switch on the ignition. It goes out when the engine is running.

Warning!



Never switch off the ESP® when you see the ESP® warning lamp  flashing in the speedometer dial. In this case, proceed as follows:

- While driving off, apply as little throttle as possible.
- While driving, ease up on the accelerator.
- Adapt your speed and driving style to the prevailing road conditions.

Failure to observe these guidelines could cause the vehicle to skid.

The ESP® cannot prevent accidents resulting from excessive speed.

Warning!



The ESP® cannot prevent the natural laws of physics from acting on the vehicle, nor can it increase the traction afforded. The ESP® cannot prevent accidents, including those resulting from excessive speed in turns, or hydroplaning. Only a safe, attentive, and skillful driver can prevent accidents. The capabilities of an ESP® equipped vehicle must never be exploited in a reckless or dangerous manner which could jeopardize the user's safety or the safety of others.



The ESP® will only function properly if you use wheels of the recommended tire size (▷ page 439).



Because of the ESP®'s automatic operation, the engine must be turned off (SmartKey in starter switch position **0** or **1**) when

- the parking brake is being tested on a brake test dynamometer
- the vehicle is being towed with the front axle raised

Active braking action through the ESP® may otherwise seriously damage the brake system.

For more information, see “Practical Hints” (▷ page 365).

Switching off the ESP®

Warning!



The ESP® should not be switched off during normal driving other than in the circumstances described below. Disabling of the system will reduce vehicle stability in standard driving maneuvers.

Do not switch off the ESP® when a spare wheel with collapsible tire is mounted.

To improve the vehicle's traction, turn off the ESP® in driving situations where it would be advantageous to have the drive wheels spin and thus cut into surfaces for better grip such as:

- when driving with snow chains
- in deep snow
- in sand or gravel

Driving safety systems




Turn on the ESP® immediately if the aforementioned circumstances do not apply anymore.

When you switch off the ESP®

- the ESP® does not stabilize the vehicle
- the engine output is not limited, which allows the drive wheels to spin and thus cut into surfaces for a better grip
- the traction control will still brake a spinning wheel
- the ESP® continues to operate when you are braking




When the ESP® is switched off and one or more drive wheels are spinning, the ESP® warning lamp  in the speedometer dial flashes. However, the ESP® will then not stabilize the vehicle.

The switch is located on the upper part of the center console.



① ESP® switch (off/on)


- ▶ With the engine running, press ESP® switch ①.

The ESP® warning lamp  in the speedometer dial comes on.

The ESP® is switched off.

Warning!



When the ESP® warning lamp  is illuminated continuously, the ESP® is switched off.


Adapt your speed and driving to the prevailing road conditions and to the non-operating status of the ESP®.



Avoid spinning of a drive wheel for an extended period with the ESP® switched off. This may cause serious damage to the drivetrain which is not covered by the Mercedes-Benz Limited Warranty.

Switching on the ESP®

- ▶ Press ESP® switch ①.

The ESP® warning lamp  in the speedometer dial goes out.

You are now again in normal driving mode with the ESP® switched on.

▼ Anti-theft systems

Immobilizer

The immobilizer prevents unauthorized persons from starting your vehicle.

Activating

- Remove the SmartKey from the starter switch.

Deactivating

- Switch on the ignition (▷ page 36).



Starting the engine will also deactivate the immobilizer.

In case the engine cannot be started (yet the vehicle's battery is charged), the system is not operational. Contact an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center or call 1-800-FOR-MERCedes (in the USA), or 1-800-387-0100 (in Canada).

Anti-theft alarm system

Once the alarm system has been armed, a visual and audible alarm is triggered when someone opens

- a door
- the trunk lid
- the hood
- the glove box
- the storage compartment in the center console

The alarm system will also be triggered when

- someone attempts to raise the vehicle
- opening the vehicle with the mechanical key
- someone opens a door from the inside
- someone opens the trunk lid with the emergency release button



The alarm will stay on, even if the activating element (e.g. a door) is immediately closed.



If the alarm stays on for more than 30 seconds, a call to the Response Center is initiated automatically by the Tele Aid system (▷ page 273), provided Tele Aid service was subscribed to and properly activated, and that necessary cellular service and GPS coverage are available (▷ page 273).

Anti-theft systems

Arming the alarm system

- ▶ Lock your vehicle with the SmartKey.

The turn signal lamps flash three times to indicate that the alarm system is activated.

The indicator lamp in the central locking switch starts flashing (> page 102).



If the turn signal lamps do not flash three times, one of the following elements may not be properly closed:

- a door
- the trunk lid
- the fuel filler flap
- the glove box
- the storage compartment under the armrest

Close the respective element and lock the vehicle again.



Disarming the alarm system

- ▶ Unlock your vehicle with the SmartKey.

The turn signal lamps flash once to indicate that the alarm system is disarmed.

Canceling the alarm

To cancel the alarm:

- ▶ Press the  or  button on the SmartKey.

or

- ▶ Insert the SmartKey in the starter switch.

Tow-away alarm

Once the tow-away alarm is armed, a visual and audible alarm will be triggered when someone attempts to raise the vehicle.



The tow-away protection alarm is triggered, for example, if the vehicle is lifted on one side.

If the alarm stays on for more than 30 seconds, a call to the Response Center is initiated automatically by the Tele Aid system (> page 273), provided Tele Aid service was subscribed to and properly activated, and that necessary cellular service and GPS coverage are available (> page 273).

Arming tow-away alarm

- ▶ Lock your vehicle with the SmartKey.

The tow-away alarm is automatically armed after about 30 seconds.

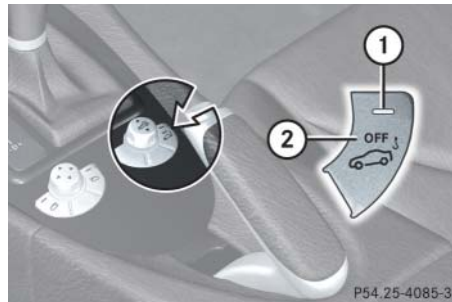


When you unlock your vehicle, the tow-away protection disarms automatically. The tow-away alarm remains disarmed until you lock the vehicle again.

Disarming tow-away alarm

To prevent triggering the tow-away alarm, switch off the tow-away alarm feature before towing the vehicle, or when parking on a surface subject to movement, such as a ferry or auto train.

The switch is located on the lower part of the center console.



- ① Indicator lamp
- ② Tow-away alarm deactivation switch

- ▶ Switch off the ignition (▷ page 36).
- ▶ Remove the SmartKey from the starter switch.



You cannot disarm the tow-away alarm while the ignition is switched on.

- ▶ Press tow-away alarm deactivation switch ②.

Indicator lamp ① in the tow-away alarm deactivation switch comes on briefly.

- ▶ Exit your vehicle.
- ▶ Lock your vehicle with the SmartKey.

The tow-away alarm remains disarmed until you lock your vehicle again.

Canceling tow-away alarm

To cancel the alarm:

- ▶ Press the or button on the SmartKey.

or

- ▶ Insert the SmartKey in the starter switch.

Locking and unlocking

Seats

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Control system

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Good visibility

Climate control

Automatic climate control*

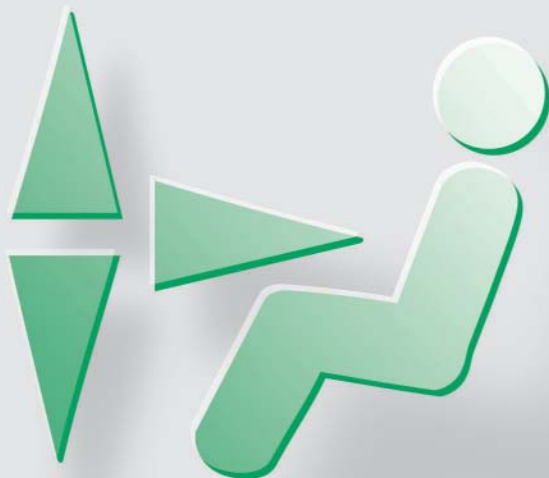
Audio system

Power windows

Retractable hardtop

Driving systems

Useful features



Locking and unlocking

In the “Controls in detail” section you will find detailed information on how to operate the equipment installed in your vehicle. If you are already familiar with the basic functions of your vehicle, this section will be of particular interest to you.

To quickly familiarize yourself with the basic functions of the vehicle, refer to the “Getting started” section of this manual. The corresponding page numbers are given at the beginning of each segment.

For more information on unlocking and locking, see (▷ page 34) and (▷ page 59).

SmartKey

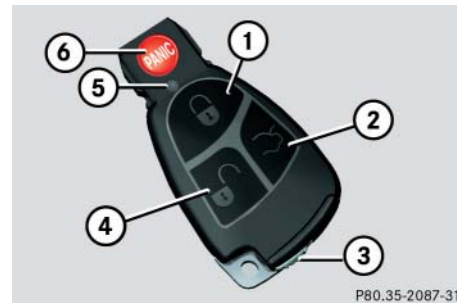
Your vehicle comes supplied with two SmartKeys, each with remote control and a removable mechanical key.

The locking tabs for the mechanical key portion of the two SmartKeys are a different color to help distinguish each SmartKey unit.

The SmartKey provides an extended operating range. To prevent theft, however, it is advisable to only unlock the vehicle when you are in close proximity to it.

The SmartKey centrally locks and unlocks:

- the doors
- the trunk lid
- the fuel filler flap
- the glove box
- the storage compartment under the armrest



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SmartKey with remote control

- ① Lock button
- ② Unlock button for the trunk lid
- ③ Mechanical key locking tab
- ④ Unlock button
- ⑤ Battery check lamp
- ⑥ PANIC Panic button (▷ page 80)



Opening a door causes the windows on that side of the car to open slightly. They will return to the up position when the door is closed.



The side windows will not open or close if the battery is discharged or the windows are covered with ice. As a result, you may no longer be able to properly close the door. Do not attempt to force the door shut. Doing so may damage the door or the side window. Correct the condition that prevents the windows from operating before attempting to close the door.



Without the antenna on the left rear side of the vehicle installed, the SmartKey signaling range is considerably reduced. Hold the SmartKey in close proximity towards the antenna base when locking or unlocking the vehicle.

Warning!

When leaving the vehicle, always remove the SmartKey from the starter switch, take it with you, and lock the vehicle. Do not leave children unattended in the vehicle, or with access to an unlocked vehicle. It is possible for children to open a locked door from the inside, which could result in an accident and/or serious injury.



To prevent possible malfunction, avoid exposing the SmartKey to high levels of electromagnetic radiation.

Locking and unlocking



USA only:

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Any unauthorized modification to this device could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.



Canada only:

This device complies with RSS-210 of Industry Canada. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) This device may not cause interference, and
- (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.


Any unauthorized modification to this device could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.



You can also open and close the retractable hardtop using the SmartKey* (▷ page 257).

Factory setting

Global unlocking

- Press button .


All turn signal lamps flash once.

The locking knobs on the doors move up. The anti-theft alarm system is disarmed (▷ page 87).

The vehicle will lock again automatically and reactivate the anti-theft alarm system within approximately 40 seconds of unlocking if:

- neither door nor trunk is opened
- the SmartKey is not inserted in the starter switch
- the central locking switch is not activated

Global locking

- Press button .

With the trunk and all doors closed, all turn signal lamps flash three times. The locking knobs on the doors move down.

The anti-theft alarm system is armed now (► page 87).






If the turn signal lamps do not flash three times, one of the following elements may not be properly closed:

- a door
- the trunk lid
- the fuel filler flap
- the glove box
- the storage compartment under the armrest

Close the respective element and lock the vehicle again.

Selective setting

If you frequently travel alone, you may wish to reprogram the SmartKey so that pressing button  only unlocks the driver's door, the storage compartment under the armrest, the glove box, and the fuel filler flap.

- Press and hold buttons  and  simultaneously for about 6 seconds.

Battery check lamp  flashes twice.

The SmartKey will then function as follows:

Unlocking driver's door and fuel filler flap

- Press button  once.

All turn signal lamps flash once.

The locking knob on the driver's door move up. The anti-theft alarm system is disarmed (► page 87).


Global unlocking

- Press button  twice.

All turn signal lamps flash once.

The locking knobs on the doors move up. The anti-theft alarm system is disarmed (► page 87).

Global locking



- Press button .


With the trunk and all doors closed, all turn signal lamps flash three times. The locking knobs on the doors move down.

The anti-theft alarm system is armed now (► page 87).

Locking and unlocking

Restoring to factory setting

- ▶ Press and hold buttons  and  simultaneously for about 6 seconds.

Battery check lamp  flashes twice.

The SmartKey is set to the factory setting again.




If you can no longer lock or unlock the vehicle with the SmartKey, then the batteries in the SmartKey are discharged, the SmartKey is malfunctioning, or the vehicle battery is drained.

- Check the batteries in the SmartKey and replace them if necessary (▷ page 398).
- Use the mechanical key to lock/unlock the driver's door (▷ page 394).
- Use the mechanical key to lock/unlock the trunk lid as required (▷ page 395).
- Have the vehicle battery and the battery connections checked (▷ page 421).

If the SmartKey is malfunctioning, contact an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center.

Unlocking the trunk lid

You can unlock and open the trunk lid separately.

- ▶ Press and hold button  on the SmartKey until the trunk lid unlocks.


For opening the trunk, see “Opening the trunk” (▷ page 98).




The trunk lid can only be opened when the vehicle is not in motion and the retractable hardtop is fully opened or closed.

Checking the batteries

- ▶ Press button  or .

Battery check lamp  comes on briefly to indicate that the SmartKey batteries are in order.





If battery check lamp  does not come on briefly during check, then the SmartKey batteries are discharged.

- Replace the batteries (▷ page 398).

You can obtain the required batteries at any authorized Mercedes-Benz Center.



If the batteries are checked within signal range of the vehicle, pressing button  or  will lock or unlock the vehicle accordingly.

Loss of SmartKey or mechanical key

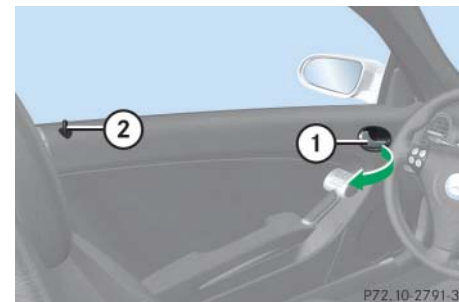
If you lose a SmartKey or mechanical key, you should do the following:

- ▶ Have the SmartKey deactivated by an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center.
- ▶ Report the loss of the SmartKey or the mechanical key to your car insurance company immediately.
- ▶ If necessary have the mechanical lock replaced.

Your authorized Mercedes-Benz Center will be glad to supply you with a replacement.

Opening the doors from the inside

You can open a locked door from the inside. Open door only when conditions are safe to do so.



① Inside door handle

② Locking knob

- ▶ Pull on door handle ① of the desired door.

If the door was locked, locking knob ② will move up.





Locking and unlocking



If the vehicle has previously been centrally locked with the SmartKey, opening a door from the inside will trigger the anti-theft alarm system.

To cancel the alarm, do one of the following:

- Press button  or  on the SmartKey.
- Insert the SmartKey in the starter switch.



Opening a door causes the windows on that side of the car to open slightly. They will return to the up position when the door is closed.



The side windows will not open or close if the battery is discharged or the windows are covered with ice. As a result, you may no longer be able to properly close the door. Do not attempt to force the door shut. Doing so may damage the door or the side window. Correct the condition that prevents the windows from operating before attempting to close the door.

Opening the trunk

A minimum height clearance of 5.78 ft (1.76 m) is required to open the trunk lid.

The handle is located above the rear license plate recess.

- ▶ Pull on the handle.
- ▶ Lift the trunk lid.



When the trunk lid is lifted slightly, it swings open upwards automatically. Always make sure there is sufficient overhead clearance.



The vehicle or trunk lid must be unlocked before the trunk lid can be opened.

The trunk lid can only be opened when the vehicle is not in motion and the retractable hardtop is fully opened or closed.

The trunk lid can also be opened from its inside in an emergency, see “Trunk lid emergency release” (▷ page 100).

Closing the trunk



- ① Handle
- ▶ Lower the trunk lid using handle ①.
- ▶ Close the trunk lid with hands placed flat on the trunk lid.

Warning!



To prevent possible personal injury, always keep hands and fingers away from the trunk lid opening when closing the trunk lid. Be especially careful when small children are around.

Warning!



When leaving the vehicle, always remove the SmartKey from the starter switch, take it with you, and lock the vehicle. Do not leave children unattended in the vehicle, or with access to an unlocked vehicle. It is possible for children to open a locked door from the inside, which could result in an accident and/or serious injury.

Locking and unlocking

Warning!



Only drive with the trunk lid closed as, among other dangers such as blocked visibility, exhaust fumes may enter the vehicle interior.



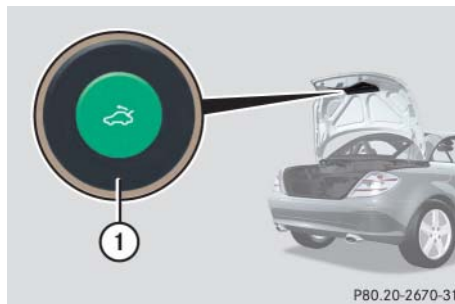
Do not place the SmartKey in the open trunk. You may lock yourself out.



If the vehicle was previously centrally locked, the trunk lid will lock automatically when closed. The turn signal lamps will flash three times to confirm locking.

Trunk lid emergency release

The emergency release button is located on the inside of the trunk lid. With the emergency release button, the trunk can be opened from inside the trunk.



① Emergency release button

- ▶ Briefly press emergency release button ①.

The trunk lid unlocks and opens slightly.

- ▶ Push up the trunk lid to fully open.



The emergency release button unlocks the trunk while the vehicle is standing still or in motion.

Illumination of the emergency release button:

- The button flashes for 30 minutes after opening the trunk.
- The button flashes for 60 minutes after closing the trunk.





The emergency release button does not unlock the trunk if the vehicle battery is discharged or disconnected.



If the vehicle has previously been centrally locked with the SmartKey, opening the trunk from the inside will trigger the anti-theft alarm system.

To cancel the alarm, do one of the following:

- Press button  or  on the SmartKey.
- Insert the SmartKey in the starter switch.

Automatic central locking

The doors and the trunk automatically lock when the ignition is switched on and the wheels are turning at vehicle speeds of approximately 9 mph (15 km/h).

You can open a locked door from the inside. Open door only when conditions are safe to do so.



The doors unlock automatically after an accident if the force of the impact exceeds a preset threshold.

To prevent the vehicle door locks from locking, deactivate the automatic central locking when the vehicle

- is pushed or towed
- is on a test stand

You can deactivate the automatic locking using the control system, see “Setting automatic locking” (▷ page 147).

Locking and unlocking

Locking and unlocking from the inside

You can lock or unlock the doors and the trunk from inside using the central locking switch. This can be useful, for example, if you want to lock the vehicle before starting to drive.

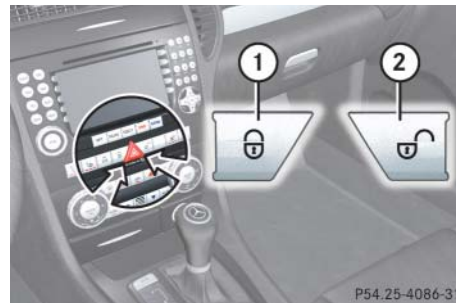
The fuel filler flap will not be locked or unlocked with the central locking or unlocking switch, respectively.

Warning!



When leaving the vehicle, always remove the SmartKey from the starter switch, take it with you, and lock the vehicle. Do not leave children unattended in the vehicle, or with access to an unlocked vehicle. Unsupervised use of vehicle equipment may cause an accident and/or serious personal injury.

The switches are located on the upper part of the center console.



- ① Central locking switch
- ② Central unlocking switch



You can open a locked door from the inside. Open door only when conditions are safe to do so.

If the vehicle was previously centrally locked using the SmartKey, it will not unlock using the central unlocking switch ②.

If the vehicle was previously locked with the central locking switch ①

- while in the selective remote control mode, only the door opened from inside is unlocked.
- while in the global remote control mode, the vehicle is unlocked completely when a door is opened from the inside.

Locking

- Press central locking switch ①.

If all doors are closed, the vehicle locks.

Unlocking

- Press central unlocking switch ②.

The vehicle unlocks.

Seats

For information on seat adjustment, see “Adjusting” (▷ page 38).

Seat heating*

The switches are located on the upper part of the center console.



- ① Seat heating switch (driver's side)
- ② Indicator lamps

Red indicator lamps ② on the seat heating switch show which heating level you have selected:

Level	
3	Three indicator lamps on (highest level). After approximately 5 minutes, seat heating is automatically switched to level 2.
2	Two indicator lamps on. After approximately 10 minutes, seat heating is automatically switched to level 1.
1	One indicator lamp on (lowest level). After approximately 20 minutes, seat heating is automatically switched to off.
off	No indicator lamp on.

- Switch on the ignition (▷ page 36).

Switching on seat heating

- Press the desired seat heating switch.
Three red indicator lamps ② on the respective seat heating switch come on.
- Press the seat heating switch repeatedly until the desired seat heating level is reached.

Switching off seat heating

- Press the desired seat heating switch repeatedly until all indicator lamps ② on the seat heating switch go out.



If one or more of indicator lamps ② on the seat heating switch are flashing, there is insufficient voltage available since too many electrical consumers are turned on. The seat heating switches off automatically.

The seat heating will switch back on again automatically as soon as sufficient voltage is available.

AIRSCARF neck-level heating*

The AIRSCARF neck-level heating provides the area surrounding the occupants' necks with a heated air stream flowing from openings in the head restraints.

The switches are located on the upper part of the center console.



- ① AIRSCARF switch (driver's side shown)
- ② Indicator lamps

Warning!



When switching on the AIRSCARF neck-level heating, the air streaming from the openings may be very hot. When in close proximity to the openings, you could be seriously burned. To help avoid serious personal injuries, switch the AIRSCARF to a lower heating level.

Seats

Red indicator lamps ② on the AIRSCARF switches show which heating level you have selected:

Level	
3	Three indicator lamps on (highest heating level).
2	Two indicator lamps on.
1	One indicator lamp on (lowest heating level).
off	No indicator lamp on.

- Switch on the ignition (▷ page 36).

Switching on

- Press the respective AIRSCARF switch for the desired side.

All three indicator lamps on the respective AIRSCARF switch come on. After a preheating time of approximately 7 seconds, the blower starts.

- Press the respective AIRSCARF switch repeatedly until the desired AIRSCARF heating level for the corresponding seat is reached.

Switching off

- Press the respective AIRSCARF switch repeatedly until all indicator lamps on the AIRSCARF switch go out.



After switching off the AIRSCARF neck-level heating, the AIRSCARF fan continues to operate for approximately 10 seconds to cool down the heater elements.



If one or more of indicator lamps ② on the AIRSCARF switch are flashing, there is insufficient voltage available since too many electrical consumers are turned on. The AIRSCARF neck-level heating switches off automatically.

The AIRSCARF neck-level heating will switch back on again automatically as soon as sufficient voltage is available.

▼ Memory function*

Prior to operating the vehicle, the driver should check and adjust the seat height, seat position fore and aft, and seat backrest angle if necessary, to ensure adequate control, reach and comfort. The head restraint should also be adjusted for proper height. See also the section on air bags for proper seat positioning (▷ page 65).

In addition, adjust the steering wheel to ensure adequate control, reach, operation and comfort. Both the interior and exterior rear view mirrors should be adjusted for adequate rear vision.

Fasten seat belts. Infants and small children should be seated in a properly secured restraint system that complies with U.S. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards 213 and 255 and Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards 213 and 210.2.

The following settings are stored when using the buttons on the outer side of the respective seat:

Driver and passenger seat:

- Seat and backrest position

Driver only:

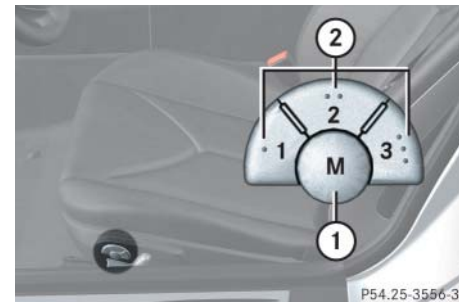
- Steering wheel position
- Exterior rear view mirrors

Warning!



Do not activate the memory function while driving. Activating the memory function while driving could cause the driver to lose control of the vehicle.

The memory button and memory position switch are located on the outer side of each seat.



① Memory button **M**

② Memory position switch

► Switch on the ignition (▷ page 36).

or

► Open the respective door.

Memory function*

Storing positions into memory

- ▶ Adjust the seat, on the driver's side also the steering wheel and exterior rear view mirrors, to the desired positions (▷ page 38).
- ▶ Press memory button **M** ①.
- ▶ Release memory button **M** ① and press a memory position switch ② within 3 seconds.

All settings are stored to the selected position.

Recalling positions from memory



Do not operate the power seats using the memory position switches if the seat backrest is in an excessively reclined position. Doing so could cause damage to the seats.

- ▶ Press and hold desired memory position switch ② until the seat, on the driver's side also the steering wheel and exterior rear view mirrors, have completely moved to the stored positions.



Releasing the memory position switches immediately stops movement to the stored positions.

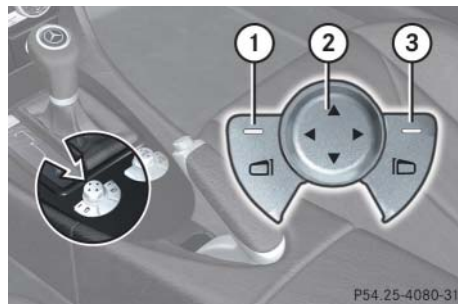
Storing exterior rear view mirror parking position (parking aid)

For easier parking, you can adjust the passenger-side exterior rear view mirror so that you can see the right rear wheel as soon as you engage reverse gear **R**.

You can switch the parking position feature on and off via the control system (▷ page 148).

For information on activating the parking position feature, see "Activating exterior rear view mirror parking position*" (▷ page 175).

The switches are located on the lower part of the center console.



- ① Driver's side exterior rear view mirror switch
- ② Adjustment switch
- ③ Passenger-side exterior rear view mirror switch

- ▶ Switch on the ignition (▷ page 36).
- ▶ Press switch ③ to select the passenger-side exterior rear view mirror.
- ▶ Adjust the passenger-side exterior rear view mirror with adjustment switch ② so that you see the rear wheel and the road curb.
- ▶ Press memory button **M** (▷ page 107).
- ▶ Within 3 seconds, press adjustment switch ② forward, backward, left, or right.

The parking position is stored if the mirror does not move.



If the mirror does move, repeat the above steps. After the setting is stored, you can move the mirror again.

Lighting

For information on how to switch on the headlamps and use the turn signals, see “Switching on headlamps” (▷ page 55) and “Turn signals” (▷ page 55).








If you drive in countries where vehicles drive on the other side of the road than the country in which the vehicle is registered, you must have the headlamps modified for symmetrical low beams. Relevant information can be obtained at your authorized Mercedes-Benz Center.

Exterior lamp switch

The exterior lamp switch is located on the dashboard to the left of the steering wheel.



Exterior lamp switch

- 0** Off
Daytime running lamp mode (▷ page 112)
- AUTO** Automatic headlamp mode
Daytime running lamp mode (▷ page 112)
-  Parking lamps (also tail lamps, license plate lamps, side marker lamps, instrument panel lamps)
-  Low beam headlamps (or high beam headlamps when the combination switch is pushed forward) and parking lamps
- P** Standing lamps, right (turn left one stop)
- P** Standing lamps, left (turn left two stops)
-  Indicator lamp for parking lamps
-  Indicator lamp for front fog lamps
-  Indicator lamp for rear fog lamp



With the SmartKey removed from the starter switch and the driver's door open, a warning sounds if the parking lamps or low beam headlamps are switched on.

The message **Turn off lights** appears in the multifunction display.

Manual headlamp mode

The low beam headlamps and the parking lamps can be switched on and off with the exterior lamp switch.

Automatic headlamp mode

The following lamps switch on and off automatically depending on the brightness of the ambient light:

- Low beam headlamps
- Tail and parking lamps
- License plate lamps
- Side marker lamps

Warning!



If the exterior lamp switch is set to **AUTO**

- the headlamps may switch off unexpectedly when the system senses bright ambient light, for example light from oncoming traffic.
- the headlamps will not be automatically switched on under foggy conditions.

To minimize risk to you and to others, activate headlamps by turning exterior lamp switch to when driving or when traffic and/or ambient lighting conditions require you to do so.

In low ambient lighting conditions, only switch from position **AUTO** to with the vehicle at a standstill in a safe location. Switching from **AUTO** to will briefly switch off the headlamps. Doing so while driving in low ambient lighting conditions may result in an accident.

The automatic headlamp feature is only an aid to the driver. The driver is responsible for the operation of the vehicle's lights at all times.


- Turn the exterior lamp switch to position **AUTO**.

With the SmartKey in starter switch position **1** only the parking lamps will switch on and off automatically.

When the engine is running, the low beam headlamps, the tail and parking lamps, the license plate lamps, and the side marker lamps will switch on and off automatically.

Lighting


Daytime running lamp mode

- ▶ Turn exterior lamp switch to position  or **AUTO**.


When the engine is running, the low beam headlamps are switched on.

In low ambient light conditions, the following lamps will switch on additionally:

- Tail and parking lamps
- License plate lamps
- Side marker lamps

For nighttime driving you should turn the exterior lamp switch to position  to permit activation of the high beam headlamps.



With the daytime running lamp mode and the exterior lamp switch in position  you cannot switch on the high beam headlamps.



The high beam flasher is available at all times.

Canada only:

The daytime running lamp mode is mandatory and therefore in a constant mode.

Vehicles with automatic transmission*: When the engine is running, and you shift from a driving position to position **N** or **P**, the low beam headlamps will switch off with a three-minute delay.



When the engine is running, and you

- turn the exterior lamp switch to position , the parking lamps switch on additionally.
- turn the exterior lamp switch to position , the manual headlamp mode has priority over the daytime running lamp mode.

The corresponding exterior lamps switch on (▷ page 110).

USA only:

By default, the daytime running lamp mode is deactivated. Activate the daytime running lamp mode using the control system, see “Setting daytime running lamp mode” (▷ page 143).

When the engine is running, and you turn the exterior lamp switch to position  or , the manual headlamp mode has priority over the daytime running lamp mode.

The corresponding exterior lamps switch on (▷ page 110).



Locator lighting and night security illumination

The locator lighting and the night security illumination are described in the “Control system” section, see (▷ page 144) and (▷ page 145).

Fog lamps

Warning!




In low ambient lighting or foggy conditions, only switch from position **AUTO** to  with the vehicle at a standstill in a safe location. Switching from **AUTO** to  will briefly switch off the headlamps. Doing so while driving in low ambient lighting conditions may result in an accident.



Fog lamps will operate with the parking lamps and/or low beam headlamps on. Fog lamps should only be used in conjunction with low beam headlamps. Consult your State or Province Motor Vehicle Regulations regarding allowable lamp operation.



Fog lamps cannot be switched on with the exterior lamp switch in position **AUTO**. To switch on the fog lamps, turn the exterior lamp switch to position  first.

Lighting


Front fog lamps

- ▶ Switch on the low beam headlamps (▷ page 110).




- ▶ With the exterior lamp switch in the low beam headlamp position, pull out the exterior lamp switch to first stop.

The front fog lamps switch on.

The green indicator lamp  in the exterior lamp switch comes on (▷ page 110).

- ▶ Push in the exterior lamp switch.


The front fog lamps switch off.

The green indicator lamp  in the exterior lamp switch goes out.

Rear fog lamp (driver's side only)


- ▶ Switch on the front fog lamps (▷ page 114).
- ▶ Pull out the exterior lamp switch to second stop.

The rear fog lamp switches on.

The yellow indicator lamp  in the exterior lamp switch comes on (▷ page 110).

- ▶ Push in the exterior lamp switch to first stop.

The rear fog lamp switches off.

The yellow indicator lamp  in the exterior lamp switch goes out.

The front fog lamps remain lit.


Combination switch

The combination switch is located on the left of the steering column.




- ① High beam
- ② High beam flasher


High beam

- ▶ Turn the exterior lamp switch to position  or **AUTO** (▷ page 110).

- ▶ Push the combination switch in direction of arrow ① to switch on the high beam.

The high beam headlamp indicator lamp  in the instrument cluster comes on (▷ page 24).

- ▶ Pull the combination switch in direction of arrow ② to its original position to switch off the high beam.

The high beam headlamp indicator lamp  in the instrument cluster goes out.


High beam flasher

- ▶ Pull the combination switch briefly in direction of arrow ②.

Corner-illuminating front fog lamps* (SLK 280, SLK 350: with Bi-Xenon* headlamps and without Sport Package*)

The corner-illuminating front fog lamps improve illumination of the road onto which you are turning.

The corner-illuminating front fog lamps will operate with the engine running and with

- the exterior lamp switch in position  (▷ page 110)
or
- the exterior lamp switch in position **AUTO** (▷ page 110)
or
- the daytime running lamp mode activated (▷ page 112)



Corner-illuminating front fog lamps will only come on in low ambient lighting conditions.

The corner-illuminating front fog lamps function is not available at a vehicle speed above 25 mph (40 km/h).

Driving forward

Switching on corner-illuminating front fog lamps

- ▶ Depending on whether you are turning left or right, switch on the left or right turn signal (▷ page 55).

The respective front fog lamp comes on and illuminates the road onto which you are turning.





The respective corner-illuminating front fog lamp will stay lit until you switch off the turn signal, even if the steering wheel is in the straight-ahead position.

The respective corner-illuminating front fog lamp may stay on for a brief period after the turn signal is switched off.

The respective corner-illuminating front fog lamp stays on for a maximum of 3 minutes. After that period, it will go out even if the turn signal is still on.



The corner-illuminating front fog lamps will come on automatically depending on the steering angle, even if you did not switch on either turn signal.

If the corner-illuminating front fog lamps came on automatically, they will also go out automatically depending on the steering angle.

Switching off corner-illuminating front fog lamps

The combination switch for the turn signal resets automatically after major steering wheel movements. This will switch off the corner-illuminating front fog lamps if they were activated by switching on the left or right turn signal.

If the turn signal should stay on after making the turn, the turn signal and corner-illuminating front fog lamp can be switched off by returning the combination switch to its original position.

Driving rearward

Switching on corner-illuminating front fog lamps

- Place the gearshift lever (gear selector lever*) in position **R**.

The inverse front fog lamp comes on automatically depending on the steering direction and steering angle.

Switching off corner-illuminating front fog lamps

- Place the gearshift lever (gear selector lever*) out of position **R**.

The respective front fog lamp goes out.

Hazard warning flasher

The hazard warning flasher can be switched on at all times, even with the SmartKey removed from the starter switch.

The hazard warning flasher switches on automatically when an air bag deploys.

The hazard warning flasher switch is located on the upper part of the center console.



① Hazard warning flasher switch

Switching on hazard warning flasher

- Press hazard warning flasher switch ①.

All turn signal lamps are flashing.



With the hazard warning flasher activated and the combination switch set for either left or right turn, only the respective turn signals will operate when the SmartKey is in the starter switch position 1 or 2.

Switching off hazard warning flasher

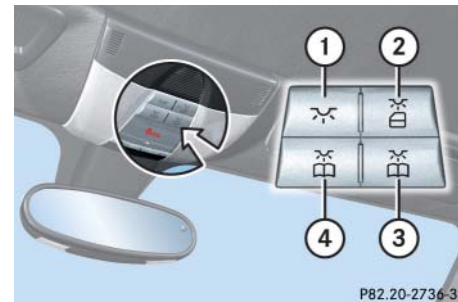
- Press hazard warning flasher switch ① again.



If the hazard warning flasher has been activated automatically, press hazard warning flasher switch ① once to switch it off.

Interior lighting

The controls are located in the overhead control panel.



- ① Interior lighting on/off
- ② Automatic control on/off
- ③ Right reading lamp on/off
- ④ Left reading lamp on/off



Leaving an interior light switch in the ON position for extended periods of time with the engine turned off could result in a discharged battery.

Lighting

Automatic control

Activating

- ▶ Press automatic control switch ② until it is flush to the other switches.

The interior lighting switches on in darkness, when you

- unlock the vehicle
- remove the SmartKey from the starter switch
- open a door

The interior lighting switches off automatically following a preset time delay.

For more information, see “Interior lighting delayed shut-off” (▷ page 146).



If the door remains open, the interior lighting switches off automatically after approximately 5 minutes when the SmartKey is in starter switch position 0 or removed.

Deactivating

- ▶ Press automatic control switch ② until it engages at a deeper position than the other switches.

The interior lighting remains switched off in darkness, even when you

- unlock the vehicle
- remove the SmartKey from the starter switch
- open a door



When you open the trunk, the trunk lighting switches on automatically.

If the trunk lid remains open, the trunk lighting switches off automatically after approximately 10 minutes.

Manual control

Interior lighting

- ▶ Press interior lighting switch ①.

The interior lighting switches on.

- ▶ Press interior lighting switch ① again.

The interior lighting switches off.



The footwell lighting* is switched on and off simultaneously with the manual control.

Reading lamps

The standard reading lamps are located to the left and right of the overhead control panel. Reading lamps as part of the interior lighting package* are located on the lower edge of the interior rear view mirror.

- ▶ Press reading lamp switch ③ or ④ to switch on the desired reading lamp.
- ▶ Press reading lamp switch ③ or ④ again to switch off the respective reading lamp.

Door entry lamps

For better orientation in the dark, the corresponding door entry lamps will switch on in darkness when you open a door and the automatic control is activated.

The door entry lamps switch off when the corresponding door is closed.



If you turn the SmartKey in the starter switch to position **0** and switch off the exterior headlamps, the door entry lamps will remain lit for approximately 5 minutes.

Instrument cluster

A full view illustration of the instrument cluster can be found in the “At a glance” section (▷ page 24).

The multifunction display in the instrument cluster is activated when you

- open a door
- switch on exterior lighting
- switch on ignition (▷ page 36)
- press reset button **R** (▷ page 24)



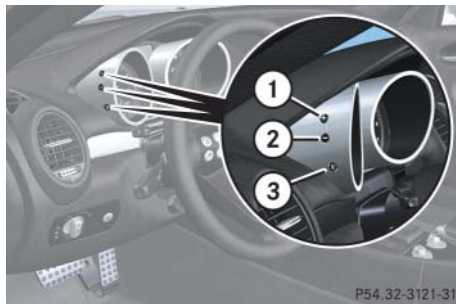
Opening a door or pressing the reset button **R** without switching on the ignition or the exterior lighting activates the multifunction display illumination only for 30 seconds.

For information on changing the instrument cluster settings, e.g. the language, see “Instrument cluster submenu” (▷ page 137).

Instrument cluster illumination

Adjusting

The knobs for adjusting the instrument cluster illumination are on the left side of the instrument cluster (▷ page 24).



- ① Brightening illumination (knob +)
- ② Dimming illumination (knob -)
- ③ Reset button **R**



The instrument cluster illumination automatically adjusts to the ambient light.

You can only adjust the brightness of the instrument cluster illumination when it is dark outside.



With the exterior lighting switched on, the brightness of the switches in the center console will be adjusted when using knob + or -.

Brightening illumination

- ▶ Press knob + briefly.

The instrument cluster illumination brightens.

Dimming illumination

- ▶ Press knob - briefly.

The instrument cluster illumination dims.

Tachometer

The red marking on the tachometer (▷ page 24) denotes excessive engine speed.



Avoid driving at excessive engine speeds, as it may result in serious engine damage that is not covered by the Mercedes-Benz Limited Warranty.

To help protect the engine, the fuel supply is interrupted if the engine is operated within the red marking.

Outside temperature indicator

Warning!



The outside temperature indicator is not designed to serve as an ice-warning device and is therefore unsuitable for that purpose.

Indicated temperatures just above the freezing point do not guarantee that the road surface is free of ice. The road may still be icy, especially in wooded areas or on bridges.


The outside temperature is displayed in the multifunction display (▷ page 129).

The temperature sensor is located in the front bumper area. Due to its location, the sensor can be affected by road or engine heat during idling or slow driving. Therefore, the accuracy of the displayed temperature can only be verified by comparison to a thermometer placed next the sensor, not by comparison to external displays, e.g. bank signs, etc.

When moving the vehicle into colder ambient temperatures (e.g. when leaving your garage), you will notice a delay before the lower temperature is displayed.

A delay also occurs when ambient temperatures rise. This prevents inaccurate temperature displays caused by heat radiated from the engine during idling or slow driving.

Trip odometer

- ▶ Make sure you are viewing the standard display menu (▷ page 128).
- ▶ Press and hold reset button  until the trip odometer is reset.

Clock

Vehicles with COMAND*:

The clock in the instrument cluster can be synchronized with the time set in COMAND using the time synchronization with head unit feature (▷ page 139), or set independently from COMAND using the control system (▷ page 139) with the time synchronization with head unit feature set to Off.

For setting the time in COMAND, see separate COMAND operating instructions.

For setting the time with audio system, (▷ page 139).

▼ Control system

The control system is activated as soon as the SmartKey in the starter switch is turned to position **1**. The control system enables you to

- call up information about your vehicle
- change vehicle settings

For example, you can use the control system to find out when your vehicle is next due for service, to set the language for messages in the instrument cluster display, and much more.



The displays for the audio systems (radio, CD player) will appear in English, regardless of the language selected.

Warning!



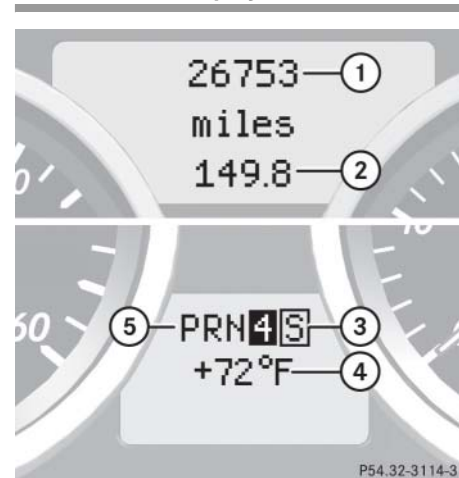
A driver's attention to the road and traffic conditions must always be his/her primary focus when driving.

For your safety and the safety of others, selecting features through the multifunction steering wheel should only be done by the driver when traffic and road conditions permit it to be done safely.

Bear in mind that at a speed of just 30 mph (approximately 50 km/h), your vehicle is covering a distance of 44 feet (approximately 14 m) every second.

The control system relays information to the multifunction display.

Multifunction display

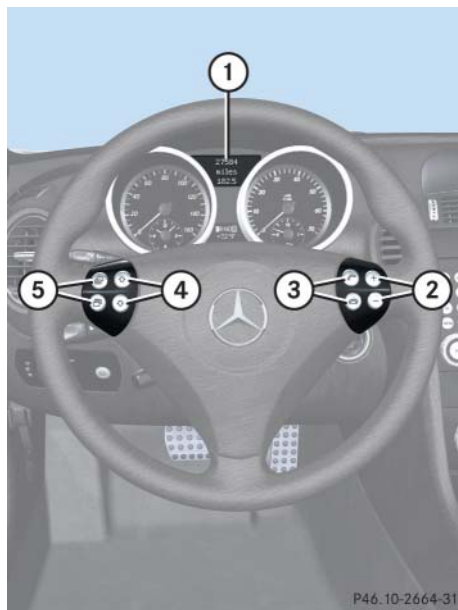


- ① Main odometer
- ② Trip odometer
- ③ Current program mode (automatic transmission* only)
- ④ Status indicator (outside temperature/digital speedometer)
- ⑤ Current gear selector lever position/gear range (automatic transmission* only)

Control system

Multifunction steering wheel

The displays in the multifunction display and the settings in the control system are controlled by the buttons on the multifunction steering wheel.



① Multifunction display

Operating the control system

② Selecting the submenu or setting the volume:


Press button


 up/to increase

 down/to decrease

③ Telephone*:


Press button

 to take a call, or
to dial a call

 to end a call, or
to reject an incoming call

④ Moving within a menu:


Press button

 for next display

 for previous display

⑤ Menu systems:

Press button

 for next menu





 for previous menu

Pressing any of the buttons on the multifunction steering wheel will alter what is shown in the multifunction display.

The information available in the multifunction display are arranged in menus, each containing a number of functions or sub-menus.

The individual functions are then found within the relevant menu (radio or CD operations under *Audio*, for example). These functions serve to call up relevant information or to customize the settings for your vehicle.

It is helpful to think of the menus, and the functions within each menu, as being arranged in a circular pattern.

- If you press button  or  repeatedly, you will pass through each menu one after the other.
- If you press button  or  repeatedly, you will pass through each function display, one after the other, in the current menu.

In the **Settings...** menu, you will find a number of submenus instead of functions for calling up and changing settings. For instructions on using these submenus, see “Settings menu” (▷ page 134).

The number of menus available in the system depends on which optional equipment is installed in your vehicle.



The headings used in the menus table are designed to facilitate navigation within the system and are not necessarily identical to those shown in the control system displays.

The first function displayed in each menu will automatically show you which part of the system you are in.



SLK 55 AMG:

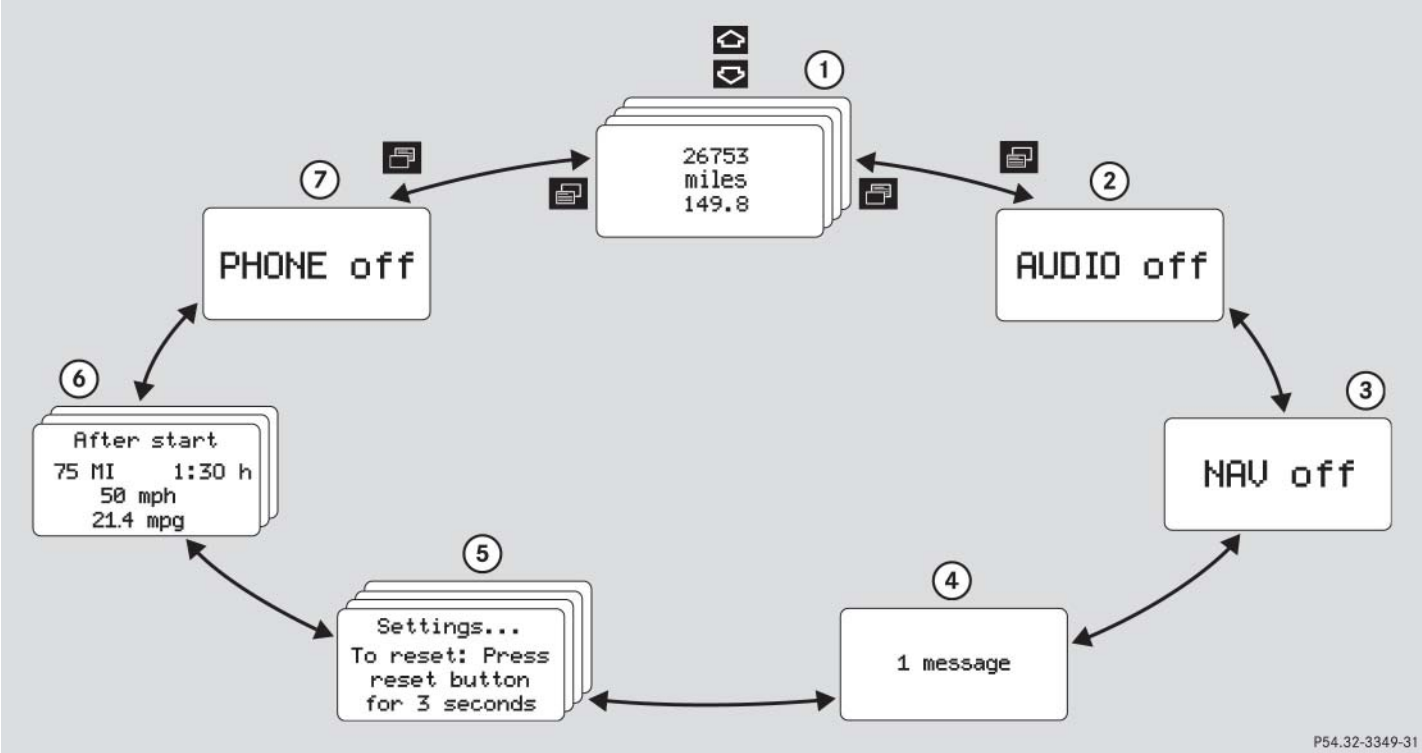
The steering wheel in this vehicle will vary from steering wheel shown. However, multifunction steering wheel symbols and feature description apply to AMG vehicles as well.

Control system

Menus

This is what you will see when you scroll through the menus.

The table below provides an overview of the individual menus.



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Menus, submenus and functions

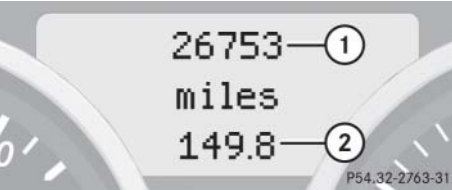
	Menu ①	Menu ②	Menu ③	Menu ④	Menu ⑤	Menu ⑥	Menu ⑦
	Standard display	AUDIO	NAV*	Vehicle status message memory ¹	Settings	Trip computer	TEL*
	(▷ page 128)	(▷ page 129)	(▷ page 132)	(▷ page 132)	(▷ page 134)	(▷ page 149)	(▷ page 151)
Commands/submenus	Run Flat Indicator*	Select radio station	Show route guidance instructions, current direction traveled	Call up vehicle malfunction, warning and system status messages stored in memory	Reset to factory settings	Fuel consumption statistics after start	Load phone book
	Check coolant temperature	Select satellite radio station* (USA only)			Instrument cluster submenu	Fuel consumption statistics since last reset	
	Digital speedometer/outside temperature	Operate the CD player			Time/Date submenu	Call up range	
	Call up maintenance service indicator				Lighting submenu		
	Check engine oil level (SLK 55 AMG only)				Vehicle submenu Convenience submenu		

¹ The vehicle status message memory menu is only displayed if there is a message stored.

Control system





Standard display menu

The multifunction display shows the main odometer and trip odometer. This default setting is referred to as the standard display.



- ① Main odometer
- ② Trip odometer



If another display is shown instead of the standard display:

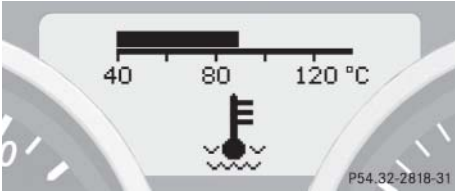
- ▶ Press button  or  repeatedly until you see the standard display.
- ▶ Press button  or  to select the functions in the standard display menu.

The following functions are available:

Function	Page
Run Flat Indicator*	329
Checking coolant temperature	128
Display digital speedometer or outside temperature	129
Calling up maintenance service indicator	350
Checking engine oil level (SLK 55 AMG only)	309

Checking coolant temperature

- ▶ When in the standard display menu, press button  or  repeatedly until you see the coolant temperature in the multifunction display.



During severe operating conditions, e.g. stop-and-go city traffic, the coolant temperature may rise close to 248°F (120°C).

The engine should not be operated with a coolant temperature above 248°F (120°C). Doing so may cause serious engine damage which is not covered by the Mercedes-Benz Limited Warranty.





Excessive coolant temperature triggers a warning message in the multifunction display (▶ page 376).

Warning!

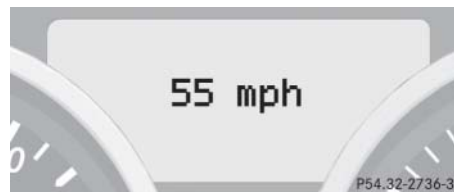
- Driving when your engine is overheated can cause some fluids which may have leaked into the engine compartment to catch fire. You could be seriously burned.
- Steam from an overheated engine can cause serious burns and can occur just by opening the hood. Stay away from the engine if you see or hear steam coming from it.

Turn off the engine, get out of the car and do not stand near the vehicle until the engine has cooled down.

Displaying digital speedometer or outside temperature

- Press button  or  repeatedly until you see the digital speedometer.

The current vehicle speed is shown in the multifunction display.



You can select either the display of the digital speedometer or the outside temperature indicator (► page 138).

AUDIO menu

The functions in the **AUDIO** menu operate the audio equipment which you currently have turned on.



If no audio equipment is currently switched on, the message **AUDIO off** is shown in the multifunction display.

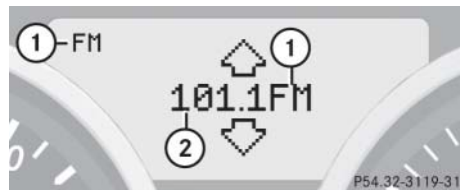
The following functions are available:



Function	Page
Selecting radio station	130
Selecting satellite radio station* (USA only)	130
Operating the CD player	131

Control system

Selecting radio station

- ▶ Switch on the radio (▷ page 209).
Vehicles with COMAND*:
Refer to the separate operating instructions.
- ▶ Press button  or  repeatedly until you see the currently tuned station in the multifunction display.



- ① Waveband setting
 - ② Tuned station
- ▶ Press button  or  repeatedly until the desired station is found.



You can only store new stations using the corresponding feature on the radio (▷ page 212).



Vehicles with COMAND*:
Refer to the separate operating instructions.

Selecting satellite radio station* (USA only)

The Sirius satellite radio is treated as a radio application.

- ▶ Select satellite radio with the corresponding soft key (SAT) in the radio menu.



- ① SAT mode and preset number
 - ② Channel name or number
- ▶ Press button  or  repeatedly until the desired channel is found.

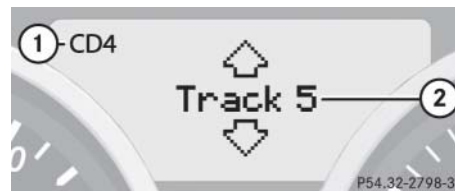


For more information on satellite radio operation, see “Introduction to satellite radio* (USA only)” (▷ page 214).

Vehicles with COMAND*:
Refer to separate operating instructions.

Operating the CD player

- ▶ Switch on the radio and select the CD player (▷ page 222).
Vehicles with COMAND*:
Refer to the separate operating instructions.
- ▶ Press button or repeatedly until the settings for the CD currently being played are shown in the multi-function display.



- ① Current CD
(CD0 for single CD drive in head unit,
CD1 through CD6 for CD in
CD changer*)
- ② Current track

- ▶ Press button or repeatedly until the desired track is selected.





To select a CD from the magazine, press a number on the audio system or the COMAND* system key pad located in the center dashboard.

Control system

NAV* menu

The NAV menu contains the functions needed to operate your navigation system.

- ▶ Press button  or  repeatedly until you see the message NAV in the multifunction display.
 - If the COMAND system is switched off, the message NAV off is shown in the multifunction display.
 - With COMAND switched on but route guidance not activated, the direction of travel and, if available, the name of the street currently traveled on appear in the multifunction display.

- With COMAND switched on and route guidance activated, the direction of travel and maneuver instructions appear in the multifunction display.

Please refer to the COMAND* manual for instructions on how to activate the route guidance system.



Vehicle status message memory menu

Use the vehicle status message memory menu to scan malfunction and warning messages that may be stored in the system. Such messages appear in the multifunction display and are based on conditions or system status the vehicle's system has recorded.

The vehicle status message memory menu only appears if there are any messages stored in the system.

Warning!

Malfunction and warning messages are only indicated for certain systems and are intentionally not very detailed. The malfunction and warning messages are simply a reminder with respect to the operation of certain systems and do not replace the owner's and/or driver's responsibility to maintain the vehicle's operating safety by having all required maintenance and safety checks performed on the vehicle and by bringing the vehicle to an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center to address the malfunction and warning messages (▷ page 368).

- ▶ Press button  or  repeatedly until the vehicle status message memory appears in the multifunction display.

If the vehicle status message memory does not appear, then there are no messages stored.

Vehicle status messages have been recorded

If conditions have occurred causing status messages to be recorded, the number of messages appears in the multifunction display:



- ① Number of messages

- ▶ Press button  or .

The stored messages will now be displayed in the order in which they have occurred. For malfunction and warning messages, see "Vehicle status messages in the multifunction display" (▷ page 368).

Should the vehicle's system record any conditions while driving, the number of messages will reappear in the multifunction display when the SmartKey in the starter switch is turned to position **0** or removed from the starter switch:

- ▶ Press button  repeatedly until you have seen all occurred messages.





The vehicle status message memory will be cleared when you turn the SmartKey in the starter switch to position **1** or **2**.

You will then only see high-priority messages in the multifunction display (▷ page 368).

Control system

Settings menu

- In the Settings... menu are two functions:
- The function To reset: Press reset button for 3 seconds for resetting all settings to factory standard.
 - A collection of submenus for performing individual settings for your vehicle.
- Press button  or  repeatedly until the Settings... menu appears in the multifunction display.





The following settings and submenus are available in the Settings... menu:

Function	Page
Resetting all settings	134
Submenus in the Settings menu	135
Instrument cluster submenu	137
Time/date submenu	137
Lighting submenu	143
Vehicle submenu	147
Convenience submenu	147


Resetting all settings

You can reset all the functions of all submenus to the factory settings.

- Press the reset button  on the instrument cluster (► page 24) for approximately 3 seconds.

The request to press the reset button  once more to confirm appears in the multifunction display.



- Press the reset button  again.
- The functions of all submenus will be reset to the factory settings.
- The message Reset to factory settings appears in the multifunction display.



For safety reasons, the following function cannot be reset while driving:

- the function Lamp circuit head-lamp mode in the Lighting submenu

The following message appears in the multifunction display:

Lighting Cannot be completely reset to factory settings while driving.



Your individual settings will not be reset unless you confirm the action by pressing the reset button **R** again. After 5 seconds the Settings... menu reappears in the multifunction display.

Submenus in the Settings menu

- Press button **⬆**.

In the multifunction display you see the collection of the submenus.



- Press button **⬇**.

The selection marker moves to the next submenu.

The submenus are arranged by hierarchy. Scroll up with button **+**, and scroll down with button **-**.

With the selection marker on the desired submenu, use the **⬆** button to access the individual functions within that submenu. Once within the submenu, you can use the **⬆** button to move to the next function or the **⬇** button to move to the previous function within that submenu.

The settings themselves are made with button **+** or **-**.

Control system

The table below shows what settings can be changed within the various submenus.

Detailed instructions on making individual settings can be found on the following pages.

Instrument cluster (▷ page 137)	Time/Date (▷ page 139)	Lighting (▷ page 143)	Vehicle (▷ page 147)	Convenience* (▷ page 147)
Selecting digital speed-ometer display mode Selecting language	Time synchronization with head unit* Setting the time (hours)	Daytime running lamp mode (USA only) Locator lighting	Setting automatic locking	Activating easy-entry/exit feature* Setting parking position for exterior rear view mirror*
Selecting display (speed display or outside temperature) for status indicator	Setting the time (minutes) Setting the date (month) Setting the date (day) Setting the date (year)	Night security illumination Interior lighting delayed shut-off		

Instrument cluster submenu

Access the Instr. cluster submenu via the Settings... menu. Use the Instr. cluster submenu to change the instrument cluster display settings. The following functions are available:

Function	Page
Selecting speedometer display mode	137
Selecting language	137
Selecting display (speed display or outside temperature) for status indicator	138

Selecting digital speedometer display mode

- Move the selection marker with button **+** or **-** to the Instr. cluster submenu.
- Press button **↶** or **↷** repeatedly until you see Display unit Digital speedometer in the multifunction display.

The selection marker is on the current setting.



- Press button **+** or **-** to set the speedometer unit to km or miles.

Selecting language

- Move the selection marker with button **+** or **-** to the Instr. cluster submenu.
- Press button **↶** or **↷** repeatedly until you see Language in the multifunction display.

The selection marker is on the current setting.



- Press button **+** or **-** to select the desired language to be used for the multifunction display messages. ►►

Control system

▷▷ Available languages:

- German
- English
- Italian
- French
- Spanish

Selecting display (speed display or outside temperature) for status indicator

- ▶ Move the selection marker with button **+** or **-** to the Instr. cluster submenu.
- ▶ Press button **↶** or **↷** repeatedly until you see *Select display* in the multifunction display.

The selection marker is on the current setting.



- ▶ Press button **+** or **-** to select the desired setting.

The selected display is then shown continuously in the lower display.

The other display now appears in the menu of the standard display:

- Digital speedometer
or
- Outside temperature

Time/Date submenu

Access the Time/Date submenu via the Settings... menu. Use the Time/Date submenu to change the instrument cluster display settings.

The following functions are available:

Function	Page
Time synchronization with head unit*	139
Setting the time (hours)	139
Setting the time (minutes)	140
Setting the date (month)	141
Setting the date (day)	141
Setting the date (year)	142

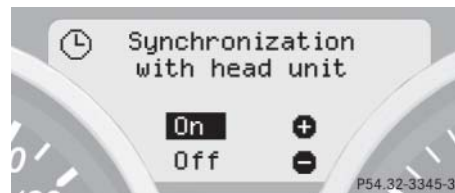
Time and date synchronization with head unit*

This function can only be seen on vehicles with COMAND* and navigation module*.

- Move the selection marker with button **+** or **-** to the Time/Date submenu.

- Press button **↶** or **↷** repeatedly until you see Synchronization with head unit in the multifunction display.

The selection marker is on the current setting.



- Press button **+** or **-** to select the desired setting.

Setting the time (hours)

This function can be seen in vehicles with audio system, or in vehicles with COMAND* and navigation module*, if the time and date synchronization with head unit* feature was set to Off (▷ page 139).



Vehicles with COMAND*:
For information on setting the time in COMAND, refer to the separate COMAND operating instructions.

Control system

- ▶ Move the selection marker with button **+** or **-** to the Time/Date submenu.
- ▶ Press button **↶** or **↷** repeatedly until you see **Clock**, hours in the multifunction display.

The selection marker is on the hours.



- ▶ Press button **+** or **-** to set the correct hours displayed in the multifunction display.
- ▶ Press reset button **R** to confirm the set hours.

Setting the time (minutes)

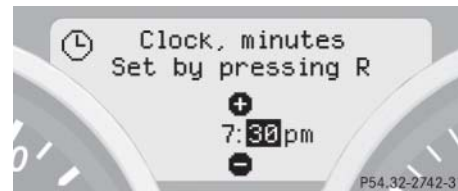
This function can be seen in vehicles with audio system, or in vehicles with COMAND* and navigation module*, if the time and date synchronization with head unit* feature was set to Off (▷ page 139).



Vehicles with COMAND*:
For information on setting the time in COMAND, refer to the separate COMAND operating instructions.

- ▶ Move the selection marker with button **+** or **-** to the Time/Date submenu.
- ▶ Press button **↶** or **↷** repeatedly until you see **Clock**, minutes in the multifunction display.

The selection marker is on the minutes.



- ▶ Press button **+** or **-** to set the correct minutes displayed in the multifunction display.
- ▶ Press reset button **R** to confirm the set minutes.

Setting the date (month)

This function can be seen in vehicles with audio system, or in vehicles with COMAND* and navigation module*, if the time and date synchronization with head unit* feature was set to Off (▷ page 139).



Vehicles with COMAND*:
For information on setting the time in COMAND, refer to the separate COMAND operating instructions.

- ▶ Move the selection marker with button **+** or **-** to the Time/Date submenu.
- ▶ Press button **↶** or **↷** repeatedly until you see Set date month in the multifunction display.

The selection marker is on the month.



- ▶ Press button **+** or **-** to set the month.

Setting the date (day)

This function can be seen in vehicles with audio system, or in vehicles with COMAND* and navigation module*, if the time and date synchronization with head unit* feature was set to Off (▷ page 139).



Vehicles with COMAND*:
For information on setting the time in COMAND, refer to the separate COMAND operating instructions.

Control system

- ▶ Move the selection marker with button **+** or **-** to the Time/Date submenu.
- ▶ Press button **↶** or **↷** repeatedly until you see **Set date day** in the multifunction display.

The selection marker is on the day.



- ▶ Press button **+** or **-** to set the day.

Setting the date (year)

This function can be seen in vehicles with audio system, or in vehicles with COMAND* and navigation module*, if the time and date synchronization with head unit* feature was set to Off (▷ page 139).



Vehicles with COMAND*:
For information on setting the time in COMAND, refer to the separate COMAND operating instructions.

- ▶ Move the selection marker with button **+** or **-** to the Time/Date submenu.
- ▶ Press button **↶** or **↷** repeatedly until you see **Set date year** in the multifunction display.

The selection marker is on the year.



- ▶ Press button **+** or **-** to set the year.

Lighting submenu

Access the Lighting submenu via the Settings... menu. Use the Lighting submenu to change the lamp and lighting settings on your vehicle.

The following functions are available:

Function	Page
Daytime running lamp mode (USA only)	143
Locator lighting	144
Night security illumination	145
Interior lighting delayed shut-off	146

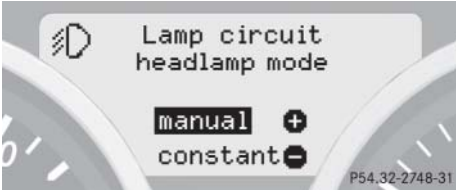
Daytime running lamp mode (USA only)



This function is not available in countries where the daytime running lamp mode is mandatory and therefore in a constant mode.

- ▶ Move the selection marker with button **+** or **-** to the Lighting submenu.
- ▶ Press button **↶** or **↷** repeatedly until you see Lamp circuit headlamp mode in the multifunction display.

The selection marker is on the current setting.



- ▶ Press button **+** or **-** to select manual operation (manual) or daytime running lamp mode (constant) activated.

With daytime running lamp mode activated and the exterior lamp switch in position **0** or **AUTO**, the low beam headlamps are switched on when the engine is running.

In low ambient light conditions the following lamps will switch on additionally:

- Parking lamps
- Tail lamps
- License plate lamps
- Side marker lamps

For more information on the daytime running lamp mode, see “Lighting” (▷ page 110).

Control system



For safety reasons, resetting all the functions of all submenus to the factory settings while driving (▷ page 134) will not deactivate the daytime running lamp mode.

The following message appears in the multifunction display:

Lighting Cannot be completely reset to factory settings while driving.

Locator lighting

With the locator lighting feature activated and the exterior lamp switch in position **AUTO**, the following lamps will switch on during darkness when the vehicle is unlocked with the SmartKey:

- Parking lamps
- Tail lamps
- License plate lamps
- Side marker lamps
- Front fog lamps

The locator lighting switches off when the driver's door is opened.

If you do not open a door after unlocking the vehicle with the SmartKey, the lamps will switch off automatically after approximately 40 seconds.

- ▶ Move the selection marker with button **+** or **-** to the Lighting submenu.
- ▶ Press button **↶** or **↷** repeatedly until you see Function Surround lighting in the multifunction display.

The selection marker is on the current setting.



- ▶ Press button **+** or **-** to switch the locator lighting function On.
- ▶ Turn the exterior lamp switch to position **AUTO** when exiting the vehicle (▷ page 55).

The locator lighting feature is activated.

Night security illumination (Headlamps delayed shut-off)

Use this function to set whether or not the exterior lamps illuminate during darkness after exiting the vehicle and all doors closed.

With the delayed shut-off feature activated and the exterior lamp switch in position **AUTO** before the engine is turned off, the following lamps will switch on when the engine is turned off and remain lit for approximately 15 seconds:

- Parking lamps
- Tail lamps
- License plate lamps
- Side marker lamps
- Front fog lamps

If after turning off the engine you do not open a door or do not close an opened door, the lamps will automatically switch off after 60 seconds.



You can reactivate this function within 10 minutes by opening a door.

- Move the selection marker with button **+** or **-** to the Lighting submenu.
- Press button **↶** or **↷** repeatedly until you see **Headlamps delayed shut-off** in the multifunction display.

The selection marker is on the current setting.



- Press button **+** or **-** to set the function to **On** or **Off**.
- Turn the exterior lamp switch to position **AUTO** before turning off the engine (► page 55).

Control system

You can temporarily deactivate the delayed shut-off feature:

- ▶ Before exiting the vehicle, turn the SmartKey in the starter switch to position **0**.
- ▶ Then turn it to position **2** and back to position **0**.

The delayed shut-off feature is deactivated. It will reactivate as soon as you reinsert the SmartKey in the starter switch.

Interior lighting delayed shut-off

Use this function to set whether or not the interior lighting remains lit during darkness for approximately 10 seconds after you have removed the SmartKey from the starter switch.

- ▶ Move the selection marker with button **+** or **-** to the Lighting submenu.
- ▶ Press button **⬆** or **⬇** repeatedly until you see *Interior lighting delayed shut-off* in the multifunction display.

The selection marker is on the current setting.



- ▶ Press button **+** or **-** to set the function to On or Off.

Vehicle submenu

Access the Vehicle submenu via the Settings... menu. Use the Vehicle submenu to make general vehicle settings.

The following function is available:

Function	Page
Setting automatic locking	147

For additional information on central locking, see “Automatic central locking” (▷ page 101).

Setting automatic locking

Use this function to activate or deactivate the automatic locking system. With the automatic locking system activated, the vehicle is centrally locked at vehicle speeds of approximately 9 mph (15 km/h).

- Move the selection marker with button **+** or **-** to the Vehicle submenu.
- Press button **↶** or **↷** repeatedly until you see Automatic door lock in the multifunction display.

The selection marker is on the current setting.



- Press button **+** or **-** to set the automatic central locking to On or Off.

Convenience* submenu

Access the Convenience submenu via the Settings... menu. Use the Convenience submenu to change the settings for a number of convenience features.

The following functions are available:

Function	Page
Activating easy-entry/exit feature*	148
Setting parking position for exterior rear view mirror*	148

Control system

Activating easy-entry/exit feature*

Use this function to activate and deactivate the easy-entry/exit feature (▷ page 43).

Warning!





You must make sure no one can become trapped or injured by the moving steering wheel when the easy-entry/exit feature is activated.

To cancel steering wheel movement, do one of the following:

- Move steering column lever* (▷ page 43).
- Press one of the memory position buttons* or the memory button **M*** (▷ page 107).

Do not leave children unattended in the vehicle, or with access to an unlocked vehicle. Children could open the driver's door and unintentionally activate the easy-entry/exit feature, which could result in an accident and/or serious personal injury.

- ▶ Move the selection marker with button **+** or **-** to the Convenience submenu.
- ▶ Press button  or  repeatedly until you see **Function Easy-entry feature** in the multifunction display.

The selection marker is on the current setting.





- ▶ Press button **+** or **-** to set the function to On or Off.

Setting parking position* for exterior rear view mirror

Use this function to select whether the passenger-side exterior rear view mirror should be turned downward during parking maneuvers when reverse gear **R** is engaged.



For additional information, see “Storing exterior rear view mirror parking position (parking aid)” (▷ page 108).

- ▶ Move the selection marker with button **+** or **-** to the Convenience submenu.

- Press button  or  repeatedly until you see Mirror adjustment Parking aid in the multifunction display.

The selection marker is on the current setting.



- Press button  or  to set the function to On or Off.

Trip computer menu

Use the trip computer menu to call up statistical data on your vehicle.





The following information is available:

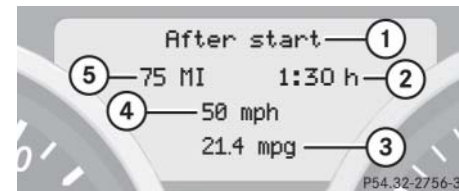
Function	Page
Fuel consumption statistics after start	149
Fuel consumption statistics since last reset	150
Calling up range (distance to empty)	151



When you enter the trip computer menu, you will always see the fuel consumption statistics after start first.

Fuel consumption statistics after start

- Press button  or  repeatedly until you see the first function of the trip computer menu.
- Press button  or  repeatedly until you see After start in the multifunction display.



- ① Statistics called up: since start
- ② Time elapsed since start
- ③ Average fuel consumption since start
- ④ Average speed since start
- ⑤ Distance driven since start

Control system

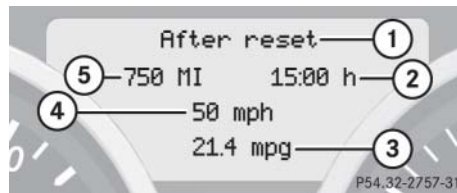


All statistics stored since the last engine start will be reset approximately four hours after the SmartKey in the starter switch is turned to position **0** or removed from the starter switch.

Resetting will not occur if you turn the SmartKey back to position **1** or **2** within this time period.

Fuel consumption since last reset

- ▶ Press button or repeatedly until you see the first function of the trip computer menu.
- ▶ Press button or repeatedly until you see **After reset** in the multi-function display.



- ① Statistics called up: since last reset
- ② Time elapsed since last reset
- ③ Average fuel consumption since last reset
- ④ Average speed since last reset
- ⑤ Distance driven since last reset

Resetting fuel consumption statistics manually





- ▶ Press and hold reset button until the values of the statistics are reset to 0.

Resetting fuel consumption statistics automatically

The values of the statistics will be automatically reset to 0 when one of the following values exceeds:

- distance: 100 000 miles (100 000 km)
- elapsed time: 10 000 hours

Calling up range (distance to empty)

- ▶ Press button  or  repeatedly until you see the first function of the trip computer menu.
- ▶ Press button  or  repeatedly until you see **Range:** in the multifunction display.

In the multifunction display you will see the calculated range based on the current fuel tank level.



TEL menu*

Warning!



A driver's attention to the road must always be his/her primary focus when driving. For your safety and the safety of others, we recommend that you pull over to a safe location and stop before placing or taking a telephone call. If you choose to use the telephone while driving, please use the hands-free device and only use the telephone when weather, road, and traffic conditions permit.

Some jurisdictions prohibit the driver from using a cellular telephone while driving a vehicle.

Bear in mind that at a speed of just 30 mph (approximately 50 km/h), your vehicle is covering a distance of 44 feet (approximately 14 m) every second.

Never operate radio transmitters equipped with a built-in or attached antenna (i.e. without being connected to an external antenna) from inside the vehicle while the engine is running. Doing so could lead to a malfunction of the vehicle's electronic system, possibly resulting in an accident and/or personal injury.

You can use the functions in the TEL menu to operate your telephone, provided it is connected to a hands-free system and switched on.

- ▶ Switch on the telephone and Audio or COMAND*.

See separate operating instructions.

- ▶ Press button  or  repeatedly until you see the TEL menu in the multifunction display.

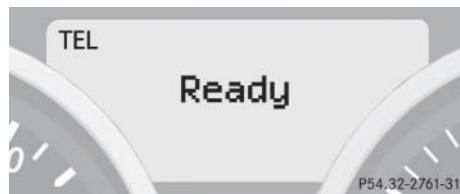
Control system

Which messages will appear in the multifunction display depends on whether your telephone is switched on or off:

- If the telephone is switched off, the message in the multifunction display is: **PHONE off.**
- If the telephone is switched on:

The telephone will then search for a network. During this time the multifunction display is empty.

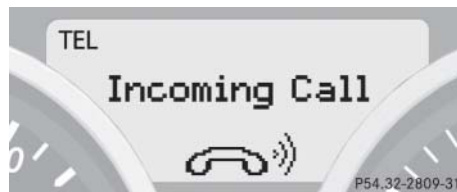
As soon as the telephone has found a network, **Ready** is indicated in the multifunction display.



This standby message indicates that your telephone is ready for use and you can operate it using the control system.

Answering a call


When your telephone is ready to receive calls, you can answer a call at any time. In the multifunction display you will see the message:



Audio system



COMMAND*


- ▶ Press button .

You have answered the call.

The duration of the call appears in the multifunction display.

Rejecting a call


If you do not wish to receive the call, you can choose to reject it.

- ▶ Press button .

You have rejected the call.

The caller receives a busy signal.

Ending a call





- ▶ Press button .

You have ended the call.

The standby message appears in the multifunction display.



Dialing a number from the phone book

If your telephone is ready to receive calls, you may select and dial a number from the phone book at any time.

- ▶ Press button  or  repeatedly until you see the TEL menu and the standby message in the multifunction display.
- ▶ Press button  or .

The control system reads the phone book which is stored in the telephone. This may take up to 30 seconds. In the multifunction display you will see the message *Please wait*.

When the message *Please wait* disappears, the phone book has been loaded.



- ▶ Press button  or  repeatedly until the desired name appears in the multifunction display.


The stored names are displayed in ascending or descending alphabetical order.




- ① Selected name from phone book



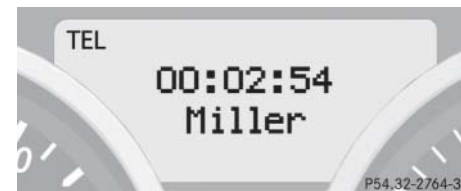
If you press and hold button  or  for longer than 1 second, the system scrolls rapidly through the list of names until you release the button again.

Cancel the quick search mode by pressing button .

- ▶ Press button .


The control system dials the selected phone number.

- If the connection is successful, the name of the party you called and the duration of the call will appear in the display.



- If no connection is made, the control system stores the dialed number in the redial memory.




or

- ▶ Cancel the call you have intended to make by pressing button .

Control system




Redialing

The control system stores the most recently dialed phone numbers. This eliminates the need to search through your entire phone book.

- ▶ Press button  or  repeatedly until you see the TEL menu and the standby message in the multifunction display.
- ▶ Press button .

In the multifunction display you will see the first number in the redial memory.



- ▶ Press button  or  repeatedly until the desired number or name appears in the multifunction display.
- ▶ Press button .

The control system dials the selected phone number.


If the connection is successful, the duration of the call will appear in the multifunction display, and

- the name of the party if stored in the phone book

or

- instead of it the dialed number

or

- ▶ Cancel the call you have intended to make by pressing button .

▼ Manual transmission

Manual transmission is standard equipment on select models and not available on all models.

For information on driving with a manual transmission, see “Manual transmission” (▷ page 51).

Warning!



For vehicles equipped with a manual transmission, getting out of your vehicle with the gearshift lever not engaged in first or reverse gear and parking brake engaged is dangerous.

Also, when parked on an incline, an engaged first or reverse gear alone may not prevent your vehicle from moving, possibly hitting people or objects.

Always set the parking brake in addition to engaging first or reverse gear (▷ page 59).

When parked on an incline, turn front wheels towards the road curb.

Do not park this vehicle in areas where combustible materials such as grass, hay or leaves can come into contact with the hot exhaust system, as these materials could be ignited and cause a vehicle fire.

Warning!



When leaving the vehicle, always remove the SmartKey from the starter switch, take it with you, and lock the vehicle. Do not leave children unattended in the vehicle, or with access to an unlocked vehicle. Children could move the gearshift lever, which could result in an accident and/or serious injury.

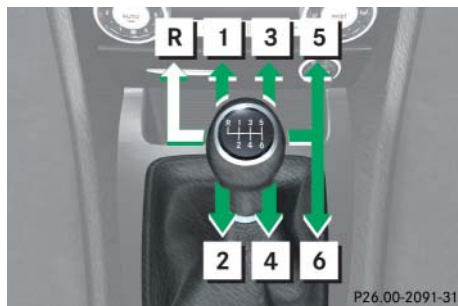
Warning!



On slippery road surfaces, never downshift in order to obtain braking action.

This could result in drive wheel slip and reduced vehicle control. Your vehicle's ABS will not prevent this type of loss of control.

Manual transmission



Gearshift pattern for manual transmission



When you are shifting into the **5th** or **6th** gear, make sure that you press the gearshift lever to the right. Otherwise, you could accidentally shift into the **3rd** or **4th** gear and damage the transmission.

Downshifting gears leading to overrevving the engine can result in engine damage that is not covered by the Mercedes-Benz Limited Warranty.

Never hold the vehicle stopped on a hill by using the clutch pedal. The clutch may be damaged which is not covered by the Mercedes-Benz Limited Warranty.

Do not exceed the engine speed limits. Refer to tachometer (▷ page 121) for engine speeds.

Shifting into reverse



Only shift into reverse gear **R** when the vehicle is stationary, as the transmission could otherwise be damaged.

- ▶ Stop the vehicle completely.
- ▶ Fully depress the clutch pedal.
- ▶ Move the gearshift lever to the neutral position (no gear selected).
- ▶ Move the gearshift lever to the left until you feel a certain resistance.
- ▶ Push the gearshift lever past this resistance.
- ▶ Then move the gearshift lever forward into position **R**.

▼ Automatic transmission*

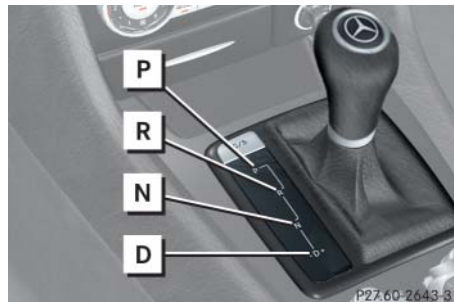
For more information on driving with an automatic transmission, see “Automatic transmission*” (▷ page 51).

Your vehicle’s transmission adapts its gear shifting process to your individual driving style by continually adjusting the shift points up or down. These shift point adjustments are performed based on current operating and driving conditions.

If the operating conditions change, the automatic transmission reacts by adjusting its shift program.



During the brief warm-up, transmission upshifting is delayed. This allows the catalytic converter to heat up more quickly to operating temperature.



Gearshift pattern for automatic transmission

The automatic transmission selects individual gears automatically, depending on:

- the gear selector lever position **D** (▷ page 159) with gear ranges (▷ page 160)
- the selected program mode:
(**C/S**) (▷ page 163)
or
(**M/C/S**) (SLK 55 AMG only)
(▷ page 169)
- the position of the accelerator pedal (▷ page 162)
- the vehicle speed

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- ① Current gear range/gear selector lever position
- ② Current program mode

The current gear range/gear selector lever position and program mode (C/S) or (M/C/S) appear in the multifunction display.

Warning!



It is dangerous to shift the gear selector lever out of **P** or **N** if the engine speed is higher than idle speed. If your foot is not firmly on the brake pedal, the vehicle could accelerate quickly forward or reverse. You could lose control of the vehicle and hit someone or something. Only shift into gear when the engine is idling normally and when your right foot is firmly on the brake pedal.



Allow engine to warm up under low load use. Do not place full load on the engine until the operating temperature has been reached.

Shift into reverse gear **R** or parking position **P** only when the vehicle is stopped.

Avoid spinning of a drive wheel for an extended period when driving off on slippery road surfaces. This may cause serious damage to the drivetrain which is not covered by the Mercedes-Benz Limited Warranty.

When the gear selector lever is in position **D**, you can influence transmission shifting by:

- limiting the gear range
- changing gears manually

Gear selector lever position

	Effect
P	Park position Gear selector lever position when the vehicle is parked. Place gear selector lever in position P only when vehicle is stopped. The park position is not intended to serve as a brake when the vehicle is parked. Rather, the driver should always set the parking brake in addition to placing the gear selector lever in position P to secure the vehicle.

	Effect
	The SmartKey can only be removed from the starter switch with the gear selector lever in position P . With the SmartKey removed, the gear selector lever is locked in position P . If the vehicle's electrical system is malfunctioning, the gear selector lever could remain locked in position P (▷ page 396).
R	Reverse gear Place gear selector lever in position R only when vehicle is stopped.

	Effect
N	Neutral No power is transmitted from the engine to the drive axle. When the brakes are released, the vehicle can be moved freely (pushed or towed). To avoid damage to the transmission, never engage N while driving. If the ESP® is deactivated or malfunctioning: Move gear selector lever to N only if the vehicle is in danger of skidding, e.g. on icy roads.
D	Drive The transmission shifts automatically. All forward gears are available.

Automatic transmission*



Coasting the vehicle, or driving for any other reason with gear selector lever in **N** can result in transmission damage that is not covered by the Mercedes-Benz Limited Warranty.

Warning!



Getting out of your vehicle with the gear selector lever not fully engaged in position **P** is dangerous. Also, position **P** alone is not intended to or capable of preventing your vehicle from moving, possibly hitting people or objects.

Always set the parking brake in addition to shifting to position **P** (▷ page 52). When parked on an incline, turn the front wheels towards the road curb.

Do not park this vehicle in areas where combustible materials such as grass, hay or leaves can come into contact with the hot exhaust system, as these materials could be ignited and cause a vehicle fire.

Warning!



When leaving the vehicle, always remove the SmartKey from the starter switch, take it with you, and lock the vehicle. Do not leave children unattended in the vehicle, or with access to an unlocked vehicle. Children could move the gear selector lever from position **P**, which could result in an accident and/or serious personal injury.

Gear ranges

With the gear selector lever in position **D** and driving in the automatic shift program **C** or **S** (▷ page 163), you can select a gear range for the automatic transmission to operate within:

Gear selector lever (▷ page 164):
You can limit the gear range by pressing the gear selector lever to the left (**D-**), and reverse the gear range limit by pressing the gear selector lever to the right (**D+**).

Steering wheel gearshift control
(▷ page 165):

You can limit the gear range by pressing the respective downshift button on the steering wheel gearshift control, and reverse the gear range limit by pressing the respective upshift button on the steering wheel gearshift control.

The selected gear range appears in the multifunction display (▷ page 158). If you press on the accelerator when the engine has reached its rpm limit, the transmission will upshift beyond any gear range limit selected.

	Effect
6	The transmission shifts through sixth gear only.
5	The transmission shifts through fifth gear only.
4	The transmission shifts through fourth gear only.

	Effect
3	The transmission shifts through third gear only. With this selection you can use the braking effect of the engine.
2	The transmission shifts through second gear only. Allows the use of engine's braking power when driving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on steep downgrades • in mountainous regions • under extreme operating conditions
1	The transmission operates in first gear only. For maximum use of engine's braking effect on very steep or lengthy downgrades.

Automatic transmission*

Driving tips

Accelerator position

Your driving style influences the transmission's shifting behavior:

Less throttle	Earlier upshifting
More throttle	Later upshifting

Kickdown

Use kickdown when you want maximum acceleration.

- ▶ Press the accelerator past the point of resistance.
The transmission shifts into a lower gear.
- ▶ Ease on the accelerator when you have reached the desired speed.
The transmission shifts up again.

Stopping

When you stop briefly, e.g. at traffic lights:

- ▶ Leave the transmission in gear.
- ▶ Hold the vehicle with the brake.

When you stop longer with the engine idling and/or on a hill:

- ▶ Set the parking brake.
- ▶ Move the gear selector lever to position **P**.

Maneuvering

When you maneuver in tight areas, e.g. when pulling into a parking space:

- ▶ Control the vehicle speed by gradually releasing the brakes.
- ▶ Accelerate gently.
- ▶ Never abruptly step on the accelerator.

Working on the vehicle

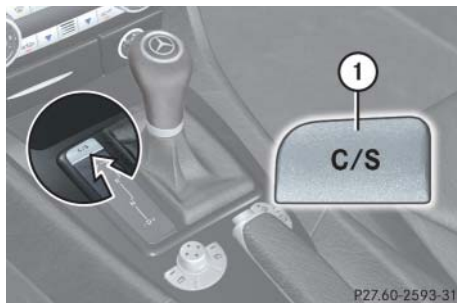
Warning!



When working on the vehicle, set the parking brake and move gear selector lever to position **P**. Otherwise the vehicle could roll away.

Automatic shift program

The program mode selector switch is located on the lower part of the center console.



① Program mode selector switch

C Comfort For comfort driving

S Sport For standard driving

The current gear selector lever position and the selected program mode (C/S) are indicated in the multifunction display (► page 158).



Never change the program mode when the gear selector lever is out of position **P**. This could result in a change of driving characteristics for which you may not be prepared.



The last selected program mode (**C** or **S**) is switched on when the engine is restarted.

- Press program mode selector switch ① repeatedly until the letter of the desired program mode appears in the multifunction display.

Select **C** for comfort driving:

- The vehicle starts out in second gear (both forward and reverse) for gentler starts. This does not apply if full throttle is applied or gear range **1** is selected.
- Traction and driving stability are improved on icy roads.
- Upshifts occur earlier even when you give more gas. The engine then operates at lower rpms and the wheels are less likely to spin.

Automatic transmission*

Gear selector lever one-touch gearshifting

Even with an automatic transmission, you can change the gears manually and limit or extend the gear range for automatic shifting with the gear selector lever in position **D** and driving in the automatic program mode **C** or **S**.



Allow engine to warm up under low load use. Do not place full load on the engine until the operating temperature has been reached.

Shift into reverse gear **R** or parking position **P** only when the vehicle is stopped.

Avoid spinning of a drive wheel for an extended period when driving off on slippery road surfaces. This may cause serious damage to the drivetrain which is not covered by the Mercedes-Benz Limited Warranty.

Downshifting

Warning!



On slippery road surfaces, never downshift in order to obtain braking action. This could result in drive wheel slip and reduced vehicle control. Your vehicle's ABS will not prevent this type of loss of control.

- ▶ Briefly press the gear selector lever to the left in the **D-** direction.

The transmission will shift from the current gear to the next lower gear as permitted by the shift program. This action simultaneously limits the gear range of the transmission (▷ page 160).



To avoid overrevving the engine when the gear selector lever is moved to the **D-** direction, the transmission will not shift to a lower gear if the engine's max. speed would be exceeded.

Upshifting

- ▶ Briefly press the gear selector lever to the right in the **D+** direction.

The transmission will shift from the current gear to the next higher gear as permitted by the shift program. This action simultaneously extends the gear range of the transmission.

Canceling gear range limit

- ▶ Press and hold the gear selector lever in the **D+** direction until **D** reappears in the multifunction display.

The transmission will shift from the current gear range directly to gear range **D**.

Shifting into optimal gear range

- ▶ Press and hold the gear selector lever in the **D-** direction.

The transmission will automatically select the gear range suited for optimal acceleration and deceleration. This will involve shifting down one or more gears.

Steering wheel gearshift control one-touch gearshifting

The steering wheel gearshift control provides an alternative method for changing the gears manually and limiting or extending the gear range for automatic shifting with the gear selector lever in position **D** and driving in the automatic program mode **C** or **S**.



To avoid overrevving the engine when downshifting with steering wheel gearshift buttons, the transmission will not shift to a lower gear if the engine's max. speed would be exceeded.



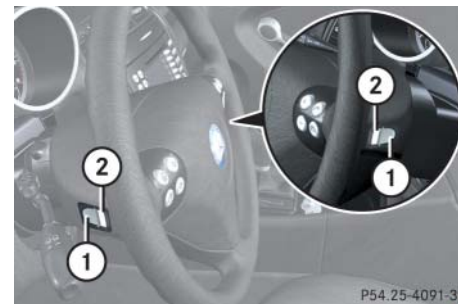
Allow engine to warm up under low load use. Do not place full load on the engine until the operating temperature has been reached.

Shift into reverse gear **R** or parking position **P** only when the vehicle is stopped.

Avoid spinning of a drive wheel for an extended period when driving off on slippery road surfaces. This may cause serious damage to the drivetrain which is not covered by the Mercedes-Benz Limited Warranty.

Steering wheel gearshift control* SLK 280, SLK 350

The steering wheel gearshift buttons are located to the left and right of the steering wheel.



- ① Button, inside: downshift
- ② Button, outside: upshift

Automatic transmission*



You cannot shift with the steering wheel gearshift buttons when the gear selector lever is in position **P**, **N** or **R**.

The last selected program mode (**C** or **S**) is switched on when the engine is restarted.

Downshifting

Warning!



On slippery road surfaces, never downshift in order to obtain braking action. This could result in drive wheel slip and reduced vehicle control. Your vehicle's ABS will not prevent this type of loss of control.

- ▶ Briefly press the inside ① of one of the buttons on the steering wheel.

The transmission will shift to the next lower gear as permitted by the shift program. This action simultaneously limits the gear range of the transmission (▷ page 160).

Upshifting

- ▶ Briefly press the outside ② of one of the buttons on the steering wheel.

The transmission will shift to the next higher gear as permitted by the shift program. This action simultaneously extends the gear range of the transmission.

Canceling gear range limit

- Press and hold the outside ② of one of the buttons on the steering wheel until **D** reappears in the multifunction display.

The transmission will shift from the current gear range directly to gear range **D**.

Shifting into optimal gear range

- Press and hold the inside ① of one of the buttons on the steering wheel.

The transmission will automatically select the gear range suited for optimal acceleration and deceleration. This will involve shifting down one or more gears.

**Steering wheel gearshift control
SLK 55 AMG**

The steering wheel gearshift buttons are located to the left and right of the steering wheel.



- ① Left button: downshift
- ② Right button: upshift



You cannot shift with the steering wheel gearshift buttons when the gear selector lever is in position **P**, **N** or **R**.

The last selected program mode (**C** or **S**) is switched on when the engine is restarted in the automatic program mode.

The following instructions describe operation of the steering wheel gearshift control when driving in the automatic program mode **C** or **S**.

For instructions on operating the steering wheel gearshift control and gear selector lever in the manual program mode **M**, see “Manual shift program SLK 55 AMG” (▷ page 169).

Automatic transmission*

Downshifting

Warning!



On slippery road surfaces, never downshift in order to obtain braking action. This could result in drive wheel slip and reduced vehicle control. Your vehicle's ABS will not prevent this type of loss of control.

- Briefly press button ① on the left side of the steering wheel.

The transmission will shift to the next lower gear as permitted by the shift program. This action simultaneously limits the gear range of the transmission (▷ page 160) when you are driving in the automatic program mode (**C** or **S**).

Upshifting

- Briefly press button ② on the right side of the steering wheel.

The transmission will shift to the next higher gear as permitted by the shift program. This action simultaneously extends the gear range of the transmission when you are driving in the automatic program mode (**C** or **S**).

Canceling gear range limit

- Press and hold button ② on the right side of the steering wheel until **D** reappears in the multifunction display.

The transmission will shift from the current gear range directly to gear range **D**.

Shifting into optimal gear range

- Press and hold button ① on the left side of the steering wheel.

The transmission will automatically select the gear range suited for optimal acceleration and deceleration. This will involve shifting down one or more gears.

Manual shift program SLK 55 AMG

In addition to the automatic shift program **C** or **S**, your vehicle is equipped with the manual shift program **M**.

In the manual program mode **M**, system-controlled automatic gearshifting is switched off and you need to change the gears by manually upshifting or downshifting using the steering wheel gearshift buttons to the left and right of the steering wheel (> page 167) or the gear selector lever.

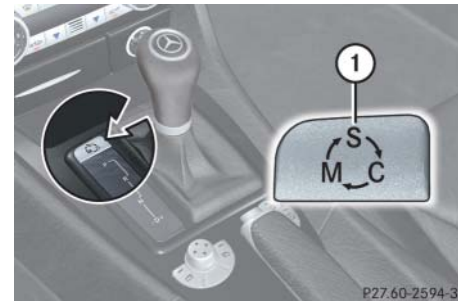


Allow engine to warm up under low load use. Do not place full load on the engine until the operating temperature has been reached.

Shift into reverse gear **R** or parking position **P** only when the vehicle is stopped.

Avoid spinning of a drive wheel for an extended period when driving off on slippery road surfaces. This may cause serious damage to the drivetrain which is not covered by the Mercedes-Benz Limited Warranty.

The program mode selector switch is located on the lower part of the center console.



① Program mode selector switch

M Manual	For manual gear shifting
C Comfort	For comfort driving
S Sport	For standard driving

Automatic transmission*

The current gear selector lever position and the selected program mode (M/C/S) are indicated in the multifunction display (▷ page 158).



For information on automatic program modes **C** or **S**, see “Automatic shift program” (▷ page 163), “Gear selector lever one-touch gearshifting” (▷ page 164), and “Steering wheel gearshift control one-touch gearshifting” (▷ page 165).

Activating manual shift program

- ▶ Press program mode selector switch ① repeatedly until the **M** for manual program mode **M** appears in the multifunction display.

The transmission switches to the manual program mode **M**. Automatic shifting is switched off. The gear range is not limited.

You can change the gears manually when the gear selector lever is in position **D**. You can upshift or downshift through the gears in succession.



The manual program mode **M** will not be stored. When the engine is turned off with the manual program mode **M** selected, the transmission will go to the automatic program mode (**C** or **S**) when the engine is restarted.

Upshifting




In the manual program mode **M**, the transmission will not upshift, even if the engine has reached its overrevving range. Shift up to the next gear before the engine has reached its overrevving range. Make absolutely certain that the engine speed does not reach the red marking on the tachometer (▷ page 24). Otherwise the engine could be damaged which is not covered by the Mercedes-Benz Limited Warranty.

- Briefly press the gear selector lever to the right in the **D+** direction.

or

- Briefly press button ② on the right side of the steering wheel (▷ page 167).

The transmission shifts to the next higher gear.

If, instead of the manual program mode symbol **M**, the  symbol appears in the multifunction display (▷ page 158), shift to the next higher gear. The fuel supply will otherwise be interrupted to prevent the engine from overrevving.

Downshifting

Warning!



On slippery road surfaces, never downshift in order to obtain braking action. This could result in drive wheel slip and reduced vehicle control. Your vehicle's ABS will not prevent this type of loss of control.

- Briefly press the gear selector lever to the left in the **D-** direction.

or

- Briefly press button ① on the left side of the steering wheel (▷ page 167).

The transmission shifts to the next lower gear.



When you brake or stop, the transmission shifts down to a gear from which you can easily accelerate or take off.

Kickdown

Using the kickdown when driving in the manual program mode **M** is not possible.

Automatic transmission*

Deactivating manual shift program

- ▶ Press the program mode selector switch (▷ page 169) repeatedly until **C** or **S** appears in the multifunction display.

or

- ▶ Restart the engine.

The transmission will go to the automatic program mode (**C** or **S**).

The manual program mode **M** is not stored.

Emergency operation (Limp Home Mode)

If vehicle acceleration worsens or the transmission no longer shifts, the transmission is most likely operating in limp home (emergency operation) mode. In this mode only second gear and reverse gear can be activated.

- ▶ Stop the vehicle.
- ▶ Move gear selector lever to **P**.
- ▶ Turn off the engine.
- ▶ Wait at least 10 seconds before restarting.
- ▶ Restart the engine.
- ▶ Move gear selector lever to position **D** (for second gear) or **R**.
- ▶ Have the transmission checked at an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center as soon as possible.

▼ Good visibility

For information on the windshield wipers, see (▷ page 56).

Headlamp cleaning system*

The button is located on the left side of the dashboard.



① Headlamp cleaning button

- ▶ Switch on the ignition (▷ page 36).
- ▶ Press button ①.

The headlamps are cleaned with a high-pressure water jet.



The headlamps will automatically be cleaned when you have

- switched on the headlamps and
- operated the windshield wipers with windshield washer fluid 15 times

When you switch off ignition, the counter resets.

For information on filling up the washer reservoir, see “Windshield washer system and headlamp cleaning system*” (▷ page 315).

Rear view mirrors

For more information on setting the rear view mirrors, see “Mirrors” (▷ page 45).

Interior rear view mirror, antiglare position



- ▶ Tilt the mirror to the antiglare night position by moving the lever towards the windshield.

The interior rear view mirror is dimmed.

Good visibility

Auto-dimming mirrors*

The reflection brightness of the exterior rear view mirrors and the interior rear view mirror will respond automatically to glare when

- ignition is switched on and
- incoming light from headlamps falls on the sensor in the interior rear view mirror

The rear view mirrors will not react if

- reverse gear **R** is engaged
- interior lighting is switched on

Warning!



The auto-dimming function does not react if incoming light is not aimed directly at sensors in the interior rear view mirror.

The interior rear view mirror and the exterior rear view mirror on the driver's side do not react, for example, if the wind screen is installed.

Glare can endanger you and others.

Warning!



In case of an accident, liquid electrolyte may escape from the mirror housing if the mirror glass breaks.

Electrolyte has an irritating effect. Do not allow the liquid to come into contact with eyes, skin, clothing, or the respiratory system. In case it does, immediately flush affected area with water, and seek medical help if necessary.



Electrolyte drops coming into contact with the vehicle paint finish can only be completely removed while in their liquid state and by applying plenty of water.

Warning!

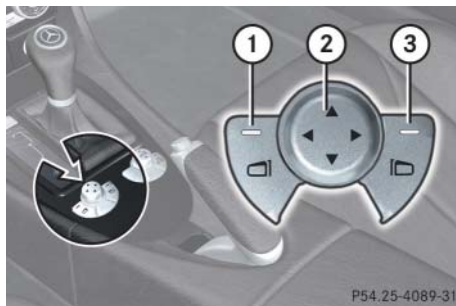


Exercise care when using the passenger-side exterior rear view mirror. The mirror surface is convex (outwardly curved surface for a wider field of view). Objects in mirror are closer than they appear. Check your interior rear view mirror or glance over your shoulder before changing lanes.

Activating exterior rear view mirror parking position*

Follow these steps to activate the mirror parking position so that the passenger-side exterior rear view mirror will be turned downward during parking maneuvers to the stored position.

The switches are located on the lower part of the center console.



- ① Driver-side exterior rear view mirror
- ② Adjustment switch
- ③ Passenger-side exterior rear view mirror

- ▶ Switch on the ignition (▷ page 36).
- ▶ Store a parking position* for the passenger-side exterior rear view mirror (▷ page 108).
- ▶ Switch the Mirror adjustment Parking aid function* in the Convenience submenu of the control system to ON (▷ page 148).
- ▶ Press switch ③ for the passenger-side exterior rear view mirror.
- ▶ Shift into reverse gear **R**.

The passenger-side exterior rear view mirror turns downwards to the stored position.

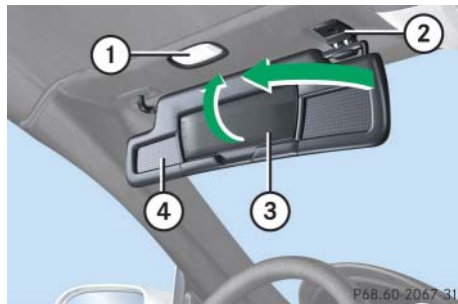
The passenger-side exterior rear view mirror returns to its previously stored driving position:

- 10 seconds after you shifted out of reverse gear **R**
- immediately once you exceed a vehicle speed of approximately 6 mph (10 km/h)
- immediately when you press adjustment switch ②

Good visibility

Sun visors

The sun visors protect you from sun glare while driving.



- ① Mirror lamp*
- ② Mounting*
- ③ Mirror cover
- ④ Sun visor

Warning!



Do not use the vanity mirror while driving.

Keep the mirrors in the sun visors closed while vehicle is in motion. Reflected glare can endanger you and others.

- Swing sun visors down when you experience glare.
- To use mirror and switch on mirror lamp*, lift up mirror cover ③.



If sunlight enters through a side window, disengage sun visor from mounting* ② and pivot it to the side. You then can slide the sun visor along the pivot arm to a different position if so desired.

The mirror lamp* ① will switch off as soon as sun visor is disengaged from mounting* ②.



Close mirror cover ③ if open before you disengage the sun visor ④ from mounting* ② and pivot it to the side.

Rear window defroster

The rear window defroster uses a large amount of power. To keep the battery drain to a minimum, switch off the defroster as soon as the rear window is clear.


The defroster is automatically deactivated after approximately 6 to 17 minutes of operation depending on the outside temperature.

Warning!



Any accumulation of snow and ice should be removed from the rear window before driving. Visibility could otherwise be impaired, endangering you and others.

Switching on

- Press the rear window defroster switch  in the control panel of the climate control (▷ page 179) or the automatic climate control* (▷ page 192).

The indicator lamp on the rear window defroster switch  comes on.





The rear window defroster cannot be switched on when the retractable hardtop is open. The indicator lamp starts flashing if the hardtop is open.

- Close the retractable hardtop first.

The rear window defroster can be switched on again.

Switching off

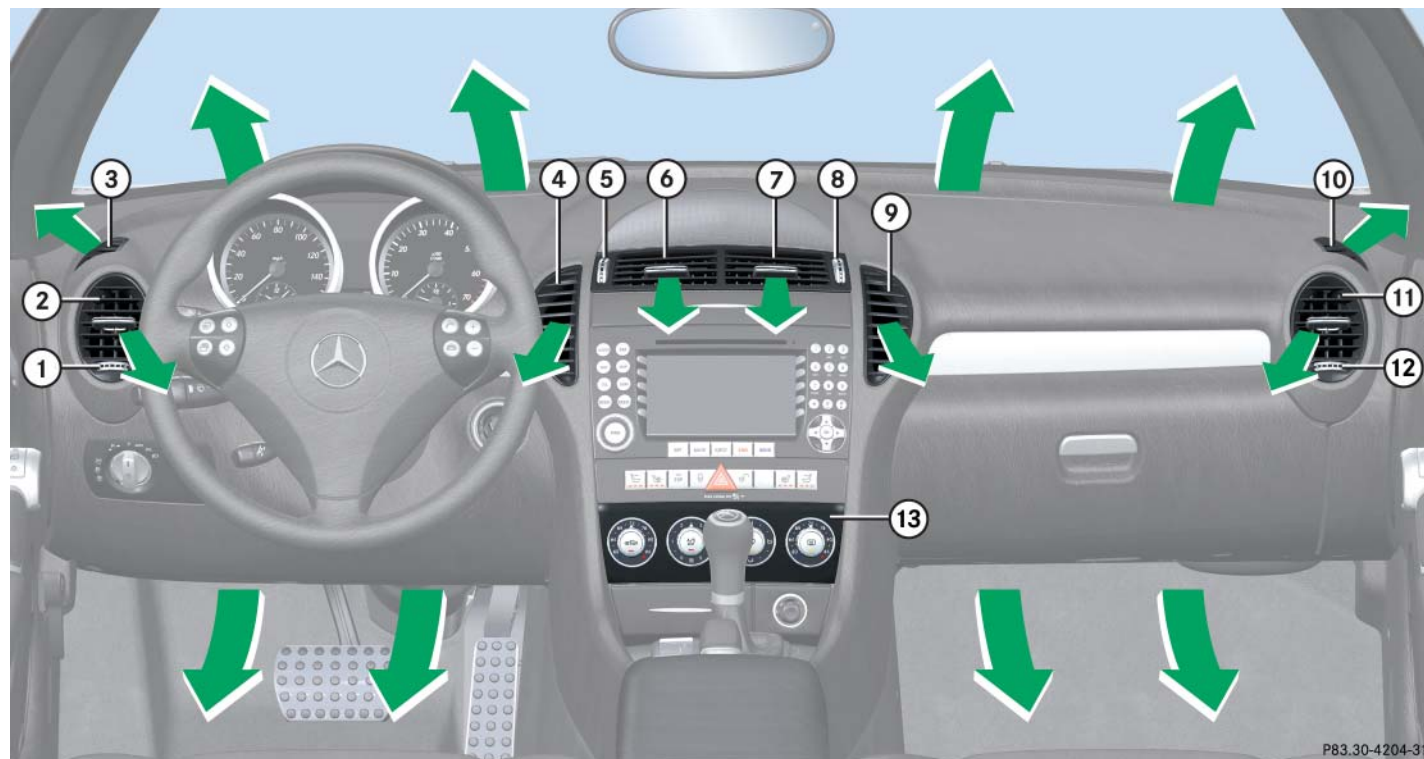
- Press the rear window defroster switch  again in the control panel of the climate control or the automatic climate control*.

The indicator lamp on the rear window defroster switch  goes out.



If the rear window defroster switches off too soon and the indicator lamp starts flashing, this means that too many electrical consumers are operating simultaneously and there is insufficient voltage in the battery. The system responds automatically by deactivating the rear window defroster.

As soon as the battery has sufficient voltage, the rear window defroster automatically turns itself back on.



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Item	
①	Thumbwheel for air volume control for adjustable left side air vent
②	Left side air vent, adjustable
③	Fixed air vent for defrosting left side window
④	Left center air vent, fixed
⑤	Thumbwheel for air volume control for fixed/adjustable left center air vents
⑥	Left center air vent, adjustable
⑦	Right center air vent, adjustable
⑧	Thumbwheel for air volume control for fixed/adjustable right center air vents
⑨	Right center air vent, fixed
⑩	Fixed air vent for defrosting right side window
⑪	Right side air vent, adjustable
⑫	Thumbwheel for air volume control for adjustable right side air vent

Item	
⑬	Climate control panel



When you turn the thumbwheels ⑤ and ⑧ upwards to the first stop, the fixed center air vents ④ and ⑨ and the adjustable center air vents ⑥ and ⑦ are open.

When you turn the thumbwheels completely upwards, only the adjustable center air vents ⑥ and ⑦ are open.

For draft-free ventilation, move the sliders for the center air vents ⑥ and ⑦ to the middle position.



Item	
①	Temperature control, left side
②	Air volume control, climate control on/off
③	Air distribution control
④	Temperature control, right side
⑤	Rear window defroster (▷ page 177)
⑥	Front defroster
⑦	AC cooling on/off, Residual heat/ventilation
⑧	Air recirculation

Climate control

The climate control is operational whenever the engine is running. The system cools or heats the interior depending on the selected interior temperature and the current outside temperature.

Warning!



When operating the climate control, the air that enters the passenger compartment through the air vents can be very hot or very cold (depending on the set temperature). This may cause burns or frostbite to unprotected skin in the immediate area of the air vents. Always keep sufficient distance between unprotected parts of the body and the air vents. If necessary, use the air distribution controls (▷ page 179) to direct the air to air vents in the vehicle interior that are not in the immediate area of unprotected skin.

Nearly all dust particles, pollutants and odors are filtered out before outside air enters the interior through the air distribution system.

The air conditioning will not engage (no cooling) if the **A/C** mode is deactivated (▷ page 179).

Warning!



Follow the recommended settings for heating and cooling given on the following pages. Otherwise the windows could fog up, impairing visibility and endangering you and others.



Severe conditions (e.g. strong air pollution) may require replacement of the filter before its scheduled interval. A clogged filter will reduce the air volume to the interior.

If the vehicle interior is hot, ventilate the interior before driving off. The climate control will then adjust the interior temperature to the set value much faster.

Keep the air intake grille in front of the windshield free of snow and debris.

When the retractable hardtop is closed, do not obstruct air flow by placing objects on the air flow-through exhaust slots below the rear window.

Switching climate control system on/off

Switching on

- ▶ Switch on the ignition (▷ page 36).
- ▶ Set air volume control ② to any speed (▷ page 179).

The previous settings are once again in effect.

Switching off

- ▶ Set air volume control ② (▷ page 179) to position 0.



When the climate control system is switched off, the outside air supply and circulation are also switched off. Only choose this setting for a short time. Otherwise the windows could fog up.

Setting the temperature

Use temperature controls ① and ④ (▷ page 179) to separately adjust the air temperature on each side of the passenger compartment. You should raise or lower the temperature setting in small increments, preferably starting at 72°F (22°C). The climate control will adjust to the set temperature as fast as possible.

Increasing

- ▶ Turn temperature control ① and/or ④ (▷ page 179) slightly clockwise.

The climate control system will correspondingly adjust the interior air temperature.

Decreasing





- ▶ Turn temperature control ① and/or ④ (▷ page 179) slightly counterclockwise.

The climate control system will correspondingly adjust the interior air temperature.

Climate control

Adjusting air distribution

Use air distribution control ③ (▷ page 179) to adjust the air distribution. The following symbols are found on the control:

Symbol	Function
	Directs air through the center and side air vents
	Directs air to the windows and through the center and side air vents
	Directs air into the entire vehicle interior
	Directs air to the footwells and through the center and side air vents

- ▶ Turn the air distribution control to the desired symbol (▷ page 179). The climate control system will correspondingly adjust the interior air distribution.



You can also turn the control to a position between two symbols.

Opening the center air vents

- ▶ Turn thumbwheels ⑤ and ⑧ (▷ page 178) upward to the first stop. Center air vents ④, ⑥, ⑦ and ⑨ are open.
- ▶ Turn thumbwheels ⑤ and ⑧ (▷ page 178) upward all the way. Only center air vents ⑥ and ⑦ are open.

Closing the center air vents

- ▶ Turn thumbwheels ⑤ and ⑧ (▷ page 178) downward all the way.
Center air vents ④, ⑥, ⑦ and ⑨ are closed.

Opening and closing side air vents

- ▶ Turn thumbwheels ① and ⑫ (▷ page 178) in the required direction.
Side air vents ② and ⑪ are open or closed.



Adjusting air volume

Ten blower speeds are available.

- ▶ Use air volume control ② (▷ page 179) to adjust the air volume.


Basic settings

Heating (winter)

- ▶ Turn temperature controls ① and ④ (▷ page 179) to the desired position.
- ▶ Turn air volume control ② (▷ page 179) to level **2** or higher.
Otherwise the windows may fog over.
- ▶ Turn air distribution control ③ (▷ page 179) to a position between  and .
- ▶ Open the side air vents if necessary.
- ▶ Close the center air vents.

Climate control

Heating (summer)

- ▶ Turn air temperature control ① and ④ (▷ page 179) to the desired position.
- ▶ Turn air volume control ② (▷ page 179) to level **1** or higher.
- ▶ Turn air distribution control ③ (▷ page 179) to position .
- ▶ Open the center and side air vents.

Defrosting windshield

You can use this setting to defrost the windshield, for example if it is iced up. You can also defog the side windows.



Keep this setting selected only until the windshield or the side windows are clear again.

Activating

- ▶ Press button  (▷ page 179).

The indicator lamp on the button comes on.

The air conditioning switches automatically to the following functions:

- cooling on to dehumidify
- maximum blowing and heating power
- air flows onto the windshield and the front side windows

Deactivating

- ▶ Press button  (▷ page 179) again.



The indicator lamp on the button goes out.

The previous settings are once again in effect.



The cooling remains switched on.


Windshield fogged on the outside

- ▶ Switch the windshield wipers on (▷ page 56).
- ▶ Turn air distribution control ③ to position  or  (▷ page 179).

Air recirculation mode


Switch to air recirculation mode to prevent unpleasant odors from entering the vehicle from the outside (e.g. before driving through a tunnel). This setting cuts off the intake of outside air and recirculates the air in the interior.

Warning!

Fogged windows impair visibility, endangering you and others. If the windows begin to fog on the inside, switching off the air recirculation mode immediately should clear interior window fogging. If interior window fogging persists, make sure the air conditioning (▷ page 187) is activated, or press button .

Climate control


Activating

- Briefly press button  (▷ page 179).

The indicator lamp on the button comes on.



The air recirculation mode is activated automatically at high outside temperatures.


The indicator lamp on button  is not lit when the air recirculation mode is automatically switched on.


A quantity of outside air is added after approximately 30 minutes.

Warning!





Never operate the side windows if there is the possibility of anyone being harmed by the closing procedure.

In the event that the closing procedure causes potential danger, the closing of the door windows can be immediately halted by releasing the  button or by pressing the respective power window switch.

The closing of the rear side windows can be immediately halted by releasing the  button.



If you press button  and keep it pressed, the side windows will close.

The closing of the side windows can be immediately halted by releasing button .

Deactivating

- Press button  (▷ page 179) again.


The indicator lamp on the button goes out.




The air recirculation mode is deactivated automatically:

- after 5 minutes if the outside temperature is below approximately 41°F (5°C)
- after 5 minutes if the air conditioning is turned off
- after 30 minutes if the outside temperature is above approximately 41°F (5°C)



If you press button  and keep it pressed, the side windows will open.

The opening of the side windows can be immediately halted by releasing button .

Air conditioning

The cooling function, only operational when the engine is running, cools the vehicle interior down to the selected temperature. The cooling function also dehumidifies the air in the vehicle interior, thus preventing the windows from fogging up.



Condensation may drip from underneath the vehicle. This is normal and not an indication of a malfunction.

Warning!



If you turn off the cooling function, the vehicle will not be cooled when the weather conditions are warm. The windows can fog up more quickly. Window fogging may impair visibility and endanger you and others.

Deactivating

It is possible to deactivate the air conditioning (cooling) function of the climate control system. The air in the vehicle will then no longer be cooled or dehumidified.

- Press button  (▷ page 179).

The indicator lamp on the button goes out. The cooling function switches off after a short delay.

Activating

Moist air can fog up the windows. You can dehumidify the air with the air conditioning.

- Press button  (▷ page 179) again.

The indicator lamp on the button comes on.

The air conditioning uses the refrigerant R134a. This refrigerant is free of CFCs which are harmful to the ozone layer.

Climate control


Maximum cooling

- ▶ Turn thumbwheels ⑤ and ⑧ (▷ page 178) upwards to the first stop.

The fixed center air vents ④ and ⑨ (▷ page 178) and the adjustable air vents ⑥ and ⑦ (▷ page 178) are open.

- ▶ For draft-free ventilation, move the sliders for the center air vents ⑥ and ⑦ (▷ page 178) to the middle position.

- ▶ Turn thumbwheels ① and ⑫ (▷ page 178) for the adjustable side air vents ② and ⑪ (▷ page 178) to the fully open position.

- ▶ Set air distribution control ③ (▷ page 182) to position .

The air distribution directs the air through the center and side air vents.

- ▶ Set air volume control ② (▷ page 183) to position 5.

The ventilation operates with maximum blower speed.

- ▶ Turn temperature controls ① and ④ (▷ page 179) completely counterclockwise to their end stops.

The lowest temperature for both sides is set.




When the vehicle's interior has cooled down enough, reduce the air volume and increase the air temperature to comfortable settings if desired.

Residual engine heat utilization

With the engine switched off, it is possible to continue to heat or ventilate the interior for up to 30 minutes. This feature makes use of the residual heat produced by the engine.

Activating

- ▶ Switch off the ignition (▷ page 36).
- ▶ Press button  (▷ page 179).

The indicator lamp on the button comes on.



How long the system will provide heating depends on

- the coolant temperature
- the temperature set by the operator

The blower will run at speed setting **1** regardless of the air distribution control setting.

Deactivating

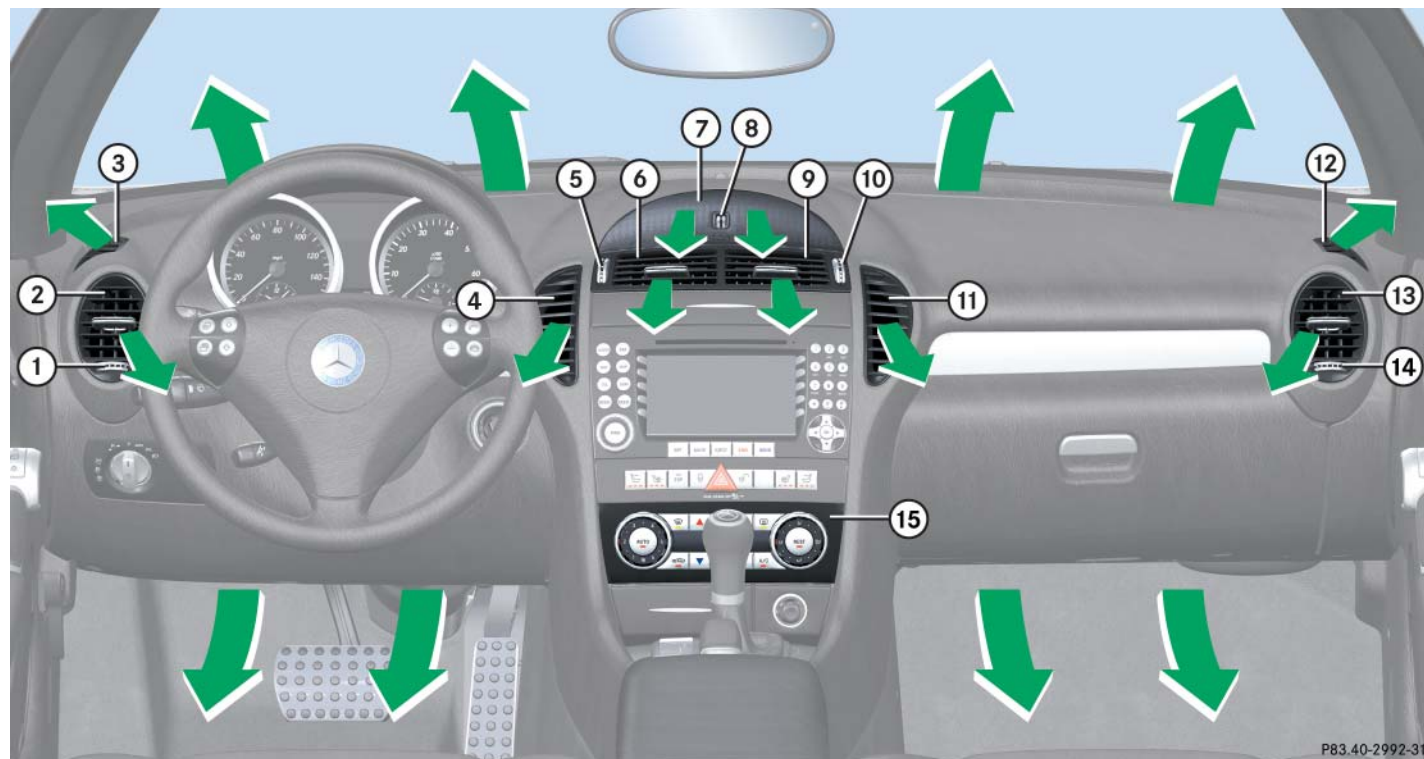
- ▶ Press button  (▷ page 179) again.

The indicator lamp on the button goes out.



The residual heat is automatically turned off

- when the ignition is switched on (▷ page 36)
- after about 30 minutes
- if the battery voltage drops



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Item	
①	Thumbwheel for air volume control for adjustable left side air vent
②	Left side air vent, adjustable
③	Fixed air vent for defrosting left side window
④	Left center air vent, fixed
⑤	Thumbwheel for air volume control for fixed/adjustable left center air vents
⑥	Left center air vent, adjustable
⑦	Cockpit air vent
⑧	Thumbwheel for air volume control for cockpit air vent
⑨	Right center air vent, adjustable
⑩	Thumbwheel for air volume control for fixed/adjustable right center air vents
⑪	Right center air vent, fixed
⑫	Fixed air vent for defrosting right side window

Item	
⑬	Right side air vent, adjustable
⑭	Thumbwheel for air volume control for adjustable right side air vent
⑮	Automatic climate control panel










When you turn the thumbwheels ⑤ and ⑩ upwards to the first stop, the fixed center air vents ④ and ⑪ and the adjustable center air vents ⑥ and ⑨ are open.

When you turn the thumbwheels completely upwards, only the adjustable center air vents ⑥ and ⑨ are open.

For draft-free ventilation, move the sliders for the center air vents ⑥ and ⑨ to the middle position.

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	Item
①	Air volume control, manual
②	AUTO Automatic mode
③	 Front defroster
④	 To increase temperature on the left side
⑤	OFF Automatic climate control on/off
⑥	 To increase temperature on the right side
⑦	 Rear window defroster (▷ page 177)
⑧	Air distribution control, manual
⑨	REST Residual heat/ventilation
⑩	A/C AC cooling on/off
⑪	 To lower temperature on the right side
⑫	 To lower temperature on the left side
⑬	 Air recirculation
⑭	Display

The automatic climate control is operational whenever the engine is running. You can operate the automatic climate control system in either the automatic or manual mode. The system cools or heats the interior depending on the selected interior temperature and the current outside temperature.

Warning!

When operating the automatic climate control, the air that enters the passenger compartment through the air vents can be very hot or very cold (depending on the set temperature). This may cause burns or frostbite on unprotected skin in the immediate area of the air vents. Always keep sufficient distance between unprotected parts of the body and the air vents. If necessary, use the air distribution controls (▷ page 192) to direct the air to air vents in the vehicle interior that are not in the immediate area of unprotected skin.

Nearly all dust particles, pollutants and odors are filtered out before outside air enters the interior through the air distribution system.

The air conditioning will not engage (no cooling) if the **A/C** mode is deactivated (▷ page 192).

Warning!

Follow the recommended settings for heating and cooling given on the following pages. Otherwise the windows could fog up, impairing visibility and endangering you and others.



Severe conditions (e.g. strong air pollution) may require replacement of the filter before its scheduled interval. A clogged filter will reduce the air volume to the interior.

If the vehicle interior is hot, ventilate the interior before driving off. The climate control will then adjust the interior temperature to the set value much faster.

Keep the air intake grille in front of the windshield free of snow and debris.

When the retractable hardtop is closed, do not obstruct air flow by placing objects on the air flow-through exhaust slots below the rear window.

Automatic climate control*

Deactivating the climate control system

Deactivating

- Press button **OFF** (▷ page 192).

The indicator lamp on the button comes on.



When the climate control system is switched off, the outside air supply and circulation are also switched off. Only choose this setting for a short time. Otherwise the windows could fog up.

Reactivating

- Switch on the ignition (▷ page 36).
- Press button **OFF** (▷ page 192) again.

The previous settings are once again in effect.

or

- Press button **AUTO** (▷ page 192).

The indicator lamp on the button comes on. Air volume and air distribution are adjusted automatically.

Operating the climate control system in automatic mode



When operating the climate control system in automatic mode, you will only rarely need to adjust the temperature, air volume and air distribution.

In automatic mode, cooling with dehumidify is switched on. This function can be switched off if necessary.

Activating

- Press button **AUTO** (▷ page 192) while the engine is running.


The indicator lamp on the button comes on. The air volume and air distribution are adjusted automatically.

- Use temperature controls ④ and ⑥ or ⑪ and ⑫ (▷ page 192) to separately adjust the air temperature on each side of the passenger compartment.

The temperature of the vehicle interior is adjusted automatically.

Deactivating

- Press button **AUTO** (▷ page 192) again.

The indicator lamp on the button goes out. The air volume changes to level **2** and the air distribution changes to . Automatic control of air volume and air distribution is switched off.

Setting the temperature

Use temperature controls ④ and ⑫ for the left side or ⑥ and ⑪ for the right side (▷ page 192) to separately adjust the air temperature on each side of the passenger compartment. You should raise or lower the temperature setting in small increments, preferably starting at 72°F (22°C). The climate control will adjust to the set temperature as fast as possible.

Increasing

- Press temperature button(s) ④ and/or ⑥ (▷ page 192) until the desired temperature appears in the control panel display ⑭ (▷ page 192).

The automatic climate control system will correspondingly adjust the interior air temperature.

Decreasing





- Press temperature button(s) ⑪ and/or ⑫ (▷ page 192) until the desired temperature appears in the control panel display ⑭ (▷ page 192).

The automatic climate control system will correspondingly adjust the interior air temperature.

Automatic climate control*

Adjusting air distribution

Use the air distribution control ⑧ (▷ page 192) to adjust the air distribution. The following symbols are found on the control:

Symbol	Function
	Directs air through the center, side and cockpit air vents
	Directs air to the windows and side air vents
	Directs air into the entire vehicle interior
	Directs air to the footwells and side air vents

- ▶ Turn air distribution control ⑧ (▷ page 192) to the desired position.

The indicator lamp on the button **AUTO** (▷ page 192) goes out.

The automatic air distribution is switched off. The air distribution is controlled according to the selected control setting.



You can also turn the control to a position between two symbols.

Opening the cockpit air vent and center air vents

- ▶ Turn thumbwheels ⑤ and ⑩ (▷ page 190) to the first stop and turn thumbwheel ⑧ (▷ page 190) upward all the way.

The cockpit air vent ⑦ and the center air vents ④, ⑥, ⑨ and ⑪ are open.

- ▶ Turn thumbwheels ⑤ and ⑩ (▷ page 190) upward all the way.

Only center air vents ⑥ and ⑨ are open.

Closing the cockpit air vent and center air vents

- Turn thumbwheels ⑤, ⑧ and ⑩ (▷ page 190) downward.

The cockpit air vent and the center air vents are closed.

Opening and closing side air vents

- Turn thumbwheels ① and ⑭ (▷ page 190) in the corresponding direction.

Side air vents ② and ⑬ are open or closed.

Adjusting air volume

Use button **AUTO** (▷ page 192) for automatic mode or air volume control ① (▷ page 192) to adjust air volume manually.

Eleven blower speeds are available.

- Turn air volume control ① (▷ page 192) to the desired position.

The indicator lamp on the button **AUTO** (▷ page 192) goes out.

The automatic operation of air volume switches off.

Defrosting windshield

You can use this setting to defrost the windshield, for example if it is iced up. You can also defog the side windows.



Keep this setting selected only until the windshield or the side windows are clear again.

Automatic climate control*

Activating

- ▶ Press button  (▷ page 192).

The indicator lamp on the button comes on.

The air conditioning switches automatically to the following functions:

- cooling on to dehumidify
- maximum blowing and heating power
- air flows onto the windshield and the front side windows

Deactivating

- ▶ Press button  (▷ page 192) again.

The indicator lamp on the button goes out.

The previous settings are once again in effect.



The cooling remains switched on.

Windows fogged on the outside





Keep this setting selected only until the windshield is clear again.

- ▶ Switch the windshield wipers on (▷ page 56).
- ▶ Press button **AUTO** (▷ page 192).

The indicator lamp on the button comes on. Air distribution and air volume are adjusted automatically.

If the automatic air distribution and air volume are switched off:

- ▶ Turn air distribution control ⑧ to position  or  (▷ page 192).

Maximum cooling MAX COOL

When operating the automatic climate control system in automatic mode **AUTO** and there is a high need for cooling, MAX COOL is activated. This provides the fastest possible cooling of the vehicle's interior (when retractable hardtop is closed).


MAX COOL will appear in display ¹⁴ (▷ page 192).

Air recirculation mode

Switch to air recirculation mode to prevent unpleasant odors from entering the vehicle from the outside (e.g. before driving through a tunnel). This setting cuts off the intake of outside air and recirculates the air in the interior.

Warning!



Fogged windows impair visibility, endangering you and others. If the windows begin to fog on the inside, switching off the air recirculation mode immediately should clear interior window fogging. If interior window fogging persists, make sure the air conditioning (▷ page 187) is activated, or press button .


Activating

- Press button  (▷ page 192).

The indicator lamp on the button comes on.



The air recirculation mode activates automatically at high outside temperatures.

The indicator lamp on button  is not lit when the air recirculation mode is automatically switched on.

A quantity of outside air is added after approximately 30 minutes. ▷▷


Automatic climate control*




Warning!




Never operate the side windows if there is the possibility of anyone being harmed by the closing procedure.

In the event that the procedure causes potential danger, the closing of the door windows can be immediately halted by releasing the  button or by pressing the respective power window switch.

The closing of the rear side windows can be immediately halted by releasing the  button.



If you press button  and keep it pressed, the side windows will close.

The closing of the windows can be immediately halted by releasing button .

Deactivating

- ▶ Press button  (▷ page 192) again.

The indicator lamp on the button goes out.




The air recirculation mode is deactivated automatically:

- after 5 minutes if the outside temperature is below approximately 41°F (5°C)
- after 5 minutes if the air conditioning is turned off (▷ page 200)
- after 30 minutes if the outside temperature is above approximately 41°F (5°C)



If you press button  and keep it pressed, the side windows will open.

The opening of the windows can be immediately halted by releasing button .

Air conditioning

The cooling function, only operational when the engine is running, cools the vehicle interior down to the selected temperature. The cooling function also dehumidifies the air in the vehicle interior, thus preventing the windows from fogging up.

The air conditioning uses the refrigerant R134a. This refrigerant is free of CFCs which are harmful to the ozone layer.

Warning!

If you turn off the cooling function, the vehicle will not be cooled when weather conditions are warm. The windows can fog up more quickly. Window fogging may impair visibility and endanger you and others.



Condensation may drip from underneath the vehicle. This is normal and not an indication of a malfunction.

Deactivating

It is possible to deactivate the air conditioning (cooling) function of the automatic climate control system. The air in the vehicle will then no longer be cooled or dehumidified.

- Press button **A/C** (▷ page 192).

The indicator lamp on the button goes out.

Activating

Moist air can fog up the windows. You can dehumidify the air with the air conditioning.

- Press button **A/C** (▷ page 192).

The indicator lamp on the button comes on.

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Residual heat and ventilation

With the engine switched off, it is possible to continue to heat or ventilate the interior for up to 30 minutes. This feature makes use of the residual heat produced by the engine.



How long the system will provide heating depends on

- the coolant temperature
- the temperature set by the operator

The blower will run at speed setting **1** regardless of the air volume control setting.

Activating

- ▶ Switch off the ignition (▷ page 36).
- ▶ Press button **REST** (▷ page 192).

The indicator lamp on the button comes on. The display in the automatic climate control panel remains switched off.

Deactivating

- ▶ Press button **REST** (▷ page 192) again.

The indicator lamp on the button goes out.



The residual heat is automatically turned off:

- when the ignition is switched on (▷ page 36)
- after about 30 minutes
- if the battery voltage drops

▼ Audio system

Audio and telephone*, operation

These instructions are intended to help you become familiar with your Mercedes-Benz audio system. They contain useful tips and a detailed description of the user functions.

Warning!



In order to avoid distraction which could lead to an accident, the driver should enter system settings with the vehicle at a standstill and operate the system only when road and traffic conditions permit. Always pay full attention to traffic conditions first before operating system controls while driving.

Bear in mind that at a speed of just 30 mph (approximately 50 km/h), your car is covering a distance of 44 feet (approximately 14 m) every second.

Operating safety

Warning!



Any alterations made to electronic components can cause malfunctions.

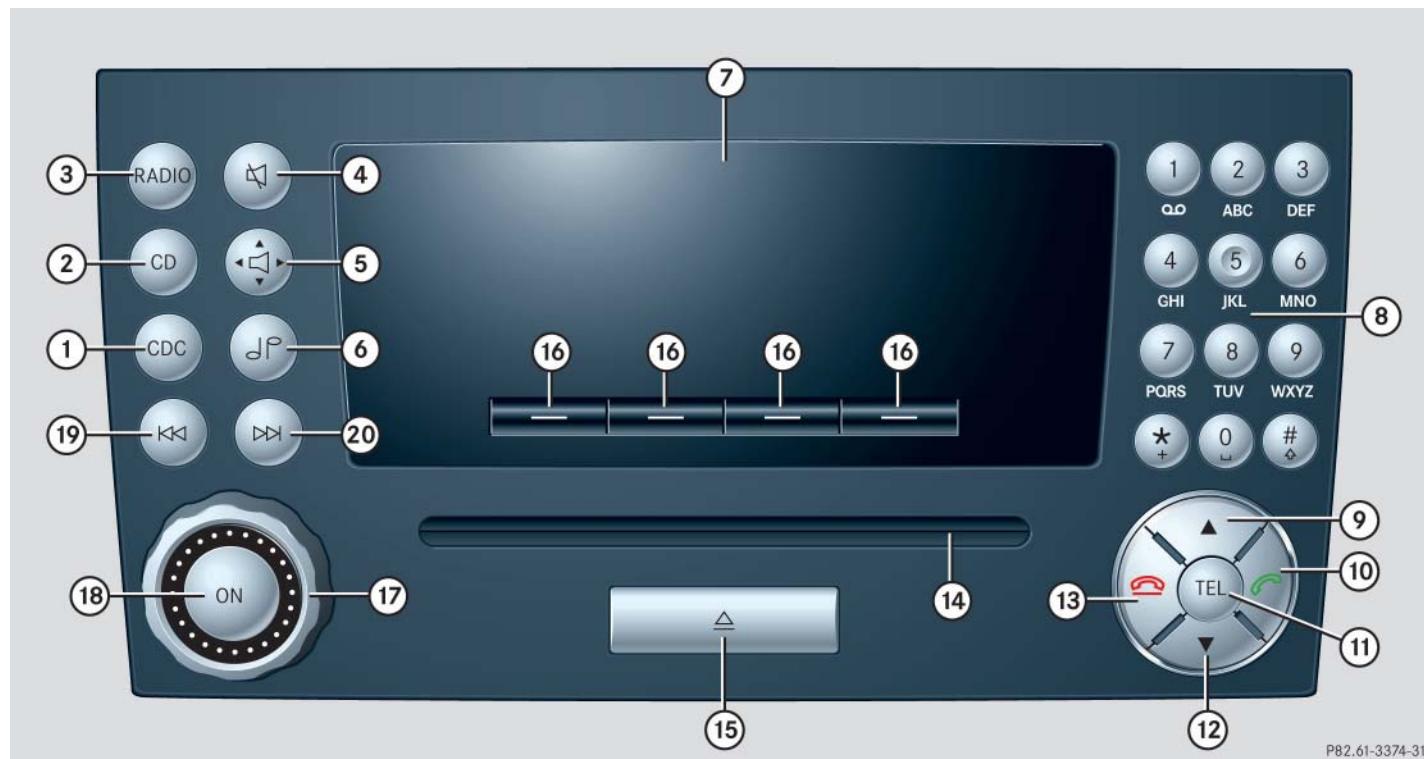
The radio, amplifier, CD changer*, satellite radio* and telephone* are interconnected. When one of the components is not operational or has not been removed/replaced properly, the function of other components may be impaired.

This condition might seriously impair the operating safety of your vehicle.

We recommend that you have any service work on electronic components carried out by an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center.

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Operating and display elements



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Audio system

Button and soft key operation

In these instructions, the alphanumeric keypad (right side of radio panel) and the function buttons (left side of radio panel) are referred to as “buttons”. The four keys below the display panel are referred to as “soft keys”.



Do not press directly in the display face. Otherwise, the display will be damaged.

Operation

Switching the unit on/off

Switching on

- ▶ Turn the SmartKey in the starter switch to position **1** or **2** (▷ page 36).
- ▶ If the audio system was on as you removed the SmartKey from the starter switch, the audio system will automatically come back on as you turn the SmartKey to position **1** or **2**.

or

- ▶ Press  button.



If the radio is switched on without the SmartKey in the starter switch, it will automatically switch off again after approximately 30 minutes.

If your vehicle is equipped with a telephone, the display may prompt you to enter your PIN (GSM network) or code (TDMA or CDMA network).

Switching off

- ▶ Remove the SmartKey from the starter switch.

or

- ▶ Press **ON** button.



Should excessively high temperatures occur while the audio system is being operated, the display will dim. If temperatures continue to rise, **HIGH TEMP** will appear in the display, after which the audio system will be switched off for a cooling-down period.

Adjusting the volume

- ▶ Turn rotary control of **ON** button.

The volume will increase or decrease depending on the direction turned.



If your vehicle equipment includes a Mercedes-Benz specified mobile telephone*, you can adjust its volume separately from the volume of the audio system while the telephone is being used.

Adjusting sound functions

The bass and treble functions are called up by pressing the **BP** button.

Settings for bass and treble are stored separately for the AM and FM wavebands, weather band, CD mode and telephone mode.

Bass

- ▶ Press **BP** button repeatedly until **BASS** appears in the display.



- ▶ Press + or - soft key to increase or decrease tone level accordingly.


or

- ▶ Press **RES** soft key briefly to reset bass tones to their center level.

The radio switches back to the standard radio menu 8 seconds after the last soft key is pressed.

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Adjusting treble


- ▶ Press  button repeatedly until TREBLE appears in the display.



- ▶ Press + or - soft key to increase or decrease tone level accordingly.
- or
- ▶ Press RES soft key briefly to reset treble tones to their center level.

The radio switches back to the standard radio menu 8 seconds after the last soft key is pressed.

Returning sound functions to factory settings

- ▶ Press  button to call up settings menu in the display.



- ▶ Press RES soft key briefly; the respective sound function is reset to its center level.

or

- ▶ Press and hold RES soft key until RESET appears in the display.

The sound settings for bass and treble are returned to their center level and the volume is set to a predefined level.

The radio switches back to the standard radio menu 4 seconds after the last soft key is pressed.

Adjusting balance

- ▶ Press  button.

BALANCE appears in the display.



- ▶ Press <<< or >>> soft key.

The volume is distributed between the left and right sides of the vehicle.


or

- ▶ Press RES soft key briefly.

The balance is reset to its center level.

The radio switches back to the standard radio menu 8 seconds after the last button is pressed.

Returning volume distribution to factory settings

- Press  button to call up settings menu in the display.



- Press RES soft key briefly; the respective volume distribution is reset to its center (flat) level.

or

- Press and hold RES soft key until RESET appears in the display.

The volume distribution settings for the balance is set to the center level.

The radio switches back to the standard radio menu 4 seconds after the last soft key is pressed.

Telephone* muting

If your vehicle equipment includes a Mercedes-Benz specified mobile telephone*, you can adjust its volume separately from the volume of the audio system while the telephone* is being used.

Radio operation

Selecting radio mode

- Press  button.

Calling up wavebands

You can choose from among the FM, AM and WB wavebands.

Weather band (► page 213).



FM waveband:	87.7.....107.9 MHz
AM waveband:	530.....1710 KHz

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Calling up wavebands for radios without SAT

- ▶ Press FM or AM soft key to switch between FM and AM.

The FM and AM wavebands are called up one after another.

or

- ▶ Press WB soft key.

The weather band menu is called up.

The waveband currently selected appears in the upper left-hand corner of the display.

Calling up wavebands for radios with SAT

- ▶ Press FM, AM or WB soft key repeatedly until desired waveband has been selected.

The FM, AM and WB wavebands are called up one after another.

The waveband currently selected appears in the upper left-hand corner of the display.

Selecting a station

The following options are available for selecting a station:

- Direct frequency input (▷ page 211)
- Manual tuning (▷ page 211)
- Automatic seek tuning (▷ page 211)
- Scan search (▷ page 211)
- Station memory (▷ page 212)
- Automatic station memory (Autostore) (▷ page 212)

The station search proceeds in the following frequency increments:

- 0.2 MHz in FM range
- 10 kHz in AM range

Direct frequency input

- ▶ Select desired waveband.



- ▶ Press ***** button.
- ▶ Enter desired frequency with buttons **1** to **0**.



You can only enter frequencies within the respective waveband.

If a button is not pressed within 4 seconds, the radio will return to the last station tuned.

Manual tuning

- ▶ Select desired waveband.
- ▶ Press **◀◀** or **▶▶** button for approx. 3 seconds.
- ▶ Press button repeatedly until desired frequency has been reached.

Step-by-step station tuning takes place in ascending or descending order. Each time the button is pressed, the radio tunes further by 0.2 MHz. During manual tuning, the radio is muted.

Automatic seek tuning

- ▶ Select desired waveband.
 - ▶ Press **◀◀** or **▶▶** button briefly.
- The radio will tune to the next highest or next lowest receivable frequency.



If no station is received after two consecutive scans of the complete frequency range, then the scan stops at the frequency from which it began.

Scan search

- Starting scan search
 - ▶ Select desired waveband.



- ▶ Press **SC** soft key.

SC will appear in the display. The radio briefly (approximately 8 seconds) tunes in all receivable stations on the waveband selected.

- Ending scan search
 - ▶ Press **SC** soft key or **◀◀** or **▶▶**.

The station last played will be selected and SC disappears from the display.

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Station memory

You can store ten AM and ten FM stations in the memory.

- Storing stations
 - ▶ Tune in desired station.
 - ▶ Press and hold desired station button **1** to **0** until a brief signal tone is heard.

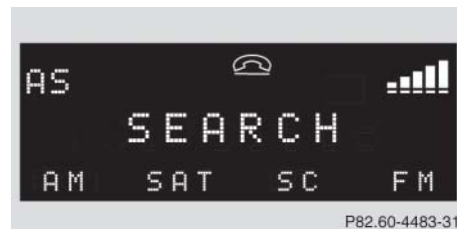
The frequency is stored on the selected station button.

- Calling up stations
 - ▶ Press desired station button **1** to **0** briefly.

Autostore – automatic station memory

The Autostore memory function provides an additional memory level. The station memory for manually stored stations is not overwritten.

- Calling up Autostore memory level and storing stations





- ▶ Press AS soft key briefly.

The radio switches to the Autostore memory level. AS and SEARCH appear in the display and the radio finds the ten stations with the strongest signals. These stations are stored on the station buttons **1** to **0** in order of signal strength.

- Calling up stations
 - ▶ Press desired station button **1** to **0**.
- Leaving the Autostore memory level
 - ▶ Press FM or AM soft key briefly.

Interrupting radio mode

The radio mode is interrupted by an incoming call on the telephone* (> page 235).

- Mute on
 - ▶ Press  button.
 - The radio mode is interrupted and MUTED appears in the display.
- Mute off
 - ▶ Press  button.
 - The radio mode is again active.

Weather band



- ▶ Press WB soft key.

The weather band station last received is tuned in.

Selecting a weather band station directly

- ▶ Select desired weather band station with buttons **1** to **7** PQRS.

If a station cannot be tuned in, a search is automatically started.

Search

- ▶ Press **⏮** or **⏭** button to tune in the next receivable weather band station.



If no weather band station is received after three consecutive scans of the complete frequency range, then the scan stops at the channel with which it began and **NO WB FOUND** appears in the display.

If this happens, switch back to standard radio mode.

Scan search

- Starting scan search
 - ▶ Press **SC** soft key.
SC will appear in the display. The radio briefly (approximately 8 seconds) tunes in all receivable weather band stations.
- Ending scan search
 - ▶ Press **SC** soft key or **⏮** or **⏭**.
 The weather band station last played will be selected and **SC** disappears from the display.

Audio system

Introduction to satellite radio* (USA only)

SIRIUS satellite radio provides 100 channels of digital-quality radio, among others music, sports, news, and entertainment, free of commercials. SIRIUS satellite radio uses a fleet of high-power satellites to broadcast 24 hours per day, coast to coast, in the contiguous U.S.

This diverse, satellite-delivered programming is available for a monthly subscription fee.

For more information and service availability, call the SIRIUS Service Center (▷ page 218), or contact www.siriusradio.com



Additional satellite radio equipment and a subscription to a satellite radio service provider are required for the satellite radio operation described here.

Contact an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center for details and availability for your vehicle.

Note that categories and channels shown in illustrations are dependent on programming content delivered by the service provider. Programming content is subject to change. Therefore, channels and categories shown in illustrations and descriptions contained in this manual may differ from the channels and categories delivered by the service provider.



Satellite radio service may be unavailable or interrupted from time to time for a variety of reasons, such as environmental or topographic conditions and other things beyond the service provider's or our control. Service might also not be available in certain places (e.g., in tunnels, parking garages, or within or next to buildings) or near other technologies.

Program categories

The channels are categorized. Categories allow you to tune to stations broadcasting a certain type of program (category mode) (▷ page 216).

Calling up the SAT main menu

- Press SAT soft key.

SAT is displayed in the upper left-hand corner of the display.

Prior to activation of the satellite radio service (► page 215).

After activation of satellite radio service (► page 215).

Prior to activation of the satellite radio service



The telephone number of the SIRIUS Service Center (888-539-7474) is displayed.

- Press ESN soft key.

The twelve-digit electronic serial number (ESN) of the SAT tuner* installed in your vehicle is displayed.

This information is required to call the SIRIUS Service Center for an activation request.



Credit card information may also be required for your application.

The activation process takes approximately 5 to 10 minutes after calling the SIRIUS Service Center.

After activation of the satellite radio service

The satellite radio main menu appears. The radio station selected last is audible, provided it can be received.



The system will tune to a default station if no station had been selected previously.



The first channel 001 is called up and the PTY system changes to All categories.

If no station can be received, ACQUIRING appears in the display.

If the Satellite radio service is not activated, ACQUIRING will also appear in the radio display and NO SAT will appear in the multifunction display.

Audio system

Selecting a station

The following options are available:

- Selecting a station using the selected category (▷ page 217).
- Tuning via station presets (▷ page 216).
- Tuning via scan search (▷ page 217).
- Tuning via manual channel input (▷ page 216).
- Tuning via the program category list (▷ page 216).

Tuning via station presets

Ten satellite radio station presets are available.

You can access the presets via number keys.

Accessing via number keys

- ▶ Enter number of preset you wish to select, e.g. **1**.

The radio plays the station stored under this number and the PTY function changes to the category corresponding to the station.

Tuning via manual channel input



Example: tuning in channel 16

- ▶ Press ***** .

Input line appears in the main radio menu.

- ▶ Use number keys to enter desired channel within 8 seconds, e.g. **1** **6**.

The system tunes to channel 16.

The station you have selected begins to play.



You can only enter available channel numbers.

Tuning via the program category list

The category list contains all currently receivable categories of programs. It is arranged alphabetically.

- Selecting a category
 - ▶ Press PTY soft key.



The current PTY category of the station is displayed.

- ▶ Press <<< or >>> soft key.

This switches between the individual categories.

When changing the category, the channel selected last in the new category becomes audible.

The system will automatically switch to a station of the selected category if the currently selected station is not of the selected category. Otherwise, the currently selected station remains tuned.

- Tuning a station within the selected category

The channels identified for the currently selected category are arranged numerically. Only one entry is visible at a time.

- ▶ Press **<<<** or **>>>** button briefly.

The next station within the category is started.

or

- ▶ Press and hold **<<<** or **>>>** button for approx. 3 seconds until desired station has been reached.

Tuning via scan search

Scan search is characterized as follows:

- Scan search plays a channel for approx. 8 seconds and then skips to the next channel within the current category.
- Scan search can be terminated manually.

- ▶ Press SC soft key.

The search starts. SC appears in the display.

- ▶ Press SC soft key again.

The search stops.

Audio system

Obtaining additional text information

Additional text information (artist, title) related to the current channel can be displayed.

- ▶ Press INF soft key.

The title being played is displayed.

- ▶ Press INF soft key again.

The name of the artist performing the title being played is displayed.



If a button is not pressed within 4 seconds, the radio will return to the standard display.

Storing stations

- ▶ Tune in desired station.
- ▶ Press and hold desired station button **1** to **0** until a brief signal tone is heard.

The frequency is stored on the selected station button.

The radio saves the current station at the memory preset selected. The memory preset selected appears in the status line, e.g. S3.



There are ten presets available.

An existing entry is overwritten in the memory list when a new entry is given.

Calling up the ESN information menu

- ▶ Press INF soft key.
- ▶ Press ESN soft key.

The twelve-digit electronic serial number (ESN) of the SAT tuner* installed in your vehicle is displayed.

- ▶ Press RET soft key to exit the menu.

CD mode

Safety precautions

Warning!



The single CD player and the CD changer* are Class 1 laser products. There is a danger of invisible laser radiation if the housing is opened or damaged.

Do not open the housing. The single CD player and the CD changer* do not contain any parts that can be serviced by the user. For safety reasons, have any service work which may be necessary performed only by qualified personnel.

Warning!



In order to avoid distraction which could lead to an accident, the driver should insert CDs with the vehicle at a standstill and operate the audio system only if permitted by road, weather and traffic conditions. Bear in mind that at a speed of just 30 mph (approximately 50 km/h), your car covers a distance of 44 feet (approximately 14 m) every second.

General notes

The system may not be able to play audio CDs with copy protection.

Playing copied CDs may cause malfunctions during playback.



The audio system plays both CD-Rs and CD-RWs with audio data.



If you affix stickers to the CDs, they can become warped due to the heat that develops in the CD drive or CD changer.

In certain situations, the CDs can then no longer be ejected and cause damage to the drive. Such damage is not covered by the Mercedes-Benz Limited Warranty.



Your CD drive or CD changer has been designed to play CDs which correspond to the EN 60908 standard. You can therefore only use CDs with a maximum thickness of 1.3 mm.

If you insert thicker data carriers, e.g. ones that have data on both sides (one side with DVD data, the other side with audio data), they cannot be ejected and will damage the drive.

Audio system

Do not use CDs with an 8 cm diameter, not even with a CD adapter. Attempting to play CDs with an 8 cm diameter or playing such CDs with an adapter may cause damage to the CD drive. Such damage is not covered by the Mercedes-Benz Limited Warranty.

Should excessively high or low temperatures occur while in CD changer mode*, **CD TEMP** will appear in the display, and the CD will be muted until the temperature has reached an acceptable level for the system to continue operation.

The single CD player and the CD changer* play audio CDs.

Tips on handling CDs

- Handle CDs carefully to prevent interference during playback.
- Avoid scratches, fingerprints and dust on the CDs.
- Do not write on CDs or apply any labels or other material to them.
- Clean CDs from time to time with a commercially available cleaning cloth. Never wipe the CD in a circular motion; instead, wipe it in a straight line starting in the center and moving outward. Do not use solvents, anti-static sprays, etc. for cleaning.
- Replace the CD in its case after use.
- Protect CDs from heat and direct sunlight.

MP3

The CD changer* can play audio CDs as well as CDs with MP3 files.

Information on MP3 data carriers



CD media, CD burning software and CD writers are available in great variety. Due to this variety, it cannot be guaranteed that the CD changer will be able to play every user-written CD.

The burning process can lead to data errors and aging of the medium may result in data loss. Therefore, the CD changer may be restricted in its ability to play MP3 data carriers; it may play them with reduced sound quality, or it may not be able to play them at all.

Problems may be encountered during playback of user-written CDs with a storage capacity of more than 700 MB. These CDs do not meet valid standards as of this printing.

Compatible MP3 data carriers

The CD changer can read the following data carriers in MP3 mode:

- CD-DA
- CD-R
- CD-RW

Compatible file systems and compression methods

Use Romeo or Joliet. Depending on file format used, up to 128 characters are possible.

The following compression methods are compatible:

- MP3
- WMA
- WAV

Compatible bit and sampling rates

Fixed and variable bit rates of up to 320 kBit/s are possible.

The following table lists possible sampling rates:

MPEG1 Audio Layer3	44.1 KHz, 48 KHz, 32 KHz
MPEG2 Audio Layer3	22.5 KHz, 24 KHz, 16 KHz
MPEG2.5 Audio Layer3	11.025 KHz, 12 KHz, 8 KHz
WMA	32 KHz, 44.1 KHz, 48 KHz



Only use MP3 tracks with a bit rate of 128 kBit/s or higher and with the specified sampling rates.

The use of rates other than those specified may lead to noticeably inferior sound quality.

Information on copyright

The music tracks that you create for use in MP3 mode or that you play in MP3 mode are subject to copyright laws under applicable international and national regulations.

In many countries, the reproduction of copyrighted materials is not permitted, even if only for personal use, without the express prior consent of the copyright holder.

Please check the current copyright laws for your country and comply with them.

These restrictions do not apply, for example, to your own compositions and recordings, or for recordings for which authorization has been obtained from the copyright holder.

Audio system

MP3 playback

You can play an MP3 CD on the CD changer* as you would any standard audio CD. All of the functions described for the CD changer also apply for the playback of MP3 CDs. Keep in mind that the single CD player in the audio system unit is not able to read MP3 CDs.

The first 99 tracks on the CD, including tracks in subdirectories, are recognized and played. Any additional tracks will not be played.



Due to the branched data structure, playback of the first track may be delayed slightly.

Operating the single CD player in the audio system unit

Loading a CD

The single CD player in the audio system unit has capacity for one CD. The CD slot for loading the drive is located underneath the soft keys.

- ▶ Make sure the system is switched on.
- ▶ Insert CD into CD slot. The label side of the CD must face upwards.

The system automatically pulls the CD into the CD slot. The audio CD begins to play.




If a CD is already loaded, it must be ejected before inserting a new CD. Inserting a second CD in the slot with another CD still loaded will cause damage to the CD drive not covered by the Mercedes-Benz Limited Warranty.



If a CD has been inserted incorrectly or cannot be read, **WRONG CD0** will appear in the display.

Ejecting a CD

- ▶ Make sure the system is switched on.
- ▶ Press  button.


The system ejects the CD. **Remove CD0** will appear in the display.

- ▶ Remove CD from slot.

With the CD removed, **NO CD** will appear in the display.



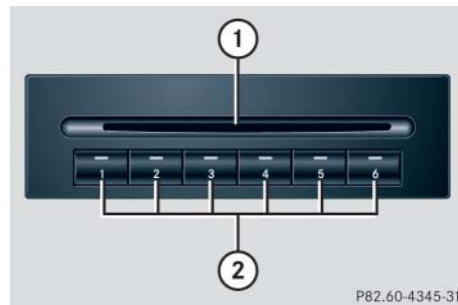
If you do not take the CD out of the CD slot within approx. 15 seconds, the system automatically pulls the CD back in and plays it.

If a CD is pulled back in, press  button, the CD will then be ejected.

Operational readiness of CD changer*

If a CD changer has been installed in the vehicle, it can be operated from the front control panel of the audio system.

The CD changer is located in the glove box.



- ① CD loading slot
- ② Magazine slot button

A magazine is integrated into the CD changer as a fixed element. It holds a maximum of six CDs.

The CD changer features six magazine slot buttons ② for controlling the loading procedure.

A light-emitting diode in the buttons shows the status of the corresponding magazine slot.

CD loading slot ① is above buttons ② and is used to load CDs.

LEDs	
no LED is lit	Magazine slot is empty.
green LED flashes	CD can be loaded.
red LED is lit	Magazine slot is in use.
red LED flashes	CD is being ejected.

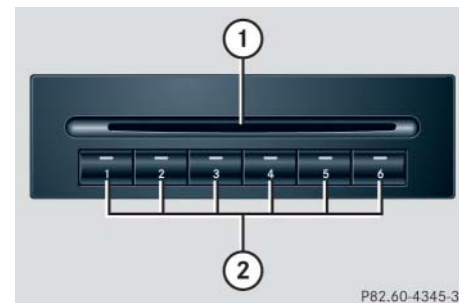
Loading the CD magazine

If a CD has been inserted incorrectly or cannot be read, **WRONG CDO** will appear in the display.

Loading one or more CDs interrupts the CD playback.

Loading single CDs

- Open the glove box.



- ① CD loading slot
- ② Magazine slot button



Audio system

- ▷▷ Briefly press button ② for the empty magazine slot that you would like to use.

The light-emitting diode in the magazine slot button flashes in green.

INSERT CD appears in the display along with the slot number.

The flashing light indicates that the CD changer is ready to receive a CD.

- ▶ Insert an audio CD into CD loading slot ① within 5 seconds, label side up.
The CD is pulled in and played.
- ▶ Close the glove box.

Loading several CDs

- ▶ Open the glove box.
- ▶ Press button ② of an empty magazine slot for more than 2 seconds.

The light-emitting diodes in all the magazine slot buttons light up several times in green, and ALL LOAD appears in the display.

- ▶ Wait until the light-emitting diode for the first magazine slot flashes in green.

The flashing light indicates that the CD changer is ready to receive a CD.

- ▶ Insert an audio CD into CD loading slot ① within 5 seconds, label side up.

The CD is pulled in and the light-emitting diode in the magazine slot button lights up in red. The magazine slot is loaded.

The light-emitting diode in the next available magazine slot button flashes in green. The CD changer is ready to receive the next CD.

- ▶ Repeat the previous step until all six magazine slots are loaded.

Once all magazine slots are loaded, the CD in the sixth magazine slot is played.



If, for example, you only want to load magazine slots 1 - 4 instead of all six, simply do not insert a fifth CD into the CD loading slot. The CD changer will first try to load a CD but will then cancel the procedure, after which the radio will play the fourth CD.

- ▶ Close the glove box.

Ejecting CDs



The CD playback is interrupted while one or more CDs are being ejected.

Ejecting single CDs

- ▶ Open the glove box.
- ▶ Briefly press desired magazine slot button.

The light-emitting diode in the magazine slot button flashes in red. The corresponding CD is ejected. **EJECTING CD** appears in the display along with the magazine slot number.

- ▶ Remove CD from CD loading slot within 15 seconds.

If after removing a single CD no other CDs remain loaded in the magazine, **MAG. EMPTY** appears in the display.



If you do not take the CD from the CD loading slot within 15 seconds, the CD changer will automatically pull the CD back in. The system will then play the CD.

If you are listening to a CD while ejecting another CD from the changer:

The Audio system stops playing the CD while another CD is being ejected. Once the CD has been ejected, the Audio system will continue playing where it left off.

- ▶ Close the glove box.

Ejecting all loaded CDs

- ▶ Open the glove box.
- ▶ Press the button of a loaded magazine slot for more than 2 seconds.

The light-emitting diodes in all magazine slot buttons light up several times in red, and **ALL EJECT** appears in the display.

The CD changer ejects the CDs one after another.

The light-emitting diode for the magazine slot being emptied flashes in red.

- ▶ Take corresponding CD from CD loading slot within 15 seconds.

The ejection procedure is finished once you have removed all CDs from the CD loading slot or if the CD changer cancels the procedure.

With all CDs removed from the magazine, **MAG. EMPTY** appears in the display.



Audio system



If you do not take the CD from the CD loading slot within 15 seconds, the CD changer will automatically pull the CD back in. The system will then play the CD.

With all CDs ejected, press the **RADIO** button to switch back to the radio mode.

- ▶ Close the glove box.

Playing CDs

Single CD player in the audio unit

- ▶ Press **CD** button.

CD0 will appear in the upper left-hand corner of the display.

The CD will resume playback at the point where it was switched off.

*CD changer**

- ▶ Press **CDC** button.

CD and the selected magazine slot number appear in the upper left-hand corner of the display.

If you have not removed a CD since the last time the CD audio source was activated, the last CD listened to will begin to play at the point where it was switched off.

After the last track on a CD has finished, the next CD is automatically played.

Playing tracks

You have the following options:

- Audio system with CD changer*: selecting CDs
- Direct track entry
- Track skip forward/reverse
- Fast forward/reverse
- Scan
- Random tracks
- Repeat track

*Selecting CDs in the audio unit with CD changer**



- You can select from among the inserted CDs with buttons

0 to **6** MNO.

0 = CD player in the audio unit
1 to **6** MNO = CDs in the CD changer*

The magazine slot number of the selected CD appears next to **CD** in the display, and the number of the currently played track appears next to **TRACK**.



If there is no CD in the selected magazine slot, **NO CD** appears in the display with the corresponding slot number.

Direct track entry



You can make a direct selection from among the tracks on a CD.

- Press ***** button.
- Enter track number using buttons **1** to **0**.

The number of the track being played appears next to **TRACK** in the display.

You can only enter available track numbers.

Skipping tracks forward/backward

- Skipping tracks forward
 - Press **>>|** button briefly.
 - The next track will be played.

- Skipping tracks backward

- Press **<<|** button briefly.

If the track has been playing for more than 10 seconds, the unit skips back to the beginning of the track currently playing. If less than 10 seconds have been played, the unit skips back to the beginning of the previous track.

Pressing the **<<|** or **>>|** button repeatedly will result in multiple tracks being skipped.

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Fast forward/reverse

- Fast forward
 - ▶ Press and hold **>>|** button until desired point has been reached.
- Reverse
 - ▶ Press and hold **<<|** button until desired point has been reached.



The track number and the relative time of the track is shown in the display during the search.

Scan

- Starting scan
 - ▶ Press **SC** soft key.
 - SC will appear in the display.
 - Each track on the current CD will be played for approx. 8 seconds in ascending order.
- Ending scan
 - ▶ Press **SC** soft key or **<<|** or **>>|**.

Random play

The random function (RDM) plays the tracks of the current CD in random order.



When you start the RDM function, the RPT function is automatically switched off.

- Switching on random
 - ▶ Press **RDM** soft key.
 - RDM appears in the display.
 - A randomly selected track is played.
- Switching off random
 - ▶ Press **RDM** soft key again.

Repeat

The track being played is repeated until the repeat function is switched off.



When you start the RPT function, the RDM function is automatically switched off.

- Switching on repeat
 - ▶ Press **RPT** soft key.
 - RPT appears in the display.
- Switching off repeat
 - ▶ Press **RPT** soft key again.

Pause function

The CD changer mode is interrupted by an incoming call on the telephone* (▷ page 235).

- Switching on pause function



- ▶ Press  button.

The CD changer mode is interrupted and **PAUSE** appears in the display.

- Switching off pause function

- ▶ Press  button.

The CD changer mode is active again.

Track and time display

- ▶ Press T soft key.

The number of the track being played and the elapsed playing time appear in the display.

- ▶ Press T soft key again.

The total number of tracks and the total playing time of the CD appear in the display.

- ▶ Press T soft key.

The standard CD playback menu appears in the display.

GSM network phones

Using your Mercedes-Benz specified mobile telephone*, a number of functions and operating steps can be performed and displayed in the audio system display.

Warning!




A driver's attention to the road must always be his/her primary focus when driving. For your safety and the safety of others, we recommend that you pull over to a safe location and stop before placing or taking a telephone call. If you choose to use the telephone¹ while driving, please use the hands-free device and only use the telephone when weather, road, and traffic conditions permit.

Some jurisdictions prohibit the driver from using a cellular telephone while driving a vehicle.

Bear in mind that at a speed of just 30 mph (approximately 50 km/h), your vehicle is covering a distance of 44 feet (approximately 14 m) every second.

¹ Observe all legal requirements.

Further operating instructions not covered here can be found in the operating instructions for the multifunction steering wheel and the cellular telephone*.

If your audio system is set up for telephone operation, the  symbol will appear in the display.

When you insert your Mercedes-Benz specified mobile telephone* into the telephone cradle, you will be prompted to enter your PIN for 30 seconds (▷ page 231). This display disappears when you press any button.

When your mobile telephone* is inserted into the telephone cradle, you will see the reception strength in the upper right-hand corner of the display.

Switching on the telephone

Switching on the telephone

- ▶ Press **TEL** button.

If the telephone was previously switched off, **PROCESSING** appears in the display and you will then be prompted to enter your PIN.

Switching off the telephone

- ▶ Press **TEL** button for approx. 3 seconds.

PROCESSING appears in the display until the telephone is off. Afterward, **PHONE OFF** appears in the display.


PIN entry

- ▶ Enter PIN number using buttons **1** to **0**.
- ▶ If necessary, correct number entered with the CLR soft key. Press soft key briefly to delete the last digit entered; press soft key and hold to delete the complete number.
- ▶ Press OK soft key after entering correct PIN.
- ▶ READY or ROAMING will appear in the display.



If the PIN is entered incorrectly three times, NEED PUK will appear in the display. Enter PUK via your telephone. Please refer to the separate telephone operating instructions for more information.

Adjusting the volume

- ▶ Turn rotary control of  button during a telephone call.

The volume will increase or decrease depending on the direction turned.



The volume can be adjusted separately for telephone mode and audio mode.

Adjusting sound

- ▶ Adjust sound during a telephone call. Sound adjustment (▷ page 207).


Placing a call**Entering a telephone number and starting the dialing process**

- ▶ Enter desired telephone number using buttons **1** to **0**.

The number can have up to 32 digits, but only twelve of these are visible in the display.



Audio system

- ▷▷ If necessary, correct number entered with the CLR soft key. Press soft key briefly to delete the last digit entered; press soft key and hold to delete the complete number.
- ▶ After correct telephone number has been entered, press  button.



If the telephone number has been saved together with a name in the telephone book, the name will appear in the display.

Phone book

The numbers stored in the phone book of the telephone can be called up either by name or number.

In addition, incoming calls are stored in the phone book.








This is only possible, however, when the call information transmitted includes the number of the person calling. If the telephone number is not transmitted, NO NUMBER will be stored in the phone book.

- Searching and calling up telephone book entries by name



You can access your mobile telephone's phone book using the audio system. You can access both the main entries and the sub-entries of your phone book.





- ▶ Press MEM soft key or press button  or .
- ▶ Press desired numerical key  to .

The stored entries are selected according to the alphabetical order of the initial letters (e.g. for S-Schneider, press button  four times).



or

- ▶ Press and hold button  or .

The system jumps from one initial letter to the next in ascending or descending order.

- ▶ Press and hold button  or  until desired initial letter has been reached.

or


- ▶ Press button  or  repeatedly until desired entry has been reached.

The stored entries are selected in alphabetical order with the sub-entries.



Several sub-entries can be stored for each main entry (name). These entries are marked by a corresponding abbreviation that appears in the upper left-hand corner of the display. The following abbreviations for sub-entries are possible:

CEL = Mobile phone
 HOM = Home
 WOR = Work
 FAX = Fax
 PAG = Pager
 TEL = Main

- ▶ When you have selected a number, press  button.

The call will be made.

- Viewing the telephone number of a telephone book entry



- ▶ Search for desired entry.

- ▶ Press NUM soft key.

The telephone number of the phone book entry appears in the display.



- Returning calls received




- ▶ Press MEM soft key or press button  or .

- ▶ Press RCV soft key (received calls).

The number of received calls and then the call last received appear briefly in the display.

- ▶ Select desired telephone number with button  or .

The letter R and the number of the memory position appear in the upper left-hand corner of the display. The numbers are stored in the order of the calls received.


- ▶ When you have selected a number, press  button.

The call will be made.

Audio system

- Speed dial

If you have stored telephone numbers as speed dial numbers in your telephone, you can also enter these with buttons **1** to **0** on the radio head unit.

- ▶ Press desired button **1** to **0** briefly.
- ▶ Press  button.

The call will be made.

- Turbo dial

If you have stored telephone numbers as turbo dial numbers in your telephone, you can also enter these with buttons **1** to **0** on the radio head unit.

- ▶ Press desired button **1** to **0** until the call is made.

Redial

If the number you have dialed is busy, you can again place calls to the last ten telephone numbers dialed using the redial function.



If you have activated the automatic redial function on your telephone, the number of the person being called is automatically redialed after a short waiting period if there is a busy signal. Refer to the separate operating instructions for the mobile telephone.

- Manual redial




- ▶ Press  button.

The telephone number last dialed will appear in the display.

- ▶ Select desired telephone number with button  or .

The letter L and the number of the memory position appears in the left-hand corner of the display. The numbers are stored in the order of the calls received.

- ▶ When you have selected a number, press  button.

The call will be made.

Accepting an incoming call

If the telephone is active in the background (reception symbol is visible in the display), the audio source is muted when an incoming call is received. A ringing tone can be heard and the caller's telephone number, or the name under which the telephone number has been saved in the phone book, appears in the display. If the caller's number is not transmitted with the call, CALL will appear in the display.

- ▶ Press  button.

The call is accepted.

Muting a call

It is possible to mute a call; the caller is then no longer able to hear you.

- Mute on
 - ▶ Press MUT soft key.
 - ▶ MIC MUTE will appear in the display.
- Mute off
 - ▶ Press MUT soft key again.

Terminating a call


- ▶ Press  button.

The current call is terminated and the muted audio source becomes active again.

Talking with two callers at the same time


If you wish to receive or place another call during an already active call, you can accept or place the second call and switch between the callers or combine them into one call. Note that the feature described here is dependent on availability from your mobile phone service provider.

- Placing/accepting a second call

- ▶ Place new call by entering telephone number manually.
- ▶ Press  button.

You are connected to the second caller; the first caller is kept on hold.

or

- ▶ Press  button to accept a second call.



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You will be notified of the second call acoustically, but you will not see this in the display.

You are connected with the second caller; the first caller is kept on hold.

- Switching between calls

- ▶ Press and buttons.

This switches between the calls.

The non-active call is kept on hold.

- Terminating a call

- ▶ Press button.

The current call is terminated. You are again connected with the caller previously placed on hold.

- Combining two calls

- ▶ Press and buttons.

The calls are combined into one call.

- Terminating a combined call

- ▶ Press button.

The connection to both callers is terminated.

TDMA or CDMA network phones

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Some jurisdictions prohibit the driver from using a cellular telephone while driving a vehicle.

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When you insert your Mercedes-Benz specified mobile telephone* into the telephone cradle, you will be prompted to enter your PIN for 30 seconds (▷ page 237). This display disappears when you press any button.

When your mobile telephone* is inserted into the telephone cradle, you will see the reception strength in the upper right-hand corner of the display.

Switching on the telephone

Switching on the telephone

- ▶ Press **TEL** button.

If you have programmed an unlock code for the telephone, you must now enter the code.



- ▶ Enter code using buttons **1** to **0**.
- ▶ If necessary, correct number entered with the CLR soft key. Press soft key briefly to delete the last digit entered; press soft key and hold to delete the complete number.

- ▶ Press **OK** soft key after entering correct code.


The telephone is unlocked. If you have entered an incorrect code, you must enter the correct code.

Switching off the telephone

- ▶ Press **TEL** button for approx. 3 seconds.

PROCESSING appears in the display until the telephone is off. Afterward, PHONE OFF appears in the display.

Adjusting the volume

- ▶ Turn rotary control of  button during a telephone call.

The volume will increase or decrease depending on the direction turned.



The volume can be adjusted separately for telephone mode and audio mode.

Audio system

Adjusting sound

- ▶ Adjust sound during a telephone call.
Sound adjustment (▷ page 207).


Placing a call

Entering a telephone number and starting the dialing process



- ▶ Enter desired telephone number using buttons **1** to **0**.

The number can have up to 32 digits, but only twelve of these are visible in the display.

- ▶ If necessary, correct number entered with the CLR soft key. Press soft key briefly to delete the last digit entered; press soft key and hold to delete the complete number.
- ▶ After correct telephone number has been entered, press  button.



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Phone book

The numbers stored in the phone book of the mobile telephone can be called up either by name or number.

In addition, incoming calls are stored in the phone book.



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- Searching and calling up phone book entries by name

You can access your mobile telephone's phone book with the audio system. You can access both the main entries and the sub-entries of your phone book.



- ▶ Press MEM soft key or press button ▲ or ▼.
- ▶ Press desired numerical key 2 ABC to 9 WXYZ.

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or

- ▶ Press and hold button ▲ or ▼.

The system jumps from one initial letter to the next in ascending or descending order.

- ▶ Press and hold button ▲ or ▼ until desired initial letter has been reached.

or

- ▶ Press button ▲ or ▼ repeatedly until desired entry has been reached.

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- ▶ Search for desired entry.

- ▶ Press NUM soft key.

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- Returning calls received

