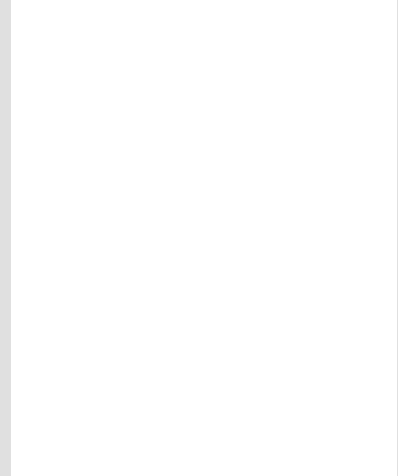




Maintenance Booklet 2008 Light Trucks

M-Class, GL-Class, R-Class
(except AMG and Diesel models)



PLEASE NOTE

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU HAVE YOUR VEHICLE SERVICED BY YOUR AUTHORIZED MERCEDES-BENZ LIGHT TRUCK CENTER WHO IS FULLY EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE AND THAT GENUINE MERCEDES-BENZ PARTS BE USED.

SERVICE, REPLACEMENT, OR REPAIR OF THE EMISSION CONTROL DEVICES AND SYSTEMS CAN BE PERFORMED BY ANY AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR ESTABLISHMENT OR INDIVIDUAL USING CERTIFIED PARTS.

THE USE OF DEFECTIVE OR NON-EQUIVALENT PARTS MAY RESULT IN YOUR EMISSION PERFORMANCE WARRANTY CLAIM BEING DENIED.

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Vehicle data



Model



License Plate No.



Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)



License Plate No.



Date of initial registration



License Plate No.



Paint color and code



License Plate No.

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Protecting the environment

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Natural resources form the basis of our existence on this planet. The objectives of our policy are for these resources to be used sparingly and in a manner which takes the requirements of both nature and humanity into account.

Our declared policy is integrated environmental protection. This policy starts at the root causes and encompasses in its management decisions all the consequences for the environment which could arise from production processes or the products themselves.

You too can help to protect the environment by operating your Mercedes-Benz in an environmentally responsible manner.

Operating conditions and your individual driving style to a large extent influence fuel consumption and the rate of engine, brake, and tire wear. To reduce fuel consumption and the rate of wear, please consider the following:

- Avoid short trips.
- Make sure that the tire pressures are always correct.
- Avoid frequent, abrupt acceleration.
- Do not carry any unnecessary weight.
- Remove ski holders and roof racks once you no longer need them.
- Do not warm up the engine with the vehicle stationary.
- Shift gears such that each gear is used only up to 2/3 of its maximum engine speed.
- Keep an eye on the vehicle's fuel consumption.

A regularly serviced vehicle will also help protect the environment. You should adhere to the maintenance intervals displayed by the Maintenance System indicator, along with other maintenance work described in this booklet.

We recommend that you have services performed by an authorized Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center using Genuine Mercedes-Benz parts.

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Introduction

We want you to enjoy your Mercedes-Benz automobile. Vehicle safety and operational reliability are two very important factors and to maintain them, regular maintenance services are necessary.

We continuously strive to improve our product and ask for your understanding that we reserve the right to make changes in the periodic maintenance work which is required for our vehicles. The information in this manual is accurate as of the editorial date. At the time of your scheduled maintenance appointments with your authorized Mercedes-Benz Center, the most current maintenance work information will be utilized for your vehicle's age or mileage. Please check with your authorized Mercedes-Benz Center for any changes to the periodic maintenance work required for your vehicle.

Your Mercedes-Benz comes equipped with the **Mercedes-Benz Maintenance System**. The Maintenance System tracks distance driven and the time elapsed since your last service. In addition, it calculates service items that need to be performed and other required maintenance work. The next necessary maintenance service is indicated in the multifunction display in the instrument cluster.

The maintenance services will be indicated by showing a service type A through type H in the multifunction display.

Types A through H are classified based on the estimated time needed to perform the maintenance service, ranging from up to approximately one hour (type A) to up to approximately eight hours (type H).

When scheduling a maintenance appointment with your authorized Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center, always indicate the service type that appears in the multifunction display. This will help the Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center to schedule your vehicle maintenance in the most efficient manner.

A descriptive listing of the service items 1-20 are contained in this booklet, starting on page 54. Following each maintenance service, your Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center will reset the Maintenance System service indicator by confirming the service items performed.



If the Maintenance System maintenance service counter was inadvertently reset, have a Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center correct it. Please only reset if the proper maintenance service has been performed. Resetting the system without performing the proper maintenance service will result in engine and/or other vehicle damage not covered by the Mercedes-Benz Limited Warranty.

Tire rotation - Your vehicle's tires are a critical component to overall vehicle performance and vehicle stability. The useful life of tires will vary and is proportional to tire type, speed rating, ambient conditions, tire loading, tire inflation pressure, road surfaces, and individual driving style, among other factors. Therefore, Mercedes-Benz recommends regular checks for wear and proper inflation and, if applicable to your vehicle's tire configuration, tire rotation.

Tire rotations can be performed on vehicles with the same tire dimensions all around. If your vehicle is equipped with the same tire dimensions all around, tires can be rotated by observing a front-to-rear rotation pattern that will maintain the intended rotation (spinning) direction of the tire (on unidirectional tires, an arrow on the sidewall indicates the intended rotation or spinning direction of the tire). In some cases, such as when your vehicle is configured with staggered-size (different tire sizes, front vs. rear), tire rotations are not possible.

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If your vehicle's tire configuration allows for tire rotation, tire rotation should be performed in accordance with the tire manufacturer's recommended intervals, or sooner at first signs of irregular (uneven) tread wear. Tire manufacturer's rotation recommendations will necessitate a tire rotation at least once in between maintenance services and at every maintenance service based on Mercedes-Benz maintenance intervals.

The first tire rotation, so long as it occurs before 6,500 miles (vehicle odometer), will be provided at no charge by an authorized Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center courtesy of Mercedes-Benz.

Should a tire rotation not be possible for your vehicle's tire configuration, an authorized Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center will check your tires for proper tire inflation pressure and perform a tread inspection, also at no charge courtesy of Mercedes-Benz, so long as this occurs before 6,500 miles (vehicle odometer).

For your convenience, this Maintenance Booklet contains a tire rotation confirmation page on which you can record the date and mileage when tire rotations were performed.

Severe operating conditions - The maintenance intervals have been determined so that the vehicle, under normal operating conditions, should operate properly between maintenance services. Severe operating conditions may call for correspondingly sooner replacement of the following items:

INTERIOR FILTERS (e.g. dust filter, recirculating air filter, activated charcoal filter or combination filter) are replaced as called for by the Maintenance System. Under severe dust conditions, or with the Climate Control frequently operating in the air recirculation mode, the filters should be replaced correspondingly sooner and changed more frequently than as called for by the Maintenance System.

SPARK PLUGS. The Maintenance System calls for spark plug replacement according to the mileage at Service 12 or 5 years, whichever comes first. Severe operating conditions (frequent starting and stopping, excessive idling, sustained fast highway driving) may call for spark plugs to be replaced correspondingly sooner.

COOLANT. Have the coolant (water/anti-corrosion/antifreeze mixture) replaced every 143,000 miles or 15 years, see page 63. Replacement of coolant may be required more frequently if coolant is not maintained according to instructions and/or other than approved anticorrosion/antifreeze products for your vehicle are being used. For instructions on coolant, see “Coolants” in your vehicle Operator’s Manual. For a listing of approved anticorrosion/antifreeze products for your vehicle, refer to the Factory Approved Service Products pamphlet, or contact an authorized Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center.

Wear items - While the Maintenance System calls for inspection of certain wear items, the system does not make any judgment on the condition of these wear items. Only a qualified technician can determine if a wear item needs to be replaced.

Engine oils and oil filters are specifically tested for their suitability in our engines and durability for our service intervals. Therefore, only use approved engine oils and oil filters required for vehicles with Maintenance System. For a listing of approved engine oils and oil filters, refer to the Factory Approved Service products pamphlet, or contact an authorized Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center.

Using engine oils and oil filters of specification other than those expressly required for the Maintenance System or changing of oil and oil filter at change intervals longer than those called for by the Maintenance System will result in engine damage not covered by the Mercedes-Benz Limited Warranty.

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Regular checks

In addition to the services, we recommend that you check the following items regularly (for example: weekly, when refueling, or before any long journey):

- **Engine oil level** - Depending on how your vehicle is equipped, check the engine oil level using the oil level dipstick or the control system via the multifunction steering wheel/display. Further information about engine oil level measurement can be found in the vehicle Operator's Manual.
- **Coolant level** - Please refer to the Operator's Manual for the correct procedure to check the coolant level.
- **Brake fluid level** - If brake fluid has to be added, see an authorized Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center to determine the cause, e.g. leaks or worn brake pads.
- **Windshield washing system** - If the washer fluid level drops below 1/3, the windshield washer fluid level warning lamp will illuminate. Add washer fluid mixed with Mercedes-Benz windshield washer solvent/concentrate, test function and check wiper blades.
- **Check lights**
- **Tire condition and pressures** - Check at least every other week. Please refer to section "Tires and wheels" in the Operator's Manual for guidelines and correct procedures to check tire condition and pressures.

Please refer to the Factory Approved Service Products booklet or see your Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center for more information on selecting the proper fluids, lubricants, and oils for your vehicle.

Notes on the warranty

An extensive and well-equipped network of Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Centers is at your disposal for service work. Your authorized Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center can ensure that your vehicle is professionally and thoroughly serviced and repaired.

Please see the Service and Warranty Information booklet for detailed information on warranty terms and coverage.

Please follow the instructions given in this Maintenance Booklet, even if you entrust the vehicle to a third party for use or care. Only in this way will you be able to ensure that your warranty rights are not affected.

Service, replacement, or repair of the emission control devices and systems can be performed by any automotive repair establishment or individual using certified parts.

We strongly recommend that you have your vehicle serviced by your authorized Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center which is fully equipped to provide this service.

Please note that engines have to be serviced in accordance with special instructions and using special measuring equipment to comply with legal requirements concerning exhaust emissions. Modifications to or tampering with emissions components is not permissible. Your authorized Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center is familiar with the relevant regulations.

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Parts / Operating materials

We recommend only the use of Genuine Mercedes-Benz parts for service and repairs, since they meet our specifications. It is also important to only use fuels, lubricants, filters and anticorrosion/anti-freeze coolant meeting factory specifications. Please refer to the Factory Approved Service Products booklet or see your Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center for more information on this subject.

Service records

Your authorized Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center will certify in the Maintenance Booklet the maintenance services on your vehicle which it has performed.

Other than the maintenance services described, the Maintenance Booklet does not record or reflect any repair work that may have been performed to your vehicle. Please keep those receipts with your vehicle records.

For information concerning warranty, see your Service and Warranty Information booklet.

Your authorized Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center will gladly furnish additional information on the maintenance of your vehicle.

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

Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC
A DaimlerChrysler Company

General

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and, in California, the Air Resources Board have certified that the emission control systems of your vehicle comply with the applicable exhaust emission standards for MY 2008 vehicles. This vehicle also complies with the applicable Canadian Motor Vehicle Emission Standards.

To be certain that the emission control systems function as designed, regular maintenance is necessary for components of the vehicle which affect exhaust and evaporation emissions composition.

The vehicle owner is responsible for the regular maintenance of the emission control system, as well as the use of premium unleaded gasoline with an anti-knock index of at least 91 (displayed on the pump) in all gasoline engine models unless otherwise specified.

Failure to properly maintain the emission system may result in repairs not being covered by the emission system warranties.

Explanations of each maintenance job are given in numerical order on page 66.

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Emission System Maintenance

Emission Control System Caution - Gasoline Engines

Your Mercedes-Benz vehicle is equipped with both a three-way catalyst and a closed loop oxygen sensor system to comply with current exhaust emission regulations. Keep your vehicle in proper operating condition by following our recommended maintenance instructions as outlined.

The following has to be adhered to:

a) In all gasoline engine models, use only premium unleaded gasoline with an anti-knock index of at least 91 (as displayed on the pump) unless otherwise specified. Damage to the engine could occur if premium unleaded fuel is not used. Refer to the Operator's Manual for special precautions.

b) Leaded gasoline should not be used under any circumstances. Damage to the emission control components will result.

c) The specified engine maintenance jobs have to be performed completely and at the required intervals. Correct ignition timing and properly functioning spark plugs for instance are important for the service life of the catalysts. Failure to properly perform the specified maintenance jobs may adversely affect the emission control system on the vehicle and reduce its service life.

d) The operation of the emission control system must not be altered in any way. Alterations are not permissible by law. In addition, alterations may result in damage to the catalysts, increased fuel consumption, and impaired engine running conditions.

e) Irregular engine running conditions should be corrected immediately by an authorized Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center. Such irregular running conditions can influence the proper function of the emission control system.

If the “CHECK ENGINE” indicator lamp in the instrument cluster illuminates when the engine is running, it indicates a possible malfunction of the engine management system or emission control system.

We recommend that you have the malfunction checked as soon as possible.

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Notes

First visit: 1,000 miles - 3,000 miles

Date: _____

Odometer: _____

Performed Yes/No

Diagnostic test

Q+A on vehicle

Rubber stamp

Signature

First visit provided at no charge*

*This first visit for a basic vehicle diagnostic test at an authorized Mercedes-Benz Center is provided at no charge. Please refer to the Service and Warranty Information Booklet for full details.

First visit: 1,000 miles - 3,000 miles

Appointment Month/year

Tire rotation

If applicable to your vehicle’s tire configuration (see page 5), tire rotation should be performed in accordance with the tire manufacturer’s recommended intervals, or sooner at first signs of irregular (uneven) tread wear. Tire manufacturer’s rotation recommendations will necessitate a tire rotation at least once in between maintenance and at every maintenance service based on Mercedes-Benz maintenance intervals.

Date: _____ Odometer: _____ Date: _____ Odometer: _____

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Date: _____ Odometer: _____ Date: _____ Odometer: _____

Date: _____ Odometer: _____ Date: _____ Odometer: _____

Tire rotations should be performed in accordance with the tire manufacturer’s recommendations in the Tire Warranty Pamphlet included in your vehicle literature portfolio. However, tires should be rotated at the first sign of irregular tread wear, even if it occurs before the recommended rotation intervals, and should be checked regularly for wear and proper inflation. Please note that the useful life of tires will vary and is proportional to tire type, speed rating, ambient conditions, tire loading, tire inflation pressure, road surfaces, and individual driving style, among other factors.

The first tire rotation occurring at an authorized Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center at any time up to 6,500 miles (vehicle odometer) is provided at no charge.

First tire rotation provided at no charge*

*This first tire rotation at an authorized Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center at any time up to 6,500 miles (vehicle odometer) is provided at no charge. Please refer to the Service and Warranty Information Booklet for full details.

Reminder: Tire rotation

Tire rotation

Date: _____ Odometer: _____ Date: _____ Odometer: _____

Date: _____ Odometer: _____ Date: _____ Odometer: _____

Date: _____ Odometer: _____ Date: _____ Odometer: _____

Date: _____ Odometer: _____ Date: _____ Odometer: _____

Date: _____ Odometer: _____ Date: _____ Odometer: _____

Date: _____ Odometer: _____ Date: _____ Odometer: _____

Date: _____ Odometer: _____ Date: _____ Odometer: _____

Date: _____ Odometer: _____ Date: _____ Odometer: _____

Date: _____ Odometer: _____ Date: _____ Odometer: _____

Date: _____ Odometer: _____ Date: _____ Odometer: _____

Date: _____ Odometer: _____ Date: _____ Odometer: _____

Date: _____ Odometer: _____ Date: _____ Odometer: _____

Date: _____ Odometer: _____ Date: _____ Odometer: _____

Maintenance: 13,000 miles

Services 1, 3 and other applicable services

For scope of work, refer to maintenance overview and description of maintenance services starting on page 49.

Date: _____

Maintenance service completed:

Odometer: _____

Oil Brand / viscosity: _____

Rubber stamp

Repair order no. (if applicable) _____

Signature

**First
Maintenance
due
13,000 miles
or**

Month/year

Maintenance: 26,000 miles

Services 2, 3 and other applicable services

For scope of work, refer to maintenance overview and description of maintenance services starting on page 49.

Date: _____

Maintenance service completed:

Odometer: _____

Oil Brand / viscosity: _____

Rubber stamp

Repair order no. (if applicable) _____

Signature

**Next
Maintenance
due
26,000 miles
or**

Month/year

Maintenance: 39,000 miles

Services 1, 3 and other applicable services

For scope of work, refer to maintenance overview and description of maintenance services starting on page 49.

Date: _____

Maintenance service completed:

Odometer: _____

Oil Brand / viscosity: _____

Rubber stamp

Repair order no. (if applicable) _____

Signature

**Next
Maintenance
due
39,000 miles
or**

Month/year

Maintenance: 52,000 miles

Services 2, 3 and other applicable services

For scope of work, refer to maintenance overview and description of maintenance services starting on page 49.

Date: _____

Maintenance service completed:

Odometer: _____

Oil Brand / viscosity: _____

Rubber stamp

Repair order no. (if applicable) _____

Signature

**Next
Maintenance
due
52,000 miles
or**

Month/year

Maintenance: 65,000 miles

Services 1, 3 and other applicable services

For scope of work, refer to maintenance overview and description of maintenance services starting on page 49.

Date: _____

Maintenance service completed:

Odometer: _____

Oil Brand / viscosity: _____

Rubber stamp

Repair order no. (if applicable) _____

Signature

**Next
Maintenance
due
65,000 miles
or**

Month/year

Maintenance: 78,000 miles

Services 2, 3 and other applicable services

For scope of work, refer to maintenance overview and description of maintenance services starting on page 49.

Date: _____

Maintenance service completed:

Odometer: _____

Oil Brand / viscosity: _____

Rubber stamp

Repair order no. (if applicable) _____

Signature

**Next
Maintenance
due
78,000 miles
or**

Month/year

Maintenance: 91,000 miles

Services 1, 3 and other applicable services

For scope of work, refer to maintenance overview and description of maintenance services starting on page 49.

Date: _____

Maintenance service completed:

Odometer: _____

Oil Brand / viscosity: _____

Rubber stamp

Repair order no. (if applicable) _____

Signature

**Next
Maintenance
due
91,000 miles
or**

Month/year

Maintenance: 104,000 miles Services 2, 3 and other applicable services

For scope of work, refer to maintenance overview and description of maintenance services starting on page 49.

Date: _____

Maintenance service completed:

Odometer: _____

Oil Brand / viscosity: _____

Rubber stamp

Repair order no. (if applicable) _____

Signature

**Next
Maintenance
due
104,000 miles
or**

Month/year

Maintenance: 117,000 miles

Services 1, 3 and other applicable services

For scope of work, refer to maintenance overview and description of maintenance services starting on page 49.

Date: _____

Maintenance service completed:

Odometer: _____

Oil Brand / viscosity: _____

Rubber stamp

Repair order no. (if applicable) _____

Signature

**Next
Maintenance
due
117,000 miles
or**

Month/year

Maintenance: 130,000 miles

Services 2, 3 and other applicable services

For scope of work, refer to maintenance overview and description of maintenance services starting on page 49.

Date: _____

Maintenance service completed:

Odometer: _____

Oil Brand / viscosity: _____

Rubber stamp

Repair order no. (if applicable) _____

Signature

**Next
Maintenance
due
130,000 miles
or**

Month/year

Maintenance: 143,000 miles

Services 1, 3, other applicable services and recommended high-mileage checks

For scope of work, refer to maintenance overview and description of maintenance services starting on page 49.

Date: _____

Maintenance service completed:

Odometer: _____

Oil Brand / viscosity: _____

Rubber stamp

Repair order no. (if applicable) _____

Signature

**Next
Maintenance
due
143,000 miles
or**

Month/year

Maintenance: 156,000 miles

Services 2, 3 and other applicable services

For scope of work, refer to maintenance overview and description of maintenance services starting on page 49.

Date: _____

Maintenance service completed:

Odometer: _____

Oil Brand / viscosity: _____

Rubber stamp

Repair order no. (if applicable) _____

Signature

**Next
Maintenance
due
156,000 miles
or**

Month/year

Maintenance: 169,000 miles

Services 1, 3 and other applicable services

For scope of work, refer to maintenance overview and description of maintenance services starting on page 49.

Date: _____

Maintenance service completed:

Odometer: _____

Oil Brand / viscosity: _____

Rubber stamp

Repair order no. (if applicable) _____

Signature

**Next
Maintenance
due
169,000 miles
or**

Month/year

Maintenance: 182,000 miles

Services 2, 3 and other applicable services

For scope of work, refer to maintenance overview and description of maintenance services starting on page 49.

Date: _____

Maintenance service completed:

Odometer: _____

Oil Brand / viscosity: _____

Rubber stamp

Repair order no. (if applicable) _____

Signature

**Next
Maintenance
due
182,000 miles
or**

Month/year

Maintenance: 195,000 miles

Services 1, 3 and other applicable services

For scope of work, refer to maintenance overview and description of maintenance services starting on page 49.

Date: _____

Maintenance service completed:

Odometer: _____

Oil Brand / viscosity: _____

Rubber stamp

Repair order no. (if applicable) _____

Signature

**Next
Maintenance
due
195,000 miles
or**

Month/year

Required Vehicle Maintenance Service Work (including Emission System Maintenance)

Notes:

Overview of maintenance services and intervals can be found starting on page 50. Maintenance services must be performed at number of miles or years (whichever comes first) as indicated, except where no time interval available or otherwise noted.

If your vehicle exceeds the mileage shown in the maintenance service overview, continue to maintain the vehicle by having performed the maintenance services at the time or mileage intervals (whichever comes first) as indicated starting on page 55.

Detailed descriptions for each maintenance service can be found starting on page 54.

For description of emission system maintenance jobs, see page 66.

The four digit-numbers listed next to the maintenance services are reference numbers of the detailed maintenance job descriptions listed in the Mercedes-Benz maintenance information used by Mercedes-Benz technicians.

Maintenance service overview M-Class, GL-Class (164)

| Miles | 1,000 - 3,000 | 13,000 | 26,000 | 39,000 | 52,000 | 65,000 | 78,000 | 91,000 |
|--|--|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|----------------|
| Time (Years) | ---- | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| First visit (▷ page 54) | | • | | | | | | |
| Tire rotation (▷ page 55) | If applicable to your vehicle's tire configuration (see page 5), tire rotations should be performed in accordance with the tire manufacturer's recommended intervals, or sooner at first signs of irregular (uneven) treadwear. Tire manufacturer's rotation recommendations will necessitate a tire rotation at least once in between maintenance services and at every maintenance service based on Mercedes-Benz maintenance intervals. | | | | | | | |
| Service 1 (▷ page 56) | | • | | • | | • | | • |
| Service 2 (▷ page 58) | | | • | | • | | • | |
| Service 3 (▷ page 61) | | • | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Service 4 (▷ page 61) | | | • ¹ | | • ¹ | | • ¹ | |
| Service 5 (▷ page 61) | | | • | | • | | • | |
| Service 6 (▷ page 61) | | | | | | | | |
| Service 7 (▷ page 61) | | | | | | | | |
| Service 8 (▷ page 62) | | | | | • | | | |
| Service 9 (▷ page 62) | | | | | | | | |
| Service 10 (▷ page 62) | | | | | | | | |
| Service 11 (▷ page 62) | | | | | | | | |
| Service 12 (▷ page 63) | | | | | | | | • ² |
| Service 13 (▷ page 63) | | | | | | | | |
| Service 20 (▷ page 63) | | | | | • ⁵ | | | |
| High-mileage checks (▷ page 64) | | | | | | | | |

Maintenance service overview M-Class, GL-Class (164)

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Miles | 104,000 | 117,000 | 130,000 | 143,000 | 156,000 | 169,000 | 182,000 | 195,000 |
| Time (Years) | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |

First visit

Tire rotation

If applicable to your vehicle's tire configuration (see page 5), tire rotations should be performed in accordance with the tire manufacturer's recommended intervals, or sooner at first signs of irregular (uneven) treadwear. Tire manufacturer's rotation recommendations will necessitate a tire rotation at least once in between maintenance services and at every maintenance service based on Mercedes-Benz maintenance intervals.

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|---|----------------|---|----------------|---|----------------|---|
| Service 1 | | • | | • | | • | | • |
| Service 2 | • | | • | | • | | • | |
| Service 3 | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Service 4 | • ¹ | | • ¹ | | • ¹ | | • ¹ | |
| Service 5 | • | | • | | • | | • | |
| Service 6 | | | | | | | | |
| Service 7 | | | | | | | | |
| Service 8 | • | | | | • | | | |
| Service 9 | | | | | | | | |
| Service 10 | | | | | | | | |
| Service 11 | | | | | • ³ | | | |
| Service 12 | | | | | | | • ⁴ | |
| Service 13 | | | | | • ³ | | | |
| Service 20 | | | | | | | | |
| High-mileage checks | | | | | • ⁵ | | | |

¹ not mileage dependent; only time-interval applies ³ at 143,000 miles or 15 years ⁴ at 182,000 miles or 10 years ⁵ not time dependent; only mileage-interval applies

Maintenance service overview R-Class (251)

| Miles | 1,000 - 3,000 | 13,000 | 26,000 | 39,000 | 52,000 | 65,000 | 78,000 | 91,000 |
|--|--|--------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------|----------------|----------------|
| Time (Years) | ---- | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| First visit (▷ page 54) | | • | | | | | | |
| Tire rotation (▷ page 55) | If applicable to your vehicle's tire configuration (see page 5), tire rotations should be performed in accordance with the tire manufacturer's recommended intervals, or sooner at first signs of irregular (uneven) treadwear. Tire manufacturer's rotation recommendations will necessitate a tire rotation at least once in between maintenance services and at every maintenance service based on Mercedes-Benz maintenance intervals. | | | | | | | |
| Service 1 (▷ page 56) | | • | | • | | • | | • |
| Service 2 (▷ page 58) | | | • | | • | | • | |
| Service 3 (▷ page 61) | | • | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Service 4 (▷ page 61) | | | • ¹ | | • ¹ | | • ¹ | |
| Service 5 (▷ page 61) | | | • | | • | | • | |
| Service 6 (▷ page 61) | | | | | | | | |
| Service 7 (▷ page 61) | | | | | | | | |
| Service 8 (▷ page 62) | | | | | • | | | |
| Service 9 (▷ page 62) | | | | | | | | |
| Service 10 (▷ page 62) | | | | • ¹ | | | • ¹ | |
| Service 11 (▷ page 62) | | | | | | | | |
| Service 12 (▷ page 63) | | | | | | | | • ² |
| Service 13 (▷ page 63) | | | | | | | | |
| Service 20 (▷ page 63) | | | | • ⁵ | | | | |
| High-mileage checks (▷ page 64) | | | | | | | | |

Maintenance service overview R-Class (251)

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Miles | 104,000 | 117,000 | 130,000 | 143,000 | 156,000 | 169,000 | 182,000 | 195,000 |
| Time (Years) | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |

First visit

Tire rotation

If applicable to your vehicle's tire configuration (see page 5), tire rotations should be performed in accordance with the tire manufacturer's recommended intervals, or sooner at first signs of irregular (uneven) treadwear. Tire manufacturer's rotation recommendations will necessitate a tire rotation at least once in between maintenance services and at every maintenance service based on Mercedes-Benz maintenance intervals.

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| Service 1 | | • | | • | | • | | • |
| Service 2 | • | | • | | • | | • | |
| Service 3 | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Service 4 | • ¹ | | • ¹ | | • ¹ | | • ¹ | |
| Service 5 | • | | • | | • | | • | |
| Service 6 | | | | | | | | |
| Service 7 | | | | | | | | |
| Service 8 | • | | | | • | | | |
| Service 9 | | | | | | | | |
| Service 10 | | • ¹ | | | • ¹ | | | • ¹ |
| Service 11 | | | | • ³ | | | | |
| Service 12 | | | | | | | • ⁴ | |
| Service 13 | | | | • ³ | | | | |
| Service 20 | | | | | | | | |
| High-mileage checks | | | | • ⁵ | | | | |

¹ not mileage dependent; only time-interval applies ³ at 143,000 miles or 15 years ⁴ at 182,000 miles or 10 years ⁵ not time dependent; only mileage-interval applies

First visit

First visit: 1,000 miles - 3,000 miles

Diagnostic test

Q + A on vehicle

This first visit for a basic vehicle diagnostic test at your authorized Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center is provided at no charge.

Tire rotation

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The first tire rotation (▷ page 17) occurring at an authorized Mercedes-Benz Light Truck Center at any time up to 6,500 miles (vehicle odometer) is provided at no charge.

Maintenance service descriptions

| | |
|---|------|
| US Service 1 at 13,000 miles or 1 year; then every 26,000 miles and 2 years | |
| Engine compartment | |
| Check catch, safety catch and hinges on engine hood for proper operation | 8851 |
| Check the following fluid levels, correct if necessary. If there is a loss of fluid, determine cause and perform repair with separate work order | |
| Brake system | 4210 |
| Windshield washer system | 8210 |
| Interior | |
| Reset maintenance service indicator in instrument cluster | 0042 |
| Function check | |
| Check battery condition using “Midtronics MCR 717” tester | ---- |
| Windshield wipers, windshield washer system, headlamp cleaning system (where applicable) | 8252 |
| Horn, warning/indicator lamps, illumination and interior lighting | 5452 |

US Service 1 (continued)**Wheels, brakes**

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|---|------|
| Check front/rear brake pads for lining thickness | 4253 |
| Correct tire inflation pressure | ---- |
| Inspect tires for damage and splits, measure tread depth and record in mm | 4051 |

Trunk

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|--|------|
| Check spare tire inflation pressure (M-Class, GL-Class) | ---- |
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Vehicle front/rear

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|-----------------------------|------|
| Check wiper blade condition | 8253 |
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Maintenance service descriptions

| | |
|---|------|
| US Service 2 at 26,000 miles or 2 years; then every 26,000 miles and 2 years | |
| Engine compartment | |
| Clean water drain in air/water duct | 8339 |
| Leakage - Major components | |
| Check for chafe marks, line routing, damaged components In the event of leakage, determine cause and perform repair via separate work order | 0053 |
| Check catch, safety catch and hinges on engine hood for proper operation | 8851 |
| Check condition of poly-V-belt | ---- |
| Check the following fluid levels, correct if necessary. If there is a loss of fluid, determine cause and perform repair with separate work order | |
| Brake system | 4210 |
| Power steering | 4611 |
| Windshield washer system | 8210 |

US Service 2 (continued)**Interior**

| | |
|---|------|
| Reset maintenance service indicator in instrument cluster | 0042 |
|---|------|

Function check

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|--|------|
| Check parking brake (function test only) | ---- |
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|---|------|
| Horn, warning/indicator lamps, illumination and interior lighting | 5452 |
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| Windshield wipers, windshield washer system, headlamp cleaning system (where applicable) | 8252 |
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| Check seat belts and buckles for signs of external damage and proper function | 9150 |
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|---|------|
| Check battery condition using "Midtronics MCR 717" tester | ---- |
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Wheels, brakes

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|--|------|
| Check front/rear brake pads for lining thickness | 4253 |
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|---------------------------------|------|
| Correct tire inflation pressure | ---- |
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|---|------|
| Inspect tires for damage and splits, measure tread depth and record in mm | 4051 |
|---|------|

Maintenance service descriptions

| | |
|--|------|
| US Service 2 (continued) | |
| Underside of vehicle | |
| Leakage - Major components | 0053 |
| Check for chafe marks, line routing, damaged components In the event of leakage, determine cause and perform repair via separate work order | |
| Check front axle ball joints for play, check rubber boots | 3353 |
| Check rear axle ball joints for play, check rubber boots | 3555 |
| Inspect play of tie rod and drag link joints, inspect rubber boots | 4653 |
| Trunk | |
| Check spare tire inflation pressure (M-Class, GL-Class) | ---- |
| Vehicle front/rear | |
| Check wiper blade condition | 8253 |
| Check and correct headlamp setting | 8260 |

US Service 3 at every 13,000 miles or 1 year**Engine compartment**

Engine - oil and filter change

0101

US Service 4 at every 2 years

Check bodywork for paint work damage

9850

Underside of vehicle

Chassis and load-bearing body components: Check for damage and corrosion

0090

Engine compartment

Replace brake fluid

4280

US Service 5 at every 26,000 miles or 2 years**Passenger compartment**

Replace combination filter

8384

US Service 6

Not applicable

US Service 7

Not applicable

Maintenance service descriptions

| | |
|---|------|
| US Service 8 at every 52,000 miles or 4 years | |
| Engine compartment | |
| Replace engine air-cleaner insert | 0980 |
| US Service 9 | |
| Not applicable | |
| US Service 10 at every 3 years | |
| Panorama sliding roof: Clean and lubricate guide mechanism (R-Class) | 7732 |
| US Service 11 at every 143,000 miles or 15 years | |
| Passenger compartment | |
| Replace fuel filter | 0780 |

US Service 12 at every 91,000 miles or 5 years**Engine compartment**

Replace spark plugs

1580

US Service 13 at every 143,000 miles or 15 years**Engine compartment**

Replace coolant

2080

US Service 14 - 19

Not applicable

US Service 20 once at 39,000 miles**Underside of vehicle**

Automatic transmission - oil and filter change

2702

Maintenance service descriptions

Recommended additional maintenance checks for high-mileage vehicles at 143,000 miles

Check if all fluid levels and changes are updated

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|-------------------------------|------|
| Transmission | ---- |
| Rear axle | ---- |
| Front axle (if applicable) | ---- |
| Transfer case (if applicable) | ---- |

Check if air, fuel, ventilation filters are updated

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|--------------------|------|
| Engine air filter | ---- |
| Fuel filter | ---- |
| Combination filter | ---- |

Recommended additional maintenance checks for high-mileage vehicles at 143,000 miles (continued)
Check integrity of engine, mechanical components

 Perform compression test (hot and cold)

 Perform leak down test (hot and cold)

 Check spark plugs

 Exhaust system hangers and leaks

Check for damaged/worn drivetrain parts

 Front wheel bearing play

 Rear wheel bearing play

 Axle joint play

 Driveshaft flexible discs

 Tie rod and drag link joints

Check for updates performed

 Recalls and Service Campaigns

Description of Emission System Maintenance Jobs

The composition of exhaust emissions is influenced not only by the special emission control equipment, but also by various engine components and their adjustments.

Therefore, emission system maintenance must include these engine components. Some maintenance jobs are actually only tests. They are important however, because they allow early detection of discrepancies which can later lead to increased exhaust emissions. It is generally less expensive to have such items adjusted immediately rather than allowing them to contribute to costly repairs. The maintenance intervals have been determined so that the vehicle, under normal conditions, should operate properly between services.

0101 Engine oil and filter change

Change the engine oil and oil filter every 13,000 miles. If oil consumption should increase, determine the cause and take necessary corrective steps. Do not reset the Maintenance System service indicator if the oil is topped up or changed outside the interval of 13,000 miles.

0980 Replace air filter element

Under normal dust conditions, replace air filter element approximately every 52,000 miles or 4 years. Clean air filter cover and housing prior to removal of air filter element.

0780 Replace fuel filter

Replace the fuel filter approximately every 143,000 miles or 15 years.

1351 Check engine poly-V-belt condition

The poly-V-belt is subject to wear and aging. It must be checked for cracks and wear at every service 2. Replace poly-V-belt if necessary.

1580 Replace spark plugs

Spark plugs are subject to electrode erosion and must be replaced according to the mileage specified at Service 12, or more frequently as may be required when subject to severe operating conditions.

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