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1998 SLK

MERCEDES-BENZ FOR 1997

When you look for **value** in an automobile,
you may find it where you'd
least **expect** it.

One look at the new Mercedes-Benz automobiles, and you'll find something other luxury car makers seem to have forgotten — value. Consider: an E320 today costs scarcely more than a new 300E Sedan cost in 1988, yet includes traction control, dual climate controls, and not one but four air bags. Can you think of another automobile that rivals its price of nine years ago — with *more* standard features? Consider, too, the findings of IntelliChoice in *The Complete Car Cost Guide*. Based on its projections of the total cost of ownership over a five-year period, IntelliChoice cites no fewer than five Mercedes models for their exceptional value, naming the E320 the Best Overall Luxury Car Value!¹ But then, you shouldn't be surprised to find value among the qualities of a luxury car. In fact, you should expect it.

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An amazingly well-behaved and
utterly civilized sports car.

— *Car and Driver* on the SLK

A fun roadster on demand,
a protective cocoon when the elements are
less than friendly.

— *AutoWeek* on the SLK



A Best Overall

Luxury Value

— *IntelliChoice* on the S320

**A Best Car to Drive for
the Rest of Your Life**

— *Robb Report Magazine* on
the S600



The Best Overall

Luxury Value

— *IntelliChoice* on the E320

1996 Car of the Year

— *Robb Report Magazine* on the E-Class



The Best Foreign

Car Value Over \$20,000

— *IntelliChoice* on the C220

A Best Overall

Luxury Value

— *IntelliChoice* on the C280

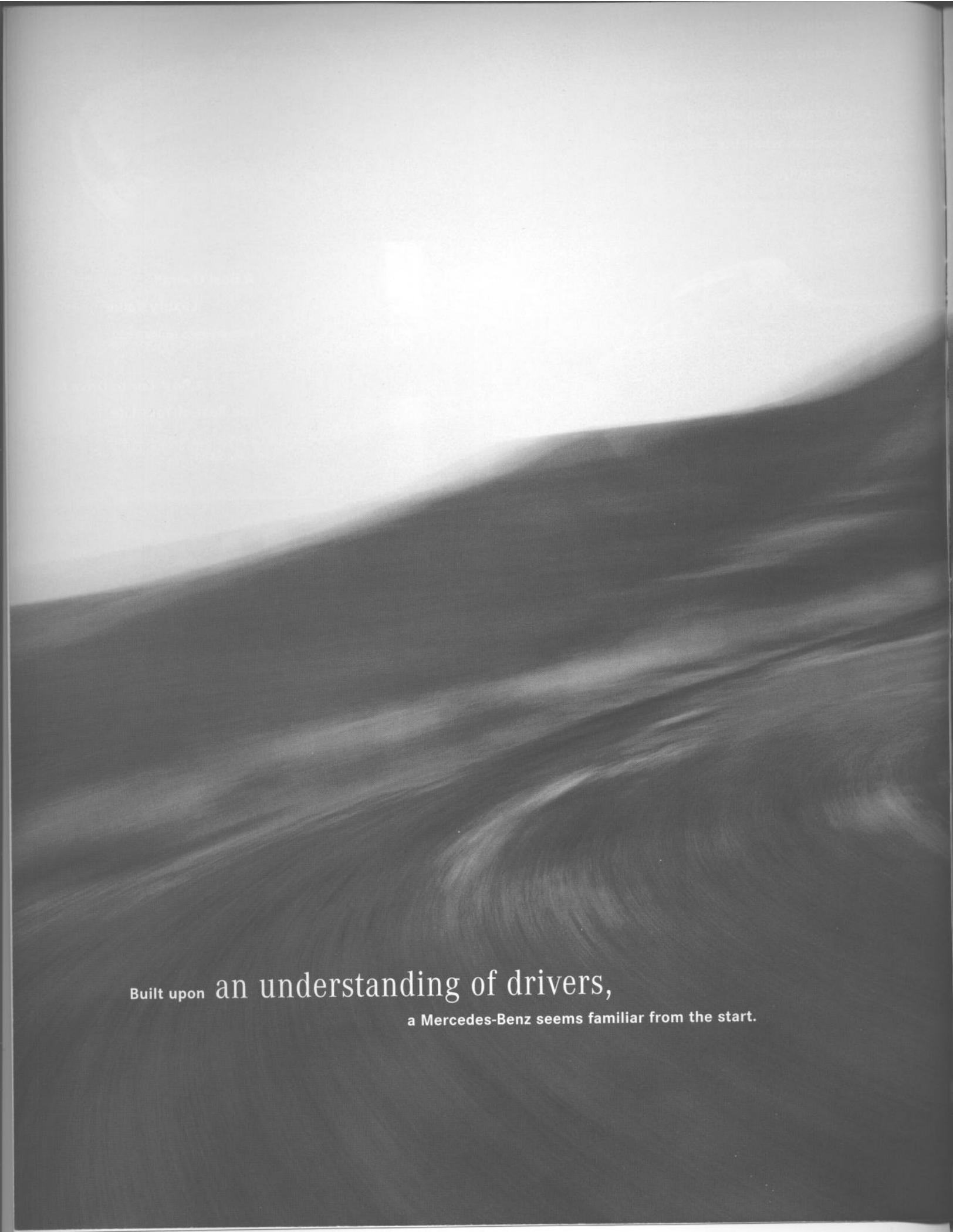


"...an unrivaled compromise of com-
fortable highway ride

and nimble handling... the quality of
the leather and wood is what you'd
expect to find in the Oval Office."

— *CarSmart* on the SL500



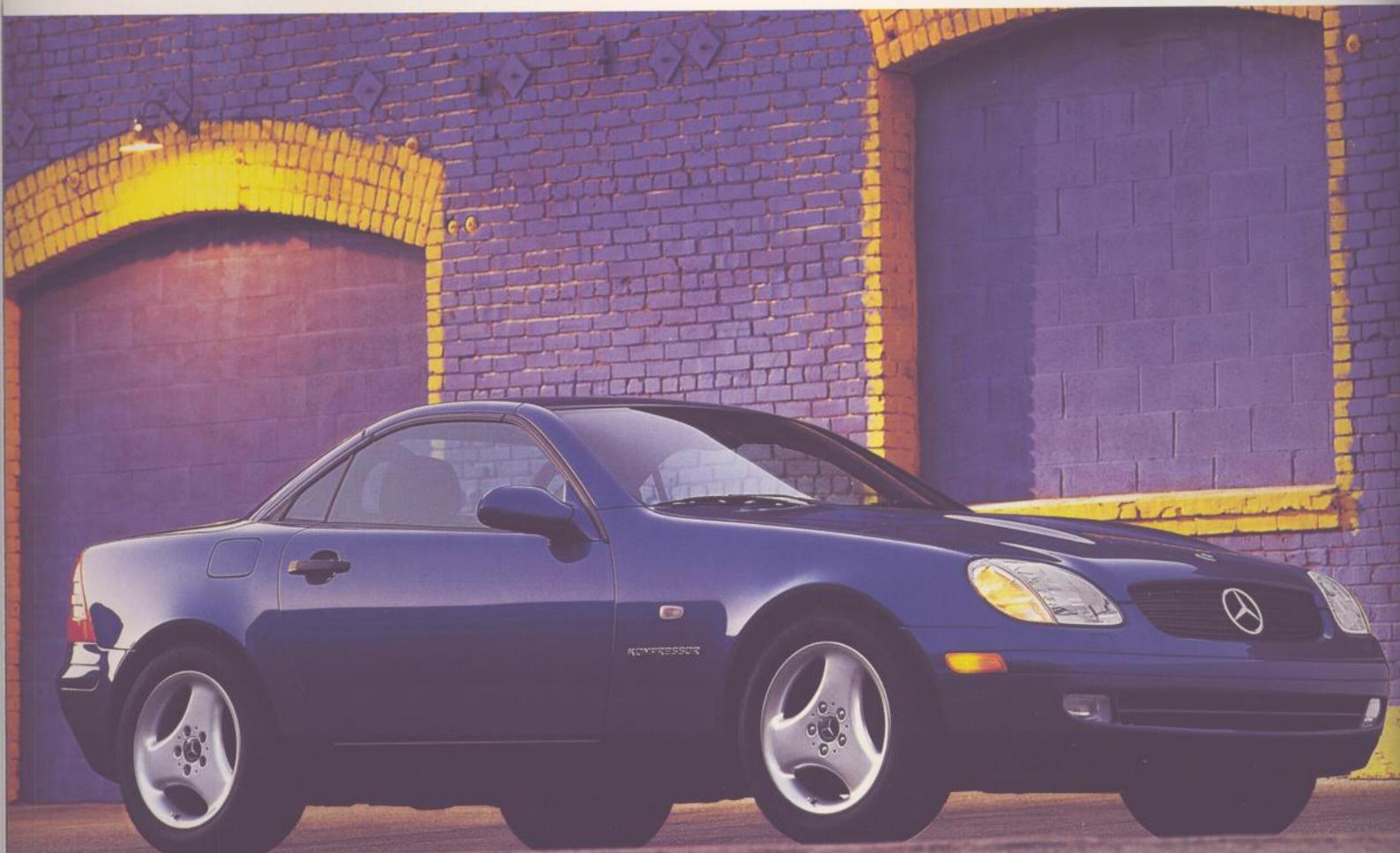


Built upon an understanding of drivers,

a Mercedes-Benz seems familiar from the start.



After two years of glimpses. After three years of intense development. After 111 years of vehicles that have formed the very core of automotive history. After all the sleepless nights, the 1998 Mercedes-Benz SLK appears. With its hypnotic technology, the supercharged SLK does more than transport people. It transforms itself, before your very eyes. In just 25 seconds, its steel roof retracts and converts the SLK from a hardtop coupe to a sleek roadster. And how does it feel? "The level of confidence it instills in mere mortals," said *Motor Trend*, "is godlike."



SLK230 shown with accessory 3-spoke wheels available through your Mercedes-Benz dealer.



The Mercedes-Benz SLK230 features a 185-hp DOHC 16-valve engine force-fed by a Kompressor, or supercharger, which helps it achieve a 200 lb-ft plateau of torque that lasts from 2,500 rpm all the way up to 4,800 rpm. That means responsive performance throughout the entire range of acceleration. A driver-adaptive electronically controlled 5-speed automatic transmission changes its shifting patterns to match your driving style. Every SLK is equipped with four air bags: a front air bag and a door-mounted side-impact air bag for both driver and passenger. For nimble maneuvering, the SLK comes with an exceptionally rigid body and standard ABS, Automatic Slip Control (ASR), and low-profile performance tires mounted on 16-inch alloy wheels. Also standard are leather upholstery, dual-zone air conditioning, an attachable fine-mesh wind deflector, a 6-speaker Bose® audio system, and best of all, a retractable steel hardtop. For more details about the SLK, please refer to page 20 of this brochure.



The state-of-the-art, full-suspension mountain bike shown is also a Mercedes. It is available through your Mercedes-Benz dealer.

The 1997 **C-Class** is two things you might not have expected from a Mercedes. It is incredibly fun to drive. And it is a remarkable value. The C-Class reflects the priorities of Mercedes-Benz engineering with lively, responsive performance and razor-sharp handling. At the same time, it offers a whisper-quiet ride and a deep regard for occupant protection. Security advances include infrared remote central locking, an ignition key transponder, and an available antitheft alarm with night security illumination. From its walnut-trimmed interior to its smooth powerplants, the C-Class soothes your senses – and invigorates them – as only a Mercedes-Benz can.

Three C-Class sedans are offered for 1997. The C 230 Sedan features the improved performance of a 2.3-liter inline 4-cylinder engine. The C 280 Sedan is equipped with a potent 2.8-liter inline 6-cylinder engine and offers an optional Sport Package (shown at left) with sport-tuned suspension, AMG wheels, sport front seats, grey or black leather upholstery, and special interior and exterior trim. And the C 36 is a limited-production sport sedan (shown below, top left) created by Mercedes-Benz and modified by AMG, a German tuning firm renowned for pushing the envelope of high performance. More details can be found on page 20.



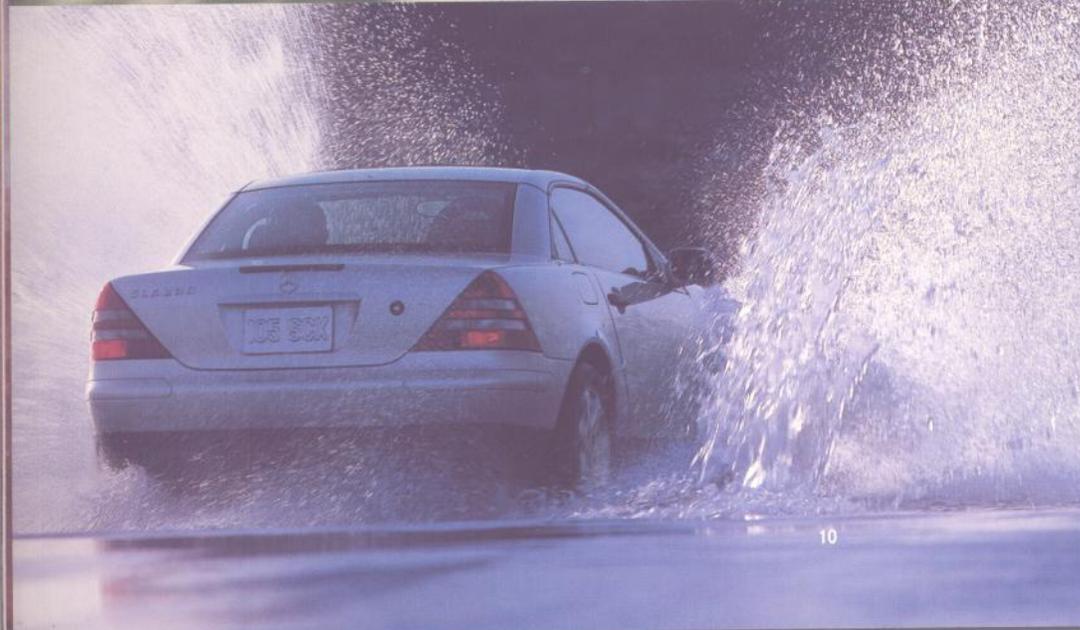
It's very likely you've driven luxury cars before. But none that evokes the pleasure you get just by looking at the **E-Class**. At a time when most other luxury sedans seem to have settled for design updates that hardly distinguish them from their predecessors, the Mercedes-Benz E-Class has moved decisively ahead. With a sensuous shape that will likely remain fresh and engaging well into the next decade, the E-Class manages to stir your emotions even before you've done the most compelling thing of all: drive it. The E-Class accelerates, steers and stops with the lightning-quick response that reveals the true character of a Mercedes-Benz – not merely a luxury car, but a total performance sedan.





The E-Class includes three models: the E320 Sedan, powered by a 217-hp inline 6-cylinder engine; the E420 Sedan, with a 275-hp V-8; and the E300 Diesel Sedan, a car that combines the legendary durability of a Mercedes-Benz diesel with the responsive performance of multivalve technology. The E420 Sport Package (shown above, top left) features special bodywork, projector beam foglamps, and low-profile performance tires mounted on 17-inch AMG monoblock wheels. Every E-Class model is equipped with four air bags: a front air bag and a door-mounted side-impact air bag for both the driver and front passenger. Dual automatic climate controls, memory front seats, an 8-speaker audio system, ABS, electronic traction control and 16-inch alloy wheels are also standard. For more details about E-Class models, please refer to page 20 of this brochure.

How many cars feel like true
protectors?



The Antilock Braking System (ABS) that's standard on every Mercedes is part of a systematic approach to active safety. Powerful brakes, supple suspensions and responsive steering help prepare you for the unexpected. To further aid dynamic control, **traction and stability systems** are offered as standard or optional equipment, depending on the model.



To reduce the risk of injury to the driver's lower legs and feet, the Mercedes-Benz brake pedal assembly tends to **pivot forward** in a severe offset frontal impact, away from the driver's feet. Underhood components are **staggered** to help prevent intrusion into the cabin.

Extensive **side-impact protection** on every Mercedes begins with a sturdy body structure reinforced with high-strength/low-alloy steel. In addition to the dual front air bags on every Mercedes, the SLK, E-Class, S-Class and SL-Class models all feature door-mounted **side-impact air bags** for both the driver and front passenger. The side-impact air bag inflates during a lateral impact on the same side of the car if the force of the impact exceeds a preset threshold. To help reduce repair costs, a sensor automatically prevents the deployment of the front passenger air bags if the passenger seat is unoccupied.



The SLK is the first production car to feature **Mercedes-Benz BabySmart™** technology, a system that helps protect your child from the forces of a deploying front air bag. Whenever a Mercedes-Benz accessory child seat is properly installed in the SLK, the BabySmart system automatically turns off the passenger's front air bag.¹

¹ Warning: In order to avoid serious or fatal injury to your child from a deploying air bag, only a BabySmart-compatible child seat should be used in the SLK.

In any other Mercedes-Benz model, no child seat should ever be used in a seating position equipped with an air bag.

Please see your Owner's Manual for additional warnings and information on air bags and child restraints.



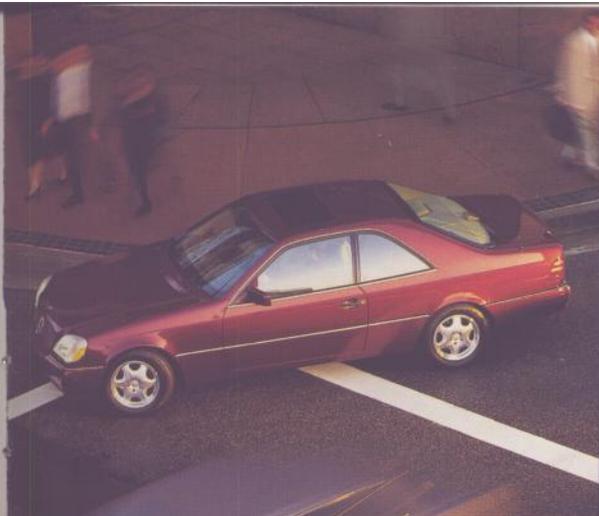
Full frontal impacts have received much attention lately. But offset frontal collisions, in which impact forces are neither perpendicular to nor uniformly spread across the width of the car, continue to be frequent and injurious. Years ago, Mercedes-Benz instituted **offset collision tests** for all of its cars, resulting in safety systems which are better prepared for the real world.



The 1997 **S-Class** represents the most complete line of luxury automobiles available today. From the S320 Sedan to the flagships of Mercedes-Benz – the V-12 powered S600 Long-wheelbase Sedan and S600 Coupe – the seven models of the S-Class offer discerning drivers a choice of exceptional motorcars that no other automaker can match. These automobiles are designed to meet your highest expectations for performance, comfort, security and value. In fact, *The Complete Car Cost Guide* named the S320 models among the best overall values in the luxury-car class for the third year in a row.¹

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Seven S-Class models are available for 1997. The S 320 Sedan and S 320 Long-wheelbase Sedan employ smooth inline 6-cylinder engines. The S 420 Long-wheelbase Sedan, S 500 Long-wheelbase Sedan and S 500 Coupe are powered by advanced, high-output V-8s. And the S 600 Long-wheelbase Sedan and S 600 Coupe have the muscle of 6.0-liter V-12s at their command. The 6-cylinder and V-8 models include standard Automatic Slip Control (ASR) traction control, while the breakthrough Electronic Stability Program (ESP) is standard on the V-12 models and optional on the V-8s. And every S-Class includes door-mounted side-impact air bags for the driver and front passenger, an 11-speaker Bose® Beta sound system, 12-way front seats with memory, smog- and sun-sensing dual climate controls, and a rain sensor that automatically adjusts the intermittent wiper delay. For more information on all the 1997 S-Class models, please refer to page 21.



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Examine the very **bone structure** of a luxury car,
and you will know the strength of its character.

The body of a Mercedes-Benz is the foundation of both its beauty and its value. Consider the many jobs it performs with equal skill: balancing renowned durability with efficient performance and a smooth ride with athletic handling response, while helping maintain structural integrity in both direct and offset collisions. Its steadfastness is reflected in the value of a Mercedes-Benz over time. You may have noticed many older Mercedes models on the road. This is not just a reflection of their durability. It is also a statement of shared values. People tend to stand by cars that stand by them, and Mercedes-Benz automobiles are known for standing firm. As *Men's Journal* noted, "There is arguably no stiffer, stauncher, more rigid platform in autodom than the monocoque structure that undergirds every Mercedes-Benz like a cement foundation."





A special kind of performance

comes from over a century of shaping automotive technology.

The performance of a Mercedes-Benz is inspiring. Every engine uses multivalve engine technology rooted in a long legacy of carmaking. Gasoline-powered models feature fully integrated electronic multiport fuel injection and ignition that fine-tune each cylinder's spark timing and fuel flow individually. All V-8 models and the 4-cylinder C230 have been certified as Transitional Low Emissions Vehicles. The test results are favorable, but there's just as much to admire in the way a Mercedes engine responds to your right foot.

Mercedes-Benz is the first manufacturer to equip its entire line of cars with a driver-adaptive electronically controlled 5-speed automatic transmission that responds to your driving style. When you're driving more vigorously, it shifts at higher rpm. When your driving style is more leisurely, it responds with more relaxed shifting. There is even a special mode you can select that helps reduce wheel slip when taking off on slippery surfaces by starting in second gear or even a second reverse gear.

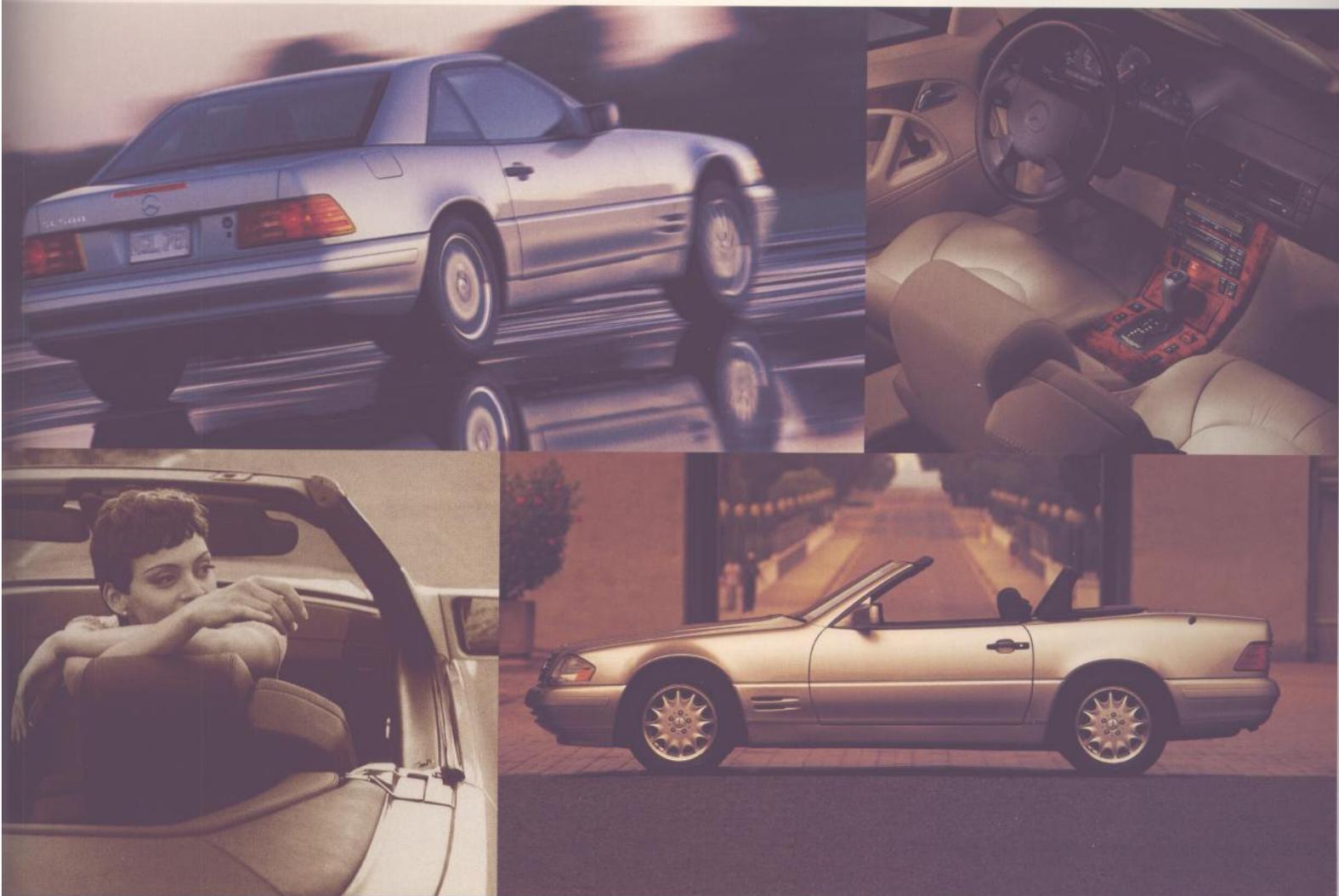
Traction control systems are optional on the C-Class and standard on every other model. Please turn to page 20 to see which systems are available on your favorite Mercedes. To help enhance stability while cornering, the Electronic Stability Program (ESP) is standard on all the V-12 models and optional on all V-8 models.



The SL-Class offers three models. All include a one-button power soft top and a removable aluminum hardtop as standard equipment, enabling you to drive your SL as a coupe, closed convertible or open roadster. An optional Panorama hardtop, with a tinted glass overhead panel, provides an open-air feeling in any weather. The SL320 includes a smooth inline 6-cylinder engine. The SL500 offers a powerful V-8. And the SL600 features one of the most potent engines Mercedes-Benz has ever put in a production vehicle, a 389-hp V-12. A Sport Package, available on all SL models, adds distinctive bodywork, wheels and tires (shown on page 14). For more information, please see page 21.

The 1997 SL-Class carries the tradition of elegance, grace and sporty fun into its fifth decade with exciting new features. Like the original, each current SL model artfully combines impeccable style with innovative safety, performance and handling technologies. Each is a coupe/roadster, equipped with both a removable hardtop and a convertible soft top. Each features the Bose Acoustimass® sound system, created especially for the SL-Class to achieve the highest quality sound reproduction of any sports car, even with the top down. Each offers the protection of an ingenious automatic pop-up roll bar.¹ And each SL is equipped with door-mounted side-impact air bags.

¹ Roll bar can improve level of rollover protection compared to an open vehicle without one. But no system, regardless of how sophisticated, can eliminate the chance of injury in an accident. Please always wear your seat belt.





A 4-year/50,000-mile New Car Limited Warranty¹ covers all new Mercedes-Benz automobiles. Our Roadside Assistance Program responds to anyone driving a Mercedes in the U.S., regardless of the car's age or mileage.² And you can use it to change a flat tire with your existing spare, jump-start a battery or bring some fuel for an empty tank, free of charge.³



Mercedes-Benz value extends far beyond the car itself. Parts and Service support for your Mercedes is also a substantial value. This support is provided by trained Technicians, Parts Advisors and Service Advisors at nearly 350 authorized dealerships nationwide. And the Mercedes-Benz Customer Assistance Center (1-800-FOR-MERCEDES) is on call around the clock to serve your needs, including the services of Mercedes-Benz Roadside Assistance.



Mercedes-Benz Customer Support. Imagine a car company that provides you with emergency roadside service that's good for the life of the car, not just for the duration of the new-car warranty. Emergency roadside assistance that's provided by trained technicians.⁴ A roadside service program that includes reimbursement for up to \$300 per day for up to three days, should a breakdown covered by the warranty occur more than 100 miles from home and cause you an unexpected overnight stay.⁵ That's Mercedes-Benz Roadside Assistance. It's just one example of how Mercedes-Benz customer service isn't lip service. It's support you can count on.

1 See your dealer for details and a copy of the Mercedes-Benz New Car Limited Warranty. 2 Roadside Assistance repairs may involve charges for service and parts. 3 For full details of Sign and Drive services, as well as the Roadside Assistance Program, please see your dealer. 4 Depending on the circumstances, these services may be provided by an outside service, courtesy of Mercedes-Benz Roadside Assistance. 5 Reimbursement for actual documented meal, lodging and substitute transportation expenses incurred while your Mercedes is repaired at an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer.

Specifications, Standard Features and Options

C-Class



C230 and C280 Sedans



C36 Sport Sedan

Engine, Drivetrain and Chassis Specifications

C230: 2.3-liter DOHC 16-valve inline 4-cylinder engine.

148 hp @ 5,500 rpm. 162 lb-ft torque @ 4,000 rpm.

C280: 2.8-liter DOHC 24-valve inline 6-cylinder engine.

194 hp @ 5,500 rpm. 199 lb-ft torque @ 3,750 rpm.

C36: 3.6-liter DOHC 24-valve inline 6-cylinder engine.

276 hp @ 5,750 rpm. 284 lb-ft torque @ 4,000 rpm.

Driver-adaptive electronically controlled 5-speed automatic transmission. Power-assisted recirculating ball steering. Independent double wishbone front suspension. Independent multilink rear suspension. 4-wheel power disc brakes with Antilock Braking System (ABS). Electronic Traction System (ETS; optional on C230). Automatic Slip Control (ASR; optional on C280, C36).

Exterior Features 15" alloy wheels. Heated mirrors and windshield washer nozzles. Variable-focus halogen headlamps and front foglamps. Red rear foglamp. Infrared-remote locking with window/sunroof closing feature (from any exterior lock or sensor) and remote trunk opener.

C36: Power glass sunroof. 17" AMG wheels. Auxiliary front foglamps. AMG-modified front air dam, rear valance and rocker panel side sills.

Interior Features Automatic climate control with dust filter and residual-heat REST mode. Power windows with express-down control for both front windows. Illuminated visor vanity mirrors. Front center armrest with 2-level enclosed storage. Folding rear center armrest. Two cupholders. Integrated garage door opener.¹

Seating and Trim Power front seats (driver's seat only on C230). M-B Tex upholstery (C230, C280). Leather-trimmed steering wheel and gearshift knob. Burl walnut trim. Velour carpeting and floor mats.

C36: Sport front seats. Black leather upholstery. Exclusive floor mats.

Audio Systems 8-speaker audio system (C230). 8-speaker Bose® sound system (C280, C36). Automatic speed-sensitive volume adjustment. Antitheft-coded AM/FM stereo/weatherband radio with autoreverse cassette. Power AM/FM/cellular antenna. Factory prewiring for optional integrated CD changer and cellular telephone.

Restraint Systems Supplemental Restraint System (SRS): Driver and front passenger are each provided with a front air bag, knee bolster and Emergency Tensioning Retractor (ETR). 3-point front and outboard rear seat belts. Four head restraints.

Individually Available Options Integrated CD changer.² Integrated cellular telephone.² Power glass sunroof (C230, C280). Multicontour front passenger seat.³ Telescoping steering column. Split-folding rear seat backs. Rear armrest pass-through with ski sack. Auto-dimming driver-side and inside rearview mirrors. Antitheft alarm system with night security illumination. Headlamp washers with wipers. Metallic paint. Power front passenger seat (C230).

Value-Added Option Packages

C1: Traction control, heated front seats, headlamp washers.

C2: Multicontour driver's seat,³ split-folding rear seat backs.

C3: Leather upholstery, glass sunroof (C230, C280).

Power front passenger seat (C230).

Auto-dimming mirrors, telescoping steering column (C280).

C4 (C230): Bose sound system, telescoping steering column, auto-dimming mirrors.

C5: CD changer and cellular telephone.

C6 (C280 Sport Package³): AMG monoblock alloy wheels, 205/60R15 tires, sport-tuned suspension, faster steering ratio, monochromatic body trim, Sport-design interior trim, sport front seats, grey or black leather upholstery, sport steering wheel and shift knob, Sport emblems.

The 1998 SLK



SLK 230 Kompressor Coupe/Roadster

Engine, Drivetrain and Chassis Specifications

Intercooled supercharged 2.3-liter DOHC 16-valve inline 4-cylinder engine. 185 hp @ 5,300 rpm. 200 lb-ft torque @ 2,500-4,800 rpm. Driver-adaptive electronically controlled 5-speed automatic transmission. Power-assisted recirculating ball steering. Independent double wishbone front suspension. Independent multilink rear suspension. 4-wheel power disc brakes with Antilock Braking System (ABS). Automatic Slip Control (ASR).

Exterior Features 7x16" front and 8x16" rear alloy wheels. One-button electric/hydraulic retractable hardtop. Attachable fine-mesh wind deflector. Heated rear window, mirrors, windshield washers and headlamp washers. Variable-focus halogen headlamps and front foglamps. Red rear foglamp. Remote locking with selective unlocking of driver's door and fuel filler only, or both doors, trunk and fuel filler. Antitheft alarm system. Night security illumination.

Interior Features Air conditioning with dual temperature controls and dust filter. Power windows with express-down control. Telescoping steering column. Visor vanity mirrors. Front center armrest with enclosed storage. Storage pockets in dash, doors and between seats. Lockable glovebox. Two cupholders. Integrated garage door opener.¹

Seating and Trim 6-way sport seats. Leather upholstery. Leather-trimmed steering wheel. Velour carpeting. Exclusive SLK floor mats.

Audio System 6-speaker Bose® sound system. Automatic speed-sensitive volume adjustment. Antitheft-coded AM/FM stereo/weatherband radio with autoreverse cassette. AM/FM/cellular antenna system. Factory prewiring for optional CD changer and cellular phone.

Restraint Systems Supplemental Restraint System (SRS): Driver and passenger are each provided with a front air bag, door-mounted side-impact air bag, knee bolster and Emergency Tensioning Retractor (ETR) with belt-force limiter. 3-point seat belts. Dual head restraints. BabySmart™ system automatically turns off passenger's front air bag only when a Mercedes-Benz accessory child seat is properly installed.⁴

Optional Equipment Metallic paint. Heated seats. Integrated CD changer.² Integrated mobile or docking portable cellular telephone.²

Value-Added Option Packages: CD changer and mobile telephone.² CD changer and docking portable telephone.²

E-Class



E300 Diesel and E320 Sedans



E420 Sedan

Engine, Drivetrain and Chassis Specifications

E300 Diesel: 3.0-liter DOHC 24-valve inline 6-cylinder diesel engine.

134 hp @ 5,000 rpm. 155 lb-ft torque @ 2,600 rpm.

E320: 3.2-liter DOHC 24-valve inline 6-cylinder engine.

217 hp @ 5,500 rpm. 232 lb-ft torque @ 3,850 rpm.

E420: 4.2-liter DOHC 32-valve V-8 engine.

275 hp @ 5,700 rpm. 295 lb-ft torque @ 3,900 rpm.

Driver-adaptive electronically controlled 5-speed automatic transmission. Power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering (speed-sensitive on E420). Independent double wishbone front suspension. Independent multilink rear suspension. 4-wheel power disc brakes with Antilock Braking System (ABS). Electronic Traction System (ETS; E300 Diesel, E320). Automatic Slip Control (ASR; standard on E420, optional on E320). Electronic Stability Program (ESP; optional on E420).

Exterior Features 16" alloy wheels (10-hole on E300 Diesel, E320; 5-hole on E420). Heated mirrors and windshield washers. Auto-dimming driver-side mirror. Variable-focus halogen headlamps and front foglamps. Red rear foglamp. Infrared-remote locking with window/sunroof closing feature (from any exterior lock or sensor) and remote trunk opener. Antitheft alarm system. Night security illumination.

Interior Features Dual automatic climate controls with dust filter, activated charcoal filter, residual-heat REST mode and rear air vents. Power windows with express-down control for both front windows. Power tilt/telescoping steering column. Auto-dimming rearview mirror. Illuminated visor vanity mirrors. Integrated garage door opener.¹ Front center armrest with 2-level enclosed storage. Folding rear center armrest with enclosed storage. Four cupholders.

Seating and Trim Power front seats with 3-position memory (driver's memory includes outside mirrors and steering column). M-B Tex (E300 Diesel) or leather upholstery (E320, E420). Leather-trimmed steering wheel and gearshift knob. Burl walnut trim. Velour carpeting and floor mats.

Audio Systems 8-speaker audio system (E300 Diesel, E320). 8-speaker Bose® sound system (E420). Automatic speed-sensitive volume adjustment. Antitheft-coded AM/FM stereo/weatherband radio with autoreverse cassette. Concealed cellular antenna. Rear-window-embedded AM/FM antenna. Factory prewiring for optional integrated CD changer and cellular telephone.

Restraint Systems Supplemental Restraint System (SRS): Driver and front passenger are each provided with a front air bag, door-mounted side-impact air bag, knee bolster and Emergency Tensioning Retractor (ETR) with belt-force limiter. Five 3-point seat belts. Five head restraints.

Individually Available Options Integrated CD changer.² Integrated cellular telephone.² Power glass sunroof. Heated front seats. Multicontour front seats. Heated headlamp washers. Xenon High Intensity Discharge headlamps (requires headlamp washers). Electric rear sunshade. Bose sound system (E300 Diesel, E320). Leather upholstery (E300 Diesel). Metallic paint (no charge on E420).

Value-Added Option Packages

E1: ASR traction control (E320 only). Heated front seats, headlamp washers (all E-Class models).

E2: (E300 Diesel, E320): Bose sound system, multicontour front seats.

E3: (E300 Diesel): Tinted glass sunroof, leather upholstery.

E4: Xenon headlamps, headlamp washers, multicontour front seats.

E5: CD changer, cellular telephone.

E6 (E420 Sport Package): 17" AMG monoblock alloy wheels, 235/45ZR17 performance tires, aerodynamic lower bodywork, projector-beam front foglamps, sport shift knob, Sport emblems.

E7 (E420): Xenon headlamps, headlamp washers, ESP.

S-Class



S320 Sedan



S320, S420, S500 and S600 Long-wheelbase Sedans



S500 and S600 Coupe

Engine, Drivetrain and Chassis Specifications

S320: 3.2-liter DOHC 24-valve inline 6-cylinder engine.

228 hp @ 5,600 rpm. 232 lb-ft torque @ 3,750 rpm.

S420: 4.2-liter DOHC 32-valve V-8 engine.

275 hp @ 5,700 rpm. 295 lb-ft torque @ 3,900 rpm.

S500: 5.0-liter DOHC 32-valve V-8 engine.

315 hp @ 5,600 rpm. 347 lb-ft torque @ 3,900 rpm.

S600: 6.0-liter DOHC 48-valve V-12 engine.

389 hp @ 5,200 rpm. 420 lb-ft torque @ 3,800 rpm.

Driver-adaptive electronically controlled 5-speed automatic transmission. Automatic Slip Control (ASR). Electronic Stability Program (ESP; standard on S600, optional on S420, S500). Speed-sensitive power-assisted recirculating ball steering. Independent double wishbone

front suspension. Independent multilink rear suspension. Automatic rear-axle level control (S500, S600). Adaptive Damping System (ADS; S600). 4-wheel power disc brakes with Antilock Braking System (ABS). Front/rear brake force proportioning (S420, S500, S600).

Exterior Features 16" alloy wheels. Power glass sunroof. Heated mirrors and windshield washers. Rain-sensing intermittent wipers. Halogen headlamps and front foglamps (with Xenon High Intensity Discharge low beams on S500, S600). Headlamp washers (S320 LWB Sedan, S420, S500, S600). Red rear foglamp. Auto-dimming driver-side mirror. Infrared-remote locking with window/sunroof closing and remote trunk opener. Antitheft alarm system. Night security illumination. Door/trunk closing assist. Trunk cargo net.

Interior Features Dual automatic climate controls with dust filter, activated charcoal filter, residual-heat REST mode and rear air vents. 4-zone climate control (S600 LWB Sedan). Power windows with express up/down (front only on coupes). Electric rear sunshade (S600). Auto-dimming rearview mirror. Power tilt/telescoping steering column. Integrated garage door opener.¹ Parktronic audio-visual parking assistance system (coupes). Four illuminated vanity mirrors (two on coupes). Front and rear center storage armrests with cupholders.⁵

Seating and Trim Power front seats with 3-position memory (driver's memory includes outside mirrors and steering column) and pneumatic lumbar support. Multicontour front seats (S600). Heated seats (S500, S600; front only on coupes). Leather upholstery. Nappa leather seating (S500 Coupe, multi-tone on S600). Calyptus (S320) or burl walnut (S420, S500, S600) wood trim. Leather-trimmed steering wheel (with walnut trim on S600) and gearshift knob (with walnut trim on S500 Coupe, S600). Velour carpeting and floor mats.

Audio and Telephone Systems 11-speaker Bose® sound system. Automatic speed-sensitive volume adjustment. Antitheft-coded AM/FM stereo/weatherband radio with autoreverse cassette. Power AM/FM/cellular antenna. Integrated CD changer and docking portable cellular phone (S600).⁵

Restraint Systems Supplemental Restraint System (SRS): Driver and front passenger are each provided with a front air bag, door-mounted side-impact air bag, knee bolster and Emergency Tensioning Retractor (ETR). 3-point front and outboard rear seat belts. Four head restraints.

Optional Equipment Integrated CD changer² (S320, S420, S500). Integrated mobile or docking portable cellular telephone^{2,3} (S320, S420, S500). Multicontour front seats (S320, S420, S500). Electric rear sunshade (S320, S420, S500). Parktronic system (sedans). Headlamp washers (S320 Sedan). Xenon headlamps (S320, S420). Rear-axle level control (S320, S420). Heated front seats (S320, S420). 4-zone climate control (S320, S420, S500 LWB Sedan). Electronic Stability Program (ESP; S420, S500). Adaptive Damping System (ADS; S500). Power rear seat back (S500 LWB Sedan). 4-place Nappa leather multicontour seating package (S500 LWB Sedan, S600 LWB Sedan).

SL-Class



SL320 Coupe/Roadster
SL500 Coupe/Roadster
SL600 Coupe/Roadster

Engine, Drivetrain and Chassis Specifications

SL320: 3.2-liter DOHC 24-valve inline 6-cylinder engine.

228 hp @ 5,600 rpm. 232 lb-ft torque @ 3,750 rpm.

SL500: 5.0-liter DOHC 32-valve V-8 engine.

315 hp @ 5,600 rpm. 347 lb-ft torque @ 3,900 rpm.

SL600: 6.0-liter DOHC 48-valve V-12 engine.

389 hp @ 5,200 rpm. 420 lb-ft torque @ 3,800 rpm.

Driver-adaptive electronically controlled 5-speed automatic transmission. Automatic Slip Control (ASR). Electronic Stability Program (ESP; standard on SL600, optional on SL500). Power-assisted recirculating ball steering. Independent damper strut front suspension. Independent multilink rear suspension. Adaptive Damping System with 4-wheel level control and driver-selectable ride-height control (ADS; SL600). 4-wheel power disc brakes with Antilock Braking System (ABS). Front/rear brake force proportioning (SL600).

Exterior Features One-button electric/hydraulic convertible soft top. Removable hardtop with heated rear window. Removable wind deflector. 16" alloy wheels. Heated windshield washers and mirrors. Rain-sensing intermittent wipers. Halogen headlamps (with Xenon High Intensity Discharge low beams on SL600) and front foglamps. Red rear foglamp. Headlamp washers (SL320, SL500). Auto-dimming driver-side mirror. Infrared-remote locking (including four interior compartments) with window closing feature. Antitheft alarm system. Night security illumination.

Interior Features Automatic climate control with dust filter and residual-heat REST mode. Power windows with express-down control. Power tilt/telescoping steering column. Auto-dimming rearview mirror. Integrated garage door opener.¹ Illuminated visor vanity mirrors. Center console with adjustable armrest and dual storage compartments. Dual cupholders.

Seating and Trim Power seats with 3-position memory (driver's memory includes outside mirrors and steering column). Heated seats (SL600). Leather upholstery (multi-tone on SL600). Burl walnut trim. Leather-trimmed steering wheel and gearshift knob (with walnut trim on SL600). Velour carpeting and floor mats.

Audio and Telephone Systems Bose® sound system with 6 speakers and Acoustimass® bass module. Automatic speed-sensitive volume adjustment. Antitheft-coded AM/FM stereo/weatherband radio with autoreverse cassette. Power AM/FM/cellular antenna. Integrated CD changer and docking portable cellular telephone (SL600).

Restraint Systems Supplemental Restraint System (SRS): Driver and passenger are each provided with a front air bag, door-mounted side-impact air bag, knee bolster and Emergency Tensioning Retractor (ETR). 3-point seat belts. Dual head restraints. **Warning: never use a child safety seat in this vehicle.**

Optional Equipment Integrated CD changer² (SL320, SL500). Integrated mobile or docking portable cellular telephone² (SL320, SL500). Panorama roof (replaces standard hardtop). Multicontour seats. Adaptive Damping System (ADS; SL320, SL500). Xenon headlamps (SL320, SL500; option deletes headlamp washers). Heated seats (SL320, SL500). Electronic Stability Program (ESP; SL500). **SL Sport Package:** 8 x 18" front and 9 x 18" rear AMG monoblock alloy wheels, 245/40ZR18 front and 275/35ZR18 rear performance tires, aerodynamic lower bodywork, sport shift knob, Sport emblems.

1 May not be compatible with all opener systems.

2 Optional CD changers and cellular telephones are dealer-installed when ordered individually, factory-installed when ordered as part of a C-Class, SLK or E-Class Value-Added Option Package.

3 C280 Sport Package is not available with multicontour front seats.

4 **Warning: In order to avoid serious or fatal injury to your child from a deploying air bag, only a BabySmart-compatible child seat should be used in the SLK.**

In any other Mercedes-Benz model, no child seat should ever be used in a seating position equipped with a front air bag. Please see your Owner's Manual for additional warnings and information on air bags and child restraints.

5 On S-Class models, the portable telephone (standard on S600) deletes the front cupholders.

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