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ENGINE	SL 500 COUPE/ROADSTER	SL 55 AMG COUPE/ROADSTER	SL 600 COUPE/ROADSTER
Engine	SOHC 24-valve 90° V-8. High-pressure die-cast alloy cylinder block. Alloy heads.	AMG-built intercooled supercharged SOHC 24-valve 90° V-8. High-pressure die-cast alloy cylinder block. Reinforced crankshaft and valvetrain. Alloy heads. Lightweight camshafts.	Intercooled twin-turbocharged SOHC 36-valve 60° V-12. Two-piece high-pressure die-cast alloy cylinder block. Alloy heads and pistons. Die-cast magnesium cylinder head covers.
Displacement	4,966 cc	5,439 cc	5,513 cc
Net power	302 hp @ 5,600 rpm	493 hp @ 6,100 rpm	493 hp @ 5,000 rpm
Net torque	339 lb-ft @ 2,700–4,250 rpm	516 lb-ft @ 2,750–4,000 rpm	590 lb-ft @ 1,800–3,500 rpm
Compression ratio	10.0:1	9.0:1	9.0:1
Fuel requirement	Premium unleaded, 91 pump octane.	Premium unleaded, 91 pump octane.	Premium unleaded, 91 pump octane.
Fuel and ignition system	ME 2.8 engine management. Integrated sequential multipoint fuel injection and phased twin-spark ignition includes individual cylinder control of fuel spray, spark timing and phase, and antiknock. Electronic throttle includes adaptive accelerator , which provides more rapid throttle opening in response to the speed at which accelerator pedal is depressed. Two high-energy ignition coils and two spark plugs per cylinder, with 100,000-mile spark plug intervals (60,000 miles on SL 600).	ME 2.8 engine management.	ME 2.7.1 engine management.
Intake system	Magnesium 2-stage resonance intake manifold increases intake runner length at lower rpm for improved response.	Helical high-pressure supercharger with liquid-to-air intercooler.	Twin turbochargers (one per cylinder bank, integrated in exhaust manifolds) with liquid-to-air intercoolers.
DRIVETRAIN			
Transmission type	Driver-adaptive electronic 7-speed automatic.	AMG-enhanced driver-adaptive electronic 5-speed automatic.	Driver-adaptive electronic 5-speed automatic.
Touch Shift control	Touch Shift allows driver to manually downshift and allow upshifts by nudging the shift lever left or right from the Drive position.		
Shift into Optimum Gear	Shift into Optimum Gear programming allows one-touch selection of the best gear for maximum acceleration or engine braking by holding the shift lever to the left of Drive for one second.		
Comfort mode	Driver-selectable comfort mode starts vehicle moving in 2nd gear or a second Reverse gear, and upshifts at lower rpm, to help improve control on slippery surfaces.		
AMG SpeedShift	Not available.	Standard.	Not available.
Fingertip manual mode	Not available. AMG SpeedShift™ programming provides up to 35% faster gear changes, automatically downshifts during braking, prevents unwanted upshifting while cornering, offers one-touch selection of the best gear for maximum acceleration (Shift into Optimum Gear), and features torque converter lockup in all forward gears.	Standard.	Not available.
Display	Instrument-cluster readout of selected gear range and standard/comfort mode.	Instrument-cluster readout of selected gear range and standard/comfort/manual mode.	Instrument-cluster readout of selected gear range and standard/comfort mode.
Drive configuration	Rear-wheel drive.	Rear-wheel drive.	Rear-wheel drive.
Rear axle ratio	2.82:1	2.82:1	2.65:1
TRACTION AND STABILITY			
Electronic Stability Program (ESP) and Automatic Slip Control	Standard. ESP compares the driver's intended course, via steering and braking inputs, to the vehicle's response, via lateral acceleration, rotation (yaw) and individual wheel speeds. ESP then brakes individual front or rear wheels and/or reduces excess engine power as needed to help correct understeer (plowing) or oversteer (fishtailing). ESP incorporates the functions of Automatic Slip Control, which senses drive-wheel slip and individually brakes the slipping wheel or wheels, and/or reduces excess engine power, until control is regained. ¹	Standard.	Standard.
PERFORMANCE			
Acceleration, 0–60 mph²	6.1 seconds (2003 figure. See your dealer.)	4.5 seconds	4.5 seconds
Fuel economy, EPA estimate³ highway estimate⁴	15 mpg 22 mpg	14 mpg 20 mpg	Information not available. See your dealer.

1 No system, no matter how sophisticated, can repeal the laws of physics or overcome careless driving actions. Please always wear your seat belt. 2 Stated rates of acceleration are based upon manufacturer's track results and may vary depending upon model, environmental and road surface conditions, driving style, elevation and vehicle load. 3 2003 EPA estimated fuel economy. Compare the estimated mpg to the estimated mpg of other vehicles. You may get different mileage depending on how fast you drive, weather conditions and trip length. 2004 figures unavailable at time of publication. See your dealer. 4 Your actual highway mileage will probably be less than the highway estimate. 2003 figures shown. 2004 figures unavailable at time of publication. See your dealer.

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SUSPENSION	SL 500 COUPE/ROADSTER	SL 55 AMG COUPE/ROADSTER	SL 600 COUPE/ROADSTER
Front suspension	Independent 4-link .	Independent 4-link .	Independent 4-link .
Rear suspension	Independent 5-arm multilink .	Independent 5-arm multilink .	Independent 5-arm multilink .
Active Body Control (ABC)	Standard. ABC, an active suspension system , utilizes a coil spring and an electronically controlled hydraulic cylinder in series, plus a separate gas-pressurized shock absorber at each wheel. Using a total system pressure of up to 2,900 psi, ABC continually adjusts each wheel's suspension to counteract vibration, pitch, dive, squat and roll. ABC also provides automatic 4-wheel level control , driver-selectable ride height and automatic lowering at higher speeds. ¹ Driver-selectable sport mode virtually eliminates body roll for even flatter cornering and sharper handling response.	Standard, AMG-enhanced.	Standard.

STEERING	Rack-and-pinion with vehicle-speed-sensitive power assist and integrated hydraulic damper.		
Steering type	Rack-and-pinion with vehicle-speed-sensitive power assist and integrated hydraulic damper.		
Steering-wheel turns	2.6 lock-to-lock	2.6 lock-to-lock	2.6 lock-to-lock
Turning circle	36.2 ft/11.0 m curb-to-curb	36.2 ft/11.0 m curb-to-curb	36.2 ft/11.0 m curb-to-curb

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Wheels , aluminum-alloy, standard	5-spoke design. 8.5Jx 18 front—9.5Jx 18 rear.	AMG ultrathin-spoke monoblock . 8.5Jx 18 front—9.5Jx 18 rear. ²	Tapered 5-spoke design. 8.5Jx 18 front—9.5Jx 18 rear.
no-charge option	7-spoke design. 7.5Jx 17 front and rear.	AMG multispoke design. 8.5Jx 18 front—9.5Jx 18 rear. ²	Not available.
with optional AMG Sport Package	Turbine-style 5-hole design. 8.5Jx 18 front—9.5Jx 18 rear.	Not available.	Turbine-style 5-hole design. 8.5Jx 18 front—9.5Jx 18 rear.
Tires , steel-belted radial, standard	255/40 R18 95W front—285/35 R18 97W rear, high-performance. ³	255/40 R18 95Y front—285/35 R18 97Y rear, high-performance. ³	255/40 R18 95Y front—285/35 R18 97Y rear, high-performance. ³
no-charge option	255/45 R17 98W front and rear, high-performance. ³	255/40 R18 95Y front—285/35 R18 97Y rear, high-performance. ³	Not available.
with optional AMG Sport Package	255/40 R18 95Y front—285/35 R18 97Y rear, high-performance. ³	Not available.	255/40 R18 95Y front—285/35 R18 97Y rear, high-performance. ³
Spare tire	Collapsible compact limited-use tire on lightweight wheel, with portable electric air compressor.	Not available. Tirefit puncture sealant and portable electric air compressor are provided.	Collapsible compact limited-use tire on lightweight wheel, with portable electric air compressor.

BRAKES	SL 500	SL 55 AMG	SL 600
Brake system	Electrohydraulic power-assisted 4-wheel disc .	AMG-enhanced electrohydraulic power-assisted 4-wheel disc .	Electrohydraulic power-assisted 4-wheel disc .
Front discs/calipers	12.3" perforated and internally ventilated/4-piston fixed.	14.2" perforated and internally ventilated/AMG 8-piston fixed.	14.2" perforated and internally ventilated/8-piston fixed.
Rear discs/calipers	11.8" solid/single-piston sliding.	13.0" perforated and internally ventilated/AMG 4-piston fixed.	13.0" internally ventilated/4-piston fixed.
Sensotronic Brake Control	Sensotronic is an electrohydraulic braking system which transmits brake pressure individually to each wheel based on driver input and various vehicle parameters. Sensotronic more precisely controls brake pressure at each wheel during normal braking, emergency stopping and ESP operation. ⁴ Soft Stop precisely modulates brake pressure as the car approaches a stop during normal braking. Automatic brake drying applies the brakes lightly and briefly based on windshield wiper use and driver braking intervals, to reduce moisture on the brake surfaces in wet weather. Predictive brake priming sets the brake pads nearer the discs when the driver quickly releases the accelerator, for faster brake response.		
Antilock Braking System (ABS) and Brake Assist	ABS senses impending wheel lockup under heavy braking and pumps the front brakes individually or the rear brakes together (to help maintain stability) as needed up to 30 times per second, to prevent lockup and maintain steering ability. Sensotronic eliminates the pedal pulsation commonly associated with conventional brake systems and ABS. Brake Assist senses emergency braking via the speed at which the driver presses the brake pedal and immediately applies maximum available power boost, potentially reducing the overall stopping distance by helping to eliminate the delay caused by a common human tendency not to brake hard enough, soon enough. Letting up on the brake pedal releases Brake Assist. ⁵		

EXTERIOR DIMENSIONS	SL 500	SL 55 AMG	SL 600	INTERIOR DIMENSIONS	SL 500	SL 55 AMG	SL 600
Wheelbase	100.8 in/2,560 mm	100.8 in/2,560 mm	100.8 in/2,560 mm	Headroom	37.7 in/957 mm, top up	37.7 in/957 mm, top up	37.7 in/957 mm, top up
Overall length	178.5 in/4,535 mm	178.5 in/4,535 mm	178.5 in/4,535 mm	Legroom	42.9 in/1,089 mm	42.9 in/1,089 mm	42.9 in/1,089 mm
Overall height	51.0 in/1,295 mm, top up	51.0 in/1,295 mm, top up	51.0 in/1,295 mm, top up	Shoulder room	54.0 in/1,372 mm	54.0 in/1,372 mm	54.0 in/1,372 mm
Overall width	72.0 in/1,827 mm	72.0 in/1,827 mm	72.0 in/1,827 mm	Cabin capacity	57.8 cu ft/1,637 liters	57.8 cu ft/1,637 liters	57.8 cu ft/1,637 liters
Track, front	61.4 in/1,559 mm	61.8 in/1,569 mm	61.4 in/1,559 mm	Trunk capacity, top up	10.2 cu ft/288 liters	11.2 cu ft/317 liters	10.2 cu ft/288 liters
Track, rear	60.5 in/1,537 mm	61.1 in/1,551 mm	60.5 in/1,537 mm	Trunk capacity, top down	7.3 cu ft/206 liters	8.3 cu ft/235 liters	7.3 cu ft/206 liters
Coefficient of drag	0.29, top up	0.30, top up	0.29, top up				
Curb weight	4,065 lb/1,844 kg	4,319 lb/1,959 kg	4,429 lb/2,010 kg				

¹ Please obey local speed laws. ² AMG 18" wheels and accompanying high-speed-rated tires provide substantially increased treadwear and reduced ride comfort compared to H-rated tires. Serious wheel and tire damage may occur if the vehicle is operated on rough or damaged road surfaces or upon encountering road debris or obstacles. ³ W-rated and Y-rated tires are optimized for performance driving and may provide reduced ride comfort, increased tire noise, substantially increased treadwear and greater susceptibility to damage compared with H-rated tires. ⁴ No system, no matter how sophisticated, can repeal the laws of physics or overcome careless driving actions. Please always wear your seat belt. ⁵ Braking effectiveness also depends on proper brake system maintenance, and tire and road conditions.

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			EXTERIOR FEATURES
●	●	●	Electrohydraulic retractable aluminum hardtop, operated via console control or SmartKey remote. Rear window pivots 180° while top folds, for more space-efficient stowage of folded top in trunk.
●	●	●	Pneumatic trunk closing assist. Double-hinged trunk lid opens at front edge for top retraction and at rear for access to cargo area.
●	●	●	Easy-Pack system tilts up folded roof at the touch of a button for easier access to trunk compartment.
●	●	●	Attachable fine-mesh wind deflector (fastens to roll bar in either raised or retracted position).
●	●	—	Titanium Grey grille with four ribs.
—	—	●	Silver grille with four chrome-edged ribs.
○ ¹	●	○ ¹	AMG-design sculpted front air dam with mesh air intakes, side skirts and rear apron with mesh air diffuser. ²
●	—	●	Dual chrome exhaust tips.
—	●	—	Four polished stainless-steel exhaust tips.
●	●	—	Xenon High Intensity Discharge low-beam headlamps with automatic level control, halogen high beams, clear high-impact polycarbonate lenses, and heated headlamp washers.
○	○	●	Bi-Xenon High Intensity Discharge low-beam and high-beam headlamps with automatic level control, halogen auxiliary high beams, clear high-impact polycarbonate lenses, and heated headlamp washers.
●	●	●	Halogen front foglamps. Single red rear foglamp, integrated in left taillamp cluster.
●	●	●	Driver-selectable light-sensing headlamps can be set via the Auto position of the headlamp switch to automatically illuminate in darkness, or when entering dark tunnels or parking garages.
●	●	●	Driver-programmable Daytime Running Lamps illuminate low-beam headlamps in daylight, with auto-on override in darkness.
●	●	●	Automatic lamp substitution uses a nearby lamp if a critical bulb fails.
●	—	●	Monochromatic red rear lamp covers with dual-intensity LED brake lamps and taillamps.
—	●	—	Red and smoke-color rear lamp covers with dual-intensity LED brake lamps and taillamps.
●	●	●	Touch Turn Signals flash three times with one touch of turn-signal lever, for lane-changing. Auxiliary LED turn signal indicators are integrated with side mirror housings.
●	●	●	Dual power mirrors, linked to driver's seat memory and automatically heated.
●	●	●	Auto-dimming left-side mirror.
●	●	●	Parking-assist right-side mirror can be programmed to tilt down upon shifting to Reverse.
●	●	●	Electrically heated rear window with auto-shutoff based on time, driving speed and outside temperature.
●	●	●	Dual aero-blade windshield wipers.
●	●	●	Heated washer system, including nozzles, lines and reservoir. Heated wiper parking position.
●	●	●	Infrared rain sensor automatically adjusts intermittent wiper frequency from infinite delay to constant wiping, based on amount of rainfall measured on windshield.

● STANDARD ○ OPTIONAL — NOT AVAILABLE

¹ Also available or only available as part of an Option Package. See Optional Equipment listing. ² Mesh rear air diffuser on SL55 AMG only. ³ When so equipped. ⁴ First year's basic Tele Aid service provided at no additional cost with subscription and includes 30 minutes airtime (including required acquaintance call). Subscription is required for service to be active. Tele Aid operates only where cellular and GPS coverage are available. Owner must authorize stolen vehicle tracking and file a police report.

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			LOCKING AND SECURITY
●	●	●	SmartKey remote central locking system uses redundant infrared and radio-frequency signals for improved range, and rolling-code signal for protection from transmitter cloning.
●	●	●	SmartKey uses an electronic code to unlock the gearshift and ignition. Removing SmartKey from ignition disables engine computer to help prevent unauthorized starting of the engine.
●	●	●	SmartKey remote control integrates door lock/unlock buttons, trunk opener, removable valet key, and panic alarm. Driver may selectively unlock only the driver's door and fuel filler, or both doors plus the trunk and fuel filler.
●	●	●	SmartKey offers infrared-remote opening/closing of windows, remote raising and lowering of hardtop, and can turn on Active Ventilated seats, ³ from outside the car.
●	●	●	Driver-programmable user-recognition feature links each SmartKey to driver's preferences (up to three individual users per car). Each SmartKey recalls memory features for driver's seat, outside mirrors and power steering column position, plus various climate control settings, for its assigned driver.
●	●	●	Driver-programmable driveaway locking can automatically lock the doors when the car reaches 9 mph.
●	●	●	Night security illumination uses the car's exterior lights to help illuminate a path after parking. Driver-programmable intervals allow lights to stay on for 60, 45, 30 or 15 seconds, or not at all.
●	●	●	Locator lighting uses the car's lights to help light a return path when the car is remote-unlocked in darkness. Unlocking car activates illuminated entry system.
●	●	●	Automatic antitheft alarm system with towaway protection, remote panic feature, and automatic notification via Tele Aid . ⁴
●	●	●	Emergency trunk release, located inside trunk and illuminated for 60 minutes after trunk lid is closed.
●	●	●	Integrated 3-button garage door control (integrated with inside rearview mirror), compatible with HomeLink [®] components and some other systems.
			INTERIOR FEATURES
●	●	●	Multifunction steering wheel provides convenient, additional controls for basic functions of audio system and phone, ³ plus operation of multifunction display (see Instrumentation, page 42).
—	●	—	Fingertip manual shift buttons behind steering-wheel spokes.
●	●	●	Power windows, with one-touch express-up/down for the front windows, express-up/down for the rear windows (via front window controls), and one-touch operation of all four windows via power top control.
●	●	●	4-way (tilt/telescoping) power steering column, position linked to driver's seat memory.
●	●	●	Driver-programmable easy-exit feature can move driver's seat rearward and/or raise steering column when SmartKey is removed from ignition.
●	●	●	Electronic cruise control with digital readout of selected speed in multifunction display upon engagement.
●	●	●	Auto-dimming rearview mirror, with position linked to driver's seat memory.
●	●	●	Automatic low-intensity environmental comfort lighting of the center console, door handles and footwells.
●	●	●	Dual reading lamps.
●	●	●	Courtesy lamps with programmable fade-out time.
●	●	●	Entrance lamps in both doors.
●	●	●	Dual illuminated vanity mirrors (in sun visors).
●	●	●	Center armrest. Dual retractable cupholders.
●	●	●	Glovebox and compartment underneath center armrest are illuminated and include climate-control air outlets.
●	●	●	Enclosed door pockets. Carpeted shelf behind seats with retractable luggage straps. Dual enclosed storage compartments beneath luggage shelf. Locking car from outside automatically locks all of these compartments, for added convenience when parking with the top down.
●	●	●	Parcel net in right footwell.

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			CLIMATE CONTROL
●	●	●	100% CFC-free dual-zone automatic climate control. Individual left and right electronic controls for temperature and airflow direction, with dual automatic modes.
●	●	●	Seat-belt usage sensors allow climate control to focus first on occupied seating positions.
●	●	●	Climate control also compensates for driving speed, window and hardtop positions, and ambient temperature.
●	●	●	REST mode can ventilate cabin or help keep cabin warmer using residual heat for up to 30 minutes after car is turned off.
●	●	●	Electrostatic dust and pollen filter. Integrated activated charcoal filter with smog-sensing automatic recirculation of filtered cabin air.
●	●	●	4-way sun sensor helps compensate for the effects of directional sunlight on the occupants.
●	●	●	Humidity/dewpoint sensor helps reduce window fogging during humid weather, and helps prevent overdrying of cooled air.
●	●	●	Tunnel mode closes all windows and cabin air intake via the air-recirculation button.
			SEATING AND TRIM
●	●	●	12-way power seats, each with pneumatically adjustable lumbar support and 3-position memory. Driver's seat memory includes steering column and all three rearview mirror positions. Memory stations are linked to each SmartKey 's user-recognition feature.
—	●	—	AMG-design sport seats.
●	●	●	Heated seats.
○ ¹	○	●	Active Ventilated seats with 8 internal fans plus heating feature.
○ ¹	●	●	Dynamic multicontour seatbacks with pneumatically adjustable side bolsters, shoulder supports and triple lumbar supports. Massage feature slowly pulsates the central lumbar support to help reduce muscle fatigue.
●	●	●	Easy-access courtesy feature with obstruction sensor: A touch of a button tilts seatback and power-glides seat forward, to facilitate use of rear-cabin storage areas. Another touch of the button restores seat position.
●	—	—	Hand-fitted premium leather upholstery on seats, head restraints, dash, console, doors, armrests, roll bar and rear cabin panels.
—	●	—	Hand-fitted AMG-design perforated leather seating surfaces with metal AMG badges. Premium leather on dash, console, doors, armrests, roll bar and rear cabin panels. Contrasting top-stitching on doors, dash and console. Alcantara covering instrument-cluster hood, ceiling and sun visors.
○ ²	○ ²	●	Exclusive leather interior treatment with glove-soft Nappa leather hand-fitted to seats, head restraints, dash, console, doors, armrests, roll bar and rear cabin panels. Color-keyed top-stitching on doors, dash and console. Alcantara covering ceiling and sun visors.
●	○	●	Hand-polished chestnut, burl walnut or black ash wood trim on console and doors.
—	●	—	Cast-finish aluminum trim on center console and doors.
●	—	—	Leather-trimmed steering wheel and shift knob.
—	●	—	AMG-design leather-trimmed sport steering wheel with raised thumbgrips and fingertip shift controls. Leather-trimmed shift knob.
○ ¹	—	●	Leather and wood trimmed steering wheel and shift knob.
●	●	●	Stainless-steel door sill trim (with AMG insignia on SL 55 AMG).
●	●	●	Velour floor carpeting and floor mats (exclusive AMG floor mats on SL 55 AMG).

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			AUDIO, NAVIGATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
●	●	●	COMAND Cockpit Management and Data system integrates: GPS satellite navigation system. AM/FM stereo/weatherband radio. In-dash single-CD player/CD-ROM drive. Controls for rear-cabin-mounted 6-disc CD changer and phone. ³ A 5" color-LCD in-dash screen.
●	●	●	Fiber-optic network offers precise, high-speed communication among components.
●	●	●	Bose® sound system with 8 speakers includes a dash-mounted center fill speaker and a 4x6" woofer.
●	●	●	Bose AudioPilot™ digital processing monitors sound within the cabin and helps compensate for unwanted ambient noise with no perceived change in audio volume.
●	●	●	Integrated rear-cabin-mounted 6-disc CD changer.
●	●	●	In-dash navigation system uses Global Positioning System (GPS) satellites to determine the current location of your vehicle, and map databases on CD-ROM. ⁴
○	○	●	Integrated Motorola V60i ™ tri-band digital portable telephone, with voice control system for operation of commonly used telephone and audio system features.
●	●	●	Tele Aid uses Global Positioning System (GPS) satellites to determine the current location of your car, plus a cellular link to provide 24-hour contact with Mercedes-Benz for emergency aid (SOS button), information (i-button) or Roadside Assistance (wrench button). Automatic Collision Notification engages SOS function if an air bag or Emergency Tensioning Device (ETD) deploys. Tele Aid also includes Automatic Alarm Notification (which alerts Mercedes-Benz to contact you if the antitheft alarm is set off), stolen vehicle tracking, and remote keyless unlocking service. ⁵
●	●	●	Tele Aid Concierge Service, included with the basic Tele Aid subscription, offers personal services via the i-button, including arrangements for restaurant, hotel, airline or car-rental reservations, tickets to cultural and sporting events or tourist attractions, and delivery of flowers or gifts. ⁵

STANDARD EQUIPMENT CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE

● STANDARD ○ OPTIONAL — NOT AVAILABLE

¹ Also available or only available as part of an Option Package. See Optional Equipment listing. ² Optional as part of SL-Class *designo* editions. See listing in Optional Equipment section. ³ When so equipped. ⁴ CD-ROM maps do not cover all areas nor all routes within an area. One regional CD-ROM is included with vehicle. ⁵ First year's basic Tele Aid service provided at no additional cost with subscription and includes 30 minutes airtime (including required acquaintance call). Subscription is required for service to be active. Tele Aid operates only where cellular and GPS coverage are available. Owner must authorize stolen vehicle tracking and file a police report.

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			INSTRUMENTATION
●	●	●	Electronic analog speedometer, tachometer and gauges for fuel level and coolant temperature.
●	—	●	Chronographic-style gauges with glacier blue backlighting and illuminated indicators.
—	●	—	AMG-design instrument cluster with silver gauge faces, white backlighting and illuminated red indicators.
●	●	●	Digital clock and display of Touch Shift gear selection and shift mode.
●	●	●	Automatic illumination of displays and controls based on ambient light.
●	●	●	Dual multifunction displays in speedometer and tachometer faces can be scrolled via steering-wheel controls to operate and display various menus and vehicle features: Odometer and resettable trip meter. Outside temperature indicator. Flexible Service System (see below), tire pressure (optional), engine oil-level check, and digital speedometer. Radio station, CD player/CD changer. Navigation system route guidance. Distronic adaptive cruise control settings (optional). Vehicle reminder and malfunction messages. Driver-programmable settings for instrument cluster, lighting, vehicle and convenience features. Trip computer (elapsed time, fuel consumption, distance to empty). Cellular phone book. ¹
●	●	●	Flexible Service System calculates and displays distance remaining to next basic maintenance service based on actual driving conditions, some indicators of oil condition, and engine loads, rpm and operating temperatures.
●	●	●	Warning lights and/or messages for open door, exterior lamp failure, and low fuel, engine oil, coolant and washer fluid levels.
●	●	●	Audible reminders to release parking brake, switch off headlamps and remove key from ignition.

● STANDARD ○ OPTIONAL — NOT AVAILABLE

¹ When so equipped. ² **WARNING: THE FORCES OF A DEPLOYING AIR BAG CAN CAUSE SERIOUS OR FATAL INJURY TO A CHILD UNDER AGE 13. A CHILD UNDER 13 MUST NOT BE A PASSENGER IN THIS VEHICLE UNLESS THE CHILD IS BELTED INTO AN APPROPRIATE, PROPERLY INSTALLED BABYSMART-COMPATIBLE CHILD SEAT. SEE OPERATOR'S MANUAL FOR ADDITIONAL WARNINGS AND INFORMATION ON AIR BAGS, SEAT BELTS AND CHILD SEATS.** ³ First year's basic Tele Aid service provided at no additional cost with subscription and includes 30 minutes airtime (including required acquaintance call). Subscription is required for service to be active. Tele Aid operates only where cellular and GPS coverage are available. Owner must authorize stolen vehicle tracking and file a police report. ⁴ The roll bar system is designed to enhance the level of rollover protection compared to an open vehicle without one. No system, no matter how sophisticated, can eliminate the chance of injury in an accident. Please always wear your seat belt.

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			RESTRAINT SYSTEMS
●	●	●	Integrated Restraint System: Driver and passenger are each provided with a front air bag, a door-mounted side-impact head/thorax air bag, and a 3-point seat belt with Emergency Tensioning Device (ETD) and belt force limiter. ² Driver is also provided with a knee air bag.
●	●	●	Adaptive dual-stage front air bags are deployed in response to impact severity.
●	●	●	Occupancy sensor prevents the passenger's front and side-impact head/thorax air bags from deploying if the seat is unoccupied. An ETD will not deploy if seat belt is unfastened.
●	●	●	Automatic Collision Notification engages Tele Aid SOS function if an air bag or ETD deploys. ³
●	●	●	Selectable seat-belt retractor for passenger seat, to help secure a child seat. ²
●	●	●	Seat belts are attached to seat frames at all three points. Shoulder belts height-adjust automatically.
●	●	●	Head restraints automatically height-adjust as the seats move fore-aft. Head restraints also power-adjust for height and adjust fore-aft manually.
●	●	●	Pop-up roll bar: If sensors detect an imminent rollover, a high-strength steel roll bar automatically deploys in 0.3 second. Driver can also raise and retract the roll bar electrically via a console control. ⁴

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			INDIVIDUALLY AVAILABLE OPTIONS
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Panorama roof: A tinted glass retractable hardtop with manually retractable internal sunshade.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Bi-Xenon High Intensity Discharge low-beam and high-beam headlamps with automatic level control, halogen auxiliary high beams, clear high-impact polycarbonate lenses, and heated headlamp washers.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	17" 7-spoke wheels with 255/45 R17 98W high-performance tires ¹ (no extra charge).
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	18" AMG multispoke wheels (no extra charge). ²
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Keyless Go vehicle entry and starting system.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Distronic adaptive cruise control .
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Active Ventilated seats with 8 internal fans plus heating feature.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Heated steering wheel (not available on <i>designo</i> editions).
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Integrated Motorola V60i TM tri-band digital portable telephone, with voice control system for operation of commonly used telephone and audio system features.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	COMAND nationwide navigation map collection (10 CD-ROMs for all of the mapped U.S. and Canada).
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Parktronic parking assistance system uses sound waves to help detect nearby obstacles at parking speeds, alerting driver to their proximity and direction via audio-visual indicators on dash and rear cabin wall.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Onboard tire-pressure monitoring system allows driver to check the inflation pressure of all four mounted tires via the multifunction display.
			OPTION PACKAGES
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Comfort Package: Active Ventilated seats with heating feature. Dynamic multicontour seatbacks (standard on SL 55 AMG).
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Trim Package: Leather and wood trimmed steering wheel and shift knob.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	AMG Sport Package: AMG-design sculpted front air dam, side sills and rear apron (standard on SL 55 AMG). Four staggered-width 18" turbine-style 5-hole wheels with high-performance tires. ¹

● STANDARD ○ OPTIONAL — NOT AVAILABLE

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SL 500	SL 55 AMG	SL 600	
			SL-CLASS <i>designo</i> EDITIONS
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Silver Edition: <i>designo</i> Silver metallic paint. Stone interior with Natural maple wood trim. Exclusive interior treatment with Medium Stone Nappa leather on dash, doors, console, armrests, roll bar and rear cabin panels; and Stone Nappa leather hand-fitted to seats, head restraints, instrument-cluster hood and door inserts. Color-keyed top-stitching on doors, dash and console. Head restraints are embossed with <i>designo</i> insignia. Stone Alcantara covering ceiling and sun visors. Leather and wood trimmed steering wheel and shift knob. Stone floor mats with leather trim.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Espresso Edition: <i>designo</i> Mocha Black metallic paint. Black interior with <i>designo</i> Sand Nappa leather and Natural maple wood trim. Exclusive interior treatment with Black Nappa leather on dash, doors, console, armrests, roll bar and rear cabin panels; and Sand Nappa leather hand-fitted to seats, head restraints, instrument-cluster hood and door inserts. Color-keyed top-stitching on doors, dash and console. Head restraints are embossed with <i>designo</i> insignia (SL 500 and SL 600 only). Charcoal Alcantara covering ceiling and sun visors. Leather and wood trimmed steering wheel and shift knob (SL 500 and SL 600 only). Black floor mats with leather trim.
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Graphite Edition: <i>designo</i> Graphite metallic paint. Black interior with <i>designo</i> Graphite Nappa leather and Umber maple wood trim. Exclusive interior treatment with Black Nappa leather on dash, doors, console, armrests, roll bar and rear cabin panels; and Graphite Nappa leather hand-fitted to seats, head restraints, instrument-cluster hood and door inserts. Color-keyed top-stitching on doors, dash and console. Head restraints are embossed with <i>designo</i> insignia (SL 500 and SL 600 only). Charcoal Alcantara covering ceiling and sun visors. Leather and wood trimmed steering wheel and shift knob (SL 500 and SL 600 only). Black floor mats with leather trim.

I want to drive

a work of art

a coupe with a roadster alter ego

with active suspension

with two turbos and twelve cylinders

thoroughbred V-8 muscle



SL 500 (left) shown with optional [Keyless Go](#) and AMG Sport Package, and SL 600.

Of all the cars ever created, only a handful have earned the title of icon. Even fewer have maintained their status over time. It's in this rarified air that the one and only SL-Class lives — a remarkable fusion of style and innovation, of performance and luxury. You'll feel it in the thrilling rush of the SL 500's powerful 302-hp V-8, in the indomitable will of the SL 55 AMG's 493-hp supercharged V-8, and in the irrefutable strength of the SL 600's earth-trembling twin-turbo V-12. Indulge in the comfort of an exquisite interior superbly designed for the sport of driving. Touch a button and the retractable aluminum hardtop disappears from view, transforming the SL from secure coupe to exhilarating open-air roadster in seconds. The SL is quite adept at leadership as well: Its advanced Sensotronic brakes are the world's first production electrohydraulic braking system. Its [Active Body Control](#) is arguably the most advanced suspension in production. The 2004 SL-Class embodies the collective spirit of every technology Mercedes-Benz has ever pioneered, every race we've ever won, and every heart we've ever touched.

SL 500 | Coupe/Roadster

Let's go

take command of the corners

everywhere in luxurious comfort

from coupe to roadster in 16 seconds

and stop with absolute confidence

feel the rush of a 302-horsepower V-8



At the intersection where scintillating style and passionate performance meet, you'll find the incomparable SL 500. Find yourself launched off the line by the undeniable force of a 302-horsepower V-8. The beckoning call of a cockpit practically overflowing with premium leather and shimmering, hand-polished wood. And the irresistibly smooth, rapid lure of the first 7-speed automatic transmission ever offered in a sports car. Drive enthusiastically, and this

driver-adaptive marvel keeps you riding at the peak of the torque curve for even quicker response. Or drive at a more leisurely pace and benefit from improved fuel economy. And when the mood strikes, the manual-style control of Touch Shift is right at hand. The SL 500 offers other avenues of self-expression as well. Its [Active Body Control](#) gives you a choice of driving modes — sport, for superb handling virtually free of body roll, or comfort, for times when grand touring is in order. In either mode, you'll appreciate precise stopping control at each wheel with the world's first electrohydraulic braking system — Sensotronic. Never before has technology felt so inspiring, or sheet metal so seductive.



The SL 500 glides on striking new 18" 5-spoke aluminum alloy wheels with 255/40WR18 high-performance tires in front and 285/35WR18s in back. Or, if you prefer even smoother sailing, you can order your SL with the no-charge option of 17" 7-spoke wheels with 255/45WR17 high-performance tires.¹

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SL 500 | Coupe/Roadster

From the moment you step over the stainless-steel door sill trim, it's clear the SL is as pleasing to the eye as it is to the spirit. Within artfully sculpted twin pods sit chronographic-design instruments backlit in glacier blue. Look closer and you'll find a dual multifunction display providing plenty of useful information – from oil level to a trip computer and more. A multifunction steering wheel lets you scroll through the various displays as well as operate the most commonly used audio functions. And the smooth, clean lines of the SL interior stay uncluttered, with convenient storage areas that lock automatically when you remote-lock your SL.



SL 500 shown with optional Keyless Go, tire-pressure monitoring system, and Comfort Package.



Let's stay

Settle into the SL 500 cabin and be enveloped in the premium hand-fitted leather that covers virtually every surface. Heated 12-way power seats soothe you with pneumatically adjustable lumbar support and attend to you with 3-position memory. Choose from three types of hand-polished wood trim to grace the elegantly contoured console and doors: chestnut, burl walnut or, by special order, black ash. Both driver and passenger enjoy the personalized comfort of a dual-zone climate control system that includes filters that work to remove dust, pollen and smog from the air. And to help ensure a constant interior temperature, sensors monitor directional sunlight, driving speed, window and hardtop position, and ambient temperature. Select your soundtrack from the 6-CD changer and enjoy it through an 8-speaker Bose® sound system whose AudioPilot™ digital processing seamlessly compensates for ambient noise. Now the only thing left to consider is your destination. The standard GPS navigation system can help guide you along the way.¹ But if you're seeking ultimate fulfillment of your driving desires, you've already found it.

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Pursue

your dreams of driving a legend

twin-turbocharged V-12 thrills

the wind through your hair

an active cornering lifestyle

the future of braking technology



SL 600 shown with optional [Keyless Go](#).



SL 600 | Coupe/Roadster

precision thanks to [Active Body Control](#). Super-efficient, silver-painted 8-piston front calipers and 4-piston rear calipers clamp down on massive disc brakes to bring you back down to zero with the strength and precision of Sensotronic Brake Control. Standing still, the magnetic styling of the SL 600 catches the envious eyes of others, drawing them closer to admire details such as the sculpted 5-spoke 18" alloy wheels, the chrome-edged grille and the piercing clarity of Bi-Xenon headlamps. But the luxuriously appointed interior is exclusively yours to enjoy – with open-air freedom or hardtop privacy.

In the SL 600, you'll find your own ambition matched by the unrelenting drive of a 493-horsepower twin-turbocharged V-12 engine. Achieve 60 miles per hour in just 4.5 seconds¹ as a torrential 590-lb-ft flood of torque surges through a 5-speed automatic transmission with Touch Shift control.

And slice through corners with scalpel-like

¹ Stated rates of acceleration are based upon manufacturer's track results and may vary depending upon model, environmental and road surface conditions, driving style, elevation and vehicle load.



SL 600 shown with optional [Distronic](#) cruise control and [Keyless Go](#).



From head to toe, the V-12 SL 600 is an experience unto itself. Subtly embossed head restraints serve as a fitting reminder of the engine's prodigious power. At your feet lie plush floor mats emblazoned with a V-12 plaque. And at your hands, the pleasant feel of a steering wheel and shift knob covered in fine Nappa leather and rich, hand-polished wood.



Rewards

With power comes privilege. Like the corner office with the endless view and the grand leather chair, the SL 600 furthers the definition of ultimate success, with Exclusive Nappa leather hand-fitted to almost everything that touches you, including the heated 12-way power-adjustable seats. Luxurious Alcantara lines the retractable hardtop, while elegant hand-polished wood trims the steering wheel, shift knob and console. Well-deserved comfort is yours with dynamic multicontour seats that pneumatically adjust to your preferred levels of support, and can even relax you with a soothing massage. Miniature fans within each seat circulate air through perforations in the upholstery. You'll also enjoy the convenience of a stylish [Motorola V60i™](#) digital portable phone with a voice control system that lets you place a call or adjust the sound system simply by speaking. The COMAND system even automatically mutes the sound system's volume or pauses the CD the moment you receive an incoming call. Go ahead and relax. You've already paid your dues.

SL 600  Coupe/Roadster



Curves in all the right places

Your SL 500 or SL 600 takes on an even more impressive physique with the optional AMG Sport Package. You can't help but stare at the seductive contours of its athletic form. At the front, an AMG-design front air dam houses mesh air intakes. Attractive side sills lead your eyes down the length of the body to the sculpted AMG-design

rear apron. New staggered-width 18" 5-hole wheels – inspired by the Vision SLR show car – wrapped in 255/40 WR18 high-performance tires¹ in front and 285/35 WR18s in back accentuate the SL's ideal proportions and inspired performance. Needless to say, an SL equipped with the AMG Sport Package is great in the curves. Even when standing still.

SL 500 shown with optional [Keyless Go](#) and AMG Sport Package.

SL 500 | AMG Sport Package
SL 600

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Outrun

with race-bred cornering reflexes

the status quo in 4.5 supercar seconds

convention with massive, multi-piston electrohydraulic brakes

your shadow, with 493 handcrafted horsepower

the envious stares



SL55 AMG | Coupe/Roadster

1b-ft of torque. Squeeze every ounce of power through the 5-speed automatic transmission's fingertip manual-mode controls, with AMG SpeedShift™ technology snapping off the shifts. Taunt curves with [Active Body Control](#) and Sensotronic brakes – both recalibrated by AMG for even sharper response. And with 8-piston front calipers controlling huge 14.2" discs, you have virtually unflappable stopping power. Your rational side will appreciate the SL55's superb comfort and innovation-rich interior. As well as the muscular looks of the AMG-design front air dam, side skirts, rear apron with mesh diffuser, and 18" wheels with high-performance tires.² And you'll always be able to satisfy the part of you that loves to run, just by locking your eyes onto the stretch of asphalt before you, gripping the SL55's steering wheel and driving.

When the performance experts at AMG aren't designing cars for the racetrack, they're busy building rockets for the road. Consider the supercar nature of the SL55 AMG. Focus on the roar of a 493-hp supercharged V-8, each engine handcrafted by a single technician and precisely balanced to send you hurtling to 60 mph in 4.5 seconds¹ with the instantaneous thunder of 516

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Thriller

SL 55 AMG | Coupe/Roadster



AMG

Hunkering down into dynamic multicontour sport seats wrapped in perforated leather puts you in the middle of the action. You have a starring role, embraced by pneumatically adjustable side bolsters, thigh supports and dual lumbar supports, all focusing their attention on your comfort. There's even a massage feature to loosen your muscles in preparation for the tight corners ahead. On the steering wheel, fingertip manual shift buttons sit within quick striking distance for an added degree of influence over the red needles streaking across unique silver-faced AMG gauges. Turn the ignition and lean the SL 55's accelerator into the AMG-badged floor mat. It's time to take this show on the road.



AMG badges and stainless-steel door sills stamped with AMG insignia add a dynamic feel to the SL 55 interior. The cool metallic look extends from a silver-accented instrument cluster to the cast-finish aluminum trim of the center console and doors. Or choose from one of three rich hand-polished woods—chestnut, burl walnut or black ash.

designo

For some, the style and elegance of the legendary SL would be satisfaction enough. For those demanding more, we offer the rare beauty of three special *designo* editions.¹ Open your eyes to exclusive *designo* exterior colors, and explore a bountiful landscape of sumptuous hand-fitted Nappa leather and richly detailed, hand-selected and hand-polished wood trim. From the Alcantara-lined retractable top to the leather-trimmed floor mats at your feet, *designo* represents a return to old-world craftsmanship and the attention to detail that only Mercedes-Benz offers.



GRAPHITE EDITION

A cool *designo* Graphite exterior extends a tantalizing invitation to explore an interior overflowing in irresistible charm. The smooth surface of tasteful Umber maple gracing the console, doors, steering wheel² and shift knob elegantly enhances the supple warmth of *designo* Graphite Nappa leather hand-fitted to the seats, head restraints and door inserts.

SILVER EDITION³

Every contour of the SL's beautifully sculpted exterior is highlighted by dazzling *designo* Silver paint. A color perfectly complemented by supple *designo* Stone Nappa leather fitted by hand throughout the cabin. Luxurious Natural maple wood cascades down the console, onto the shift knob and steering wheel, and across the doors to provide a sophisticated crowning touch.

ESPRESSO EDITION

See your personal intensity reflected in deep *designo* Mocha Black paint. Step inside and feel the natural grain of *designo* Sand Nappa leather hand-fitted to the seats, head restraints and door inserts. Natural maple wood, matched by eye for grain, graces the console, doors, steering wheel² and shift knob, but not before it's polished by hand to a radiant glow.

SL 500 *designo* Graphite Edition shown with optional [Distronic cruise control](#), Comfort Package and AMG Sport Package. SL 500 *designo* Silver Edition shown with Distronic cruise control and Comfort Package. SL 500 *designo* Espresso Edition shown with Comfort Package.

¹ SL 500 *designo* editions require Comfort Package. ² SL 55 AMG *designo* editions include Black all-leather trim on steering wheel. ³ Not available on SL 55 AMG.

Exclusive Expressive Exquisite



SL 500 shown with optional Keyless Go.

T minus 16 seconds.



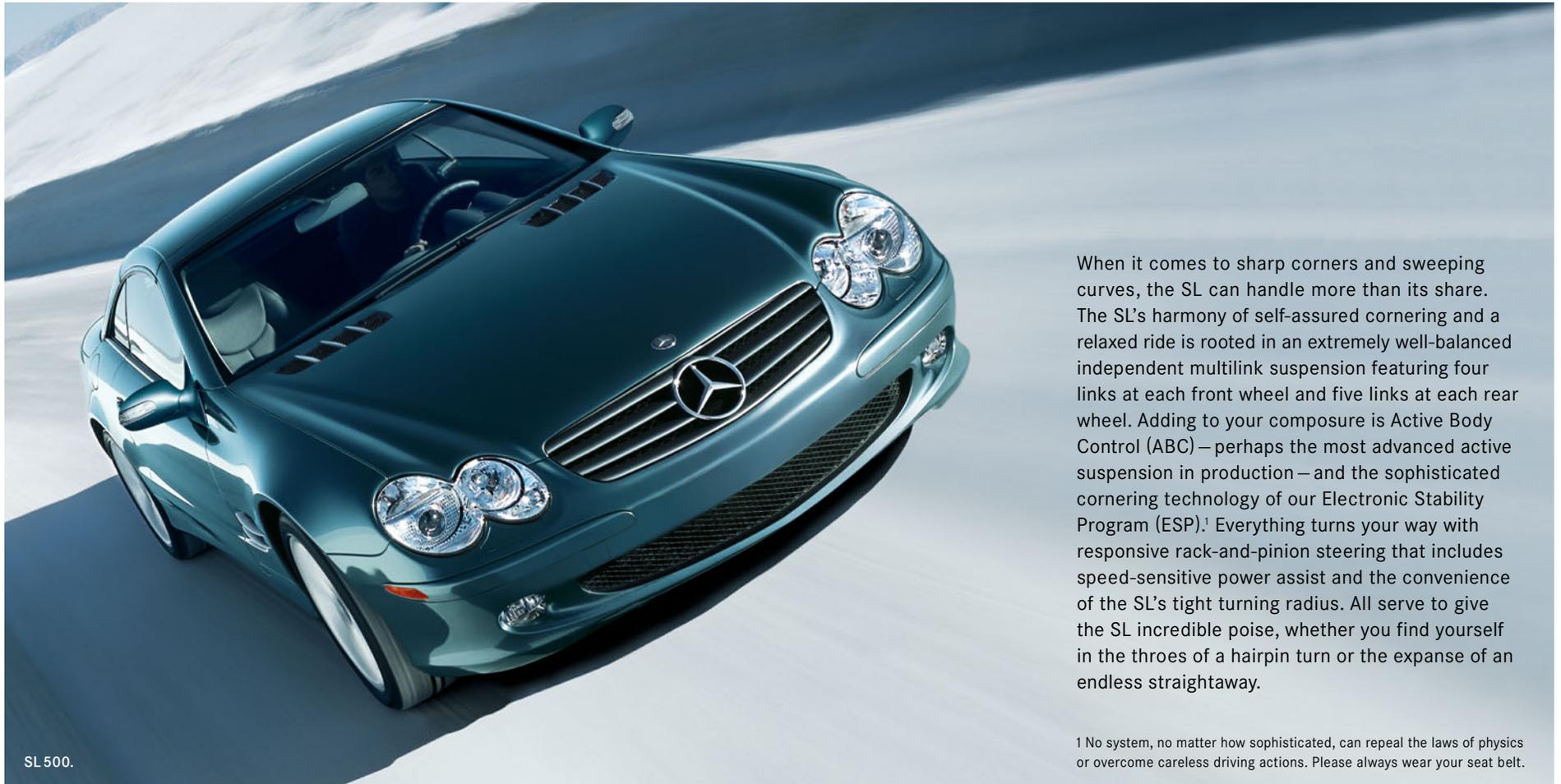
With the touch of a button on the console or [SmartKey](#) remote, you have liftoff as the SL goes from intimate coupe to thrilling open-air roadster in just 16 seconds. That's quicker than any other retractable hardtop in production. Top down, you have the exhilarating freedom of a roadster and unlimited views of the sky above. With the top up, the insulated double-panel aluminum roof offers a sleek hardtop-coupe profile along with the inherent security of a closed car. With the SL, you really can have the best of both worlds.



Using a seamless integration of electronics and hydraulics, the SL's retractable hardtop operates with smooth and quiet efficiency. And for easier top-down access to the luggage area, the SL's Easy-Pack automatic loading aid tilts up the folded roof by approximately 20 degrees with the touch of a button. It's a feature you'll appreciate when you're placing cargo into the 7.3 cubic feet of

top-down trunk space. With the top up, storage expands to 10.2 cubic feet. Either way, there's enough room to store two sets of golf clubs, just in case you enjoy sports other than driving. And to enjoy the open vistas of summer when the weather turns cold, consider our optional Panorama tinted-glass roof with a retractable sunshade. This is a car meant to be enjoyed all year round.

Confidence to make every corner



SL 500.

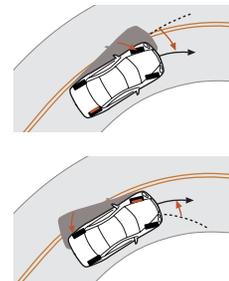
When it comes to sharp corners and sweeping curves, the SL can handle more than its share. The SL's harmony of self-assured cornering and a relaxed ride is rooted in an extremely well-balanced independent multilink suspension featuring four links at each front wheel and five links at each rear wheel. Adding to your composure is Active Body Control (ABC) – perhaps the most advanced active suspension in production – and the sophisticated cornering technology of our Electronic Stability Program (ESP).¹ Everything turns your way with responsive rack-and-pinion steering that includes speed-sensitive power assist and the convenience of the SL's tight turning radius. All serve to give the SL incredible poise, whether you find yourself in the throes of a hairpin turn or the expanse of an endless straightaway.

¹ No system, no matter how sophisticated, can repeal the laws of physics or overcome careless driving actions. Please always wear your seat belt.

an active partnership



Active Body Control. It was a very special partnership with Formula One racing that led to the development of Active Body Control. Fortunately, you no longer need to be a racecar driver to benefit from the technology. With ABC, body lean and brake dive become almost nonexistent, while ride comfort flourishes. Choose the sport mode via a switch on the console for even sharper handling response and virtually flat cornering. Even raise or lower the ride height for greater ground clearance or improved aerodynamic efficiency. Whatever the driving conditions, whatever your mood, ABC is capable of meeting your desires.



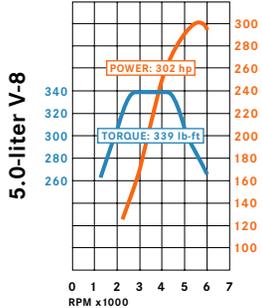
a turn for the better

Electronic Stability Program. Your outlook for every corner, come rain or shine, improves dramatically with the technology of ESP working for you behind the scenes. ESP constantly monitors your steering and braking inputs through a curve, and calculates whether your SL is following your intended path. Should the vehicle deviate, ESP instantly acts to restore control by braking individual wheels and/or reducing excess engine torque.¹ Whether it's a tight corner or a slippery stretch of asphalt, ESP helps you stay in command of the road.



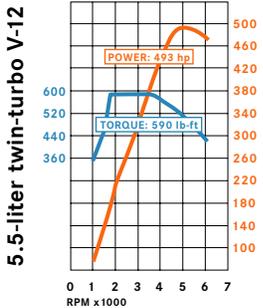
Count on an exhilarating rush every time you experience the powerful acceleration of an SL. Feel the unmistakable rumble of the SL500's eight cylinders reverberating through your soul, or the SL600's exotic dance of 12 cylinders in perfect rhythm. In each engine, power is refined through an efficient 3-valve-per-cylinder design, with integrated fuel injection and twin-spark ignition. Drive with a sense of urgency, and an adaptive accelerator provides even quicker throttle response. There are many superlatives that can be used to describe the performance of the SL, but we'll allow the numbers to speak for themselves.

In the SL600, V-12 power is transplanted to the wheels through our driver-adaptive 5-speed automatic transmission, while the SL500 boasts huge news: It's the first sports car ever with a 7-speed automatic—gear changes are not only smoother, but quicker as well, allowing the SL500 to spend more time at the peak of its torque curve. Both transmissions feature the hands-on control of Touch Shift, which lets you make manual-style downshifts and allow upshifts by tapping the shift lever left or right from Drive. Or hold the shifter to the left, and the transmission will automatically preselect the optimum gear for maximum acceleration.



SL500 V-8

The throaty growl of the SL500's 5.0-liter V-8 signals the presence of 302 healthy horses and a prodigious 339 lb-ft of torque at just 2,700 rpm. And, as you soar cleanly from apex to apex on your favorite road, you'll have the reassurance of knowing that the SL500 was the first low-emission V-8 sports car.



SL600 twin-turbo V-12

Fly from 0 to 60 in a scant 4.5 seconds¹ and feel your appreciation for head restraints grow. Twin intercooled turbochargers force compressed air into the SL600's 5.5-liter V-12 engine to produce an incredible 493 hp and an almost unfathomable 590 lb-ft of torque at a mere 1,800 rpm.

¹ Stated rates of acceleration are based upon manufacturer's track results and may vary depending upon model, environmental and road surface conditions, driving style, elevation and vehicle load.

Stopping power

As extraordinarily powerful as its V-8 and V-12 engines are, there's an even stronger force at work within the SL—its brakes. The legions of horsepower are quickly tamed with advanced Sensotronic braking, emergency-sensing Brake Assist and an Antilock Braking System standing guard for smarter stopping. Every SL combines racing-inspired hardware with innovative electro-hydraulic technology. First we pioneered ABS, then Brake Assist, and now, Sensotronic. Let the automotive world take notice. The next revolution in braking has begun.



like you've never seen before ●●●●●●●●

SENSOTRONIC BRAKE CONTROL

The future of automotive braking technology is here. With electronic control of high-pressure hydraulics, Sensotronic automatically determines the most effective braking force to apply at each wheel, adding up to better handling and composure when you might expect drama. Even under normal braking, Sensotronic precisely modulates the brake pressure to bring you to a smooth stop. Turn on the windshield wipers, and Sensotronic periodically and imperceptibly applies the brakes to keep them drier and ready for action. Sensotronic can even respond before you touch the brake pedal. Lift your foot off the accelerator quickly, and Sensotronic sets the brake pads closer to the discs for instant response.



the instant you need it ●●●●●●●●

BRAKE ASSIST

Mercedes-Benz research has shown that drivers tend not to apply the brakes hard enough, soon enough, in an emergency. To help overcome this tendency, our engineers developed Brake Assist. By sensing panic stopping based on the speed at which you depress the brake pedal, Brake Assist automatically applies all available power braking boost immediately. By helping to eliminate the delay caused by human nature, Brake Assist can potentially reduce your overall stopping distance when it matters most.¹

The SL 600 and SL 55 AMG sport massive 14.2" perforated front discs with 8-piston calipers, along with large 13.0" rear discs with 4-piston calipers. Internally ventilated brake rotors at every wheel help them keep their cool. The SL 500 brandishes the braking power of large 12.3" perforated front discs with 4-piston calipers, and 11.8" rear discs. Going a step further, the SL's advanced aerodynamics direct airflow across the brakes from the inside out, whisking away heat along the way. The result: brakes with unwavering resolve and a virtually insatiable appetite for friction.

¹ Braking effectiveness also depends on proper brake system maintenance, and tire and road conditions.



The leading edge

A. Bi-Xenon headlamps

Standard on the SL 600 and optional on the SL 500 and SL 55 AMG, these high-performance headlamps provide better vision than ordinary lamps over longer distances when using either low or high beams. They also incorporate dynamic level control to help cut glare, and include heated high-pressure washers.

B. Parktronic

The optional [Parktronic](#) system helps you detect obstacles that might be outside of your sightlines when parking in tight spaces. When ultrasonic sensors sense objects that are near the front and rear bumpers, audible signals and illuminated displays on the dash and rear-cabin wall help you maneuver with confidence.

C. Keyless Go

This optional enhancement of the [SmartKey](#) system lets you unlock or lock your SL-Class with the touch of the outside door handle – without removing the key from your pocket or purse. Start-up is equally easy: Put your foot on the brake, tap the top of the gearshift, and you're ready to take off.

D. Bose sound system

Standard on all SL models, the premium Bose® sound system features eight speakers, including a dash-mounted center fill speaker and a 4x6" woofer. AudioPilot™ digital processing monitors sound within the cabin and helps compensate for unwanted ambient noise.

E. Active Ventilated seats

Standard on the SL 600 and optional on the SL 500 and SL 55 AMG, Active Ventilated seats feature miniature internal fans that circulate air through perforations in the upholstery.

F. Distronic adaptive cruise control

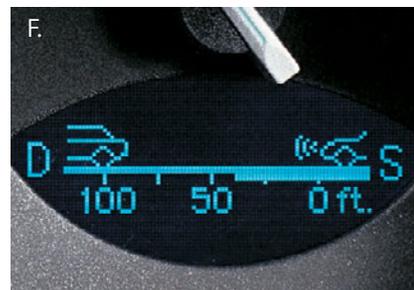
The first of its kind, optional [Distronic cruise control](#) monitors the distance to vehicles ahead to help maintain your speed and following distance automatically.¹

G. Panorama roof

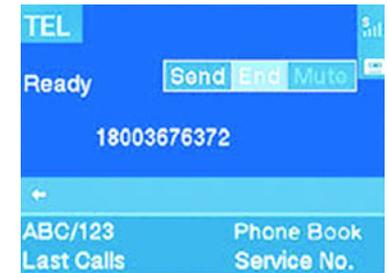
The optional Panorama roof offers an expansive view of the sky, with tinted glass stretching from the windshield to the rear window. And to shield the cabin from the sun, it integrates a retractable mesh sunshade.

INNOVATIVE FEATURES AND OPTIONS (PAGE 1 OF 2)

Since inventing the car nearly 120 years ago, Mercedes-Benz has led the automotive revolution and evolution every step of the way. The 2004 SL stands as a wondrous example of Mercedes-Benz innovation and design. Witness the enlightening spark of Bi-Xenon headlamps. Or view a world of new possibilities through the optional Panorama roof. The many choices are yours to consider, and the rewards, yours to enjoy.



¹ Distronic adaptive cruise control is no substitute for active driving involvement. It does not react to stationary objects, nor recognize or predict the curvature and lane layout of the road or the movement of vehicles ahead, and it can only apply a maximum of 20% of vehicle braking power. It is the driver's responsibility at all times to be attentive to traffic and road conditions, and to provide the steering, braking and other driving inputs necessary to retain control of the vehicle.



INNOVATIVE FEATURES AND OPTIONS (PAGE 2 OF 2)



COMAND. The COMAND system lets you control various systems from a single in-dash unit with a 5" color-LCD screen. The Global Positioning System (GPS) navigation system can calculate the quickest route, or shortest route, and even find nearby points of interest! And to keep your navigation map CDs as up-to-date as possible, ask your dealer about our Navigation Update (NavUP) subscription program, which lets you receive annual updates for up to three years at significant savings. When you're not using COMAND to navigate, you can use the in-dash CD player to listen to your favorite music. And controls on the multifunction steering wheel also let you pick a CD from the 6-disc changer, choose a CD track, change the radio station and adjust the volume. The COMAND system even works in conjunction with our [Motorola V60i™](#) portable digital phone,² automatically muting the radio or pausing the CD when a call comes in.

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A sense of security

only a Mercedes can provide

At Mercedes-Benz, we take an integrated approach to safety engineering, reflecting a desire to build vehicles that optimize both the driver's ability to avoid an accident and the car's potential for protecting all on board should an impact occur. The SL's robust structure and advanced safety technologies allow it to pass our rigorous battery of no fewer than 28 different crash tests – more than any single government currently requires. Standard safety features, including our [Electronic Stability Program \(ESP\)](#), traction control and emergency-sensing Brake Assist, can be appreciated every day. Others – including dual front and side-impact air bags, seat-belt Emergency Tensioning Devices (ETDs) and belt force limiters – you may never experience. But in any case, you can rest assured knowing that these sentinels of safety will be on guard for you.

Stressed for success. The structural formula for the SL starts with an impressive list of individual ingredients: high-strength/low-alloy steel in critical areas, a heavy-gauge-steel pop-up roll bar, and an extremely rigid laser-welded variable-thickness floorpan. Add in legendary Mercedes-Benz engineering expertise, and the result is an integrated vehicle structure that gives you a tremendous sense of safety and security, as well as precise handling and a controlled ride.



ELECTRONIC STABILITY PROGRAM (ESP)

In corners, ESP helps to correct oversteer (fishtailing) or understeer (plowing) by selectively applying the brakes to one or more wheels and/or by reducing excess engine power.¹

AUTOMATIC SLIP CONTROL

Automatic Slip Control helps reduce wheelspin during hard acceleration or on slippery road surfaces.

BRAKE ASSIST

Complementing the antilock brakes, Brake Assist can sense a panic stop and automatically apply all available power brake boost instantly, potentially reducing stopping distances.²

HIGH-STRENGTH/LOW-ALLOY STEEL

HSLA steel is used in critical areas throughout the body to create an exceptionally rigid structure, minimizing chassis flex for improved handling and integrity.

SIDE-IMPACT PROTECTION

Reinforced crossmembers, doors and door sills are part of an integrated safety structure that affords formidable protection against side impacts.

ADVANCED CRUMPLE ZONES

In a frontal impact, full-width crossmembers and an ellipsoidal bulkhead help transfer some impact energy around the cabin for added protection. In the rear, a full-width aluminum crossmember contributes to increased strength and better energy absorption in rear impacts.

FRONT/SIDE AIR BAGS

Driver and front passenger are each provided with a front air bag with dual-stage inflation as well as the additional protection of door-mounted [head/thorax side-impact air bags](#). The driver is also provided with a knee air bag.³

EMERGENCY TENSIONING DEVICES AND BELT FORCE LIMITERS

In either a front or rear impact exceeding a preset threshold of severity, ETDs remove seat-belt slack to help hold you in place. Belt force limiters help reduce the peak deceleration forces on belted occupants.

SOS BUTTON

Should an air bag or Emergency Tensioning Device (ETD) deploy, the system automatically initiates an SOS call to summon help to your location.⁴

Air bag security. Every SL offers the comprehensive protection of five standard air bags. No other class competitor offers more. It starts with dual-stage front air bags that vary their inflation rates in response to impact severity.

To help protect you in side impacts, every SL also comes with innovative door-mounted head/thorax side-impact air bags. And a driver's knee air bag provides cushioning to help protect the driver's legs in a collision that exceeds the system's deployment threshold.³

POP-UP ROLL BAR

Behind the driver, an automatic pop-up roll bar made from heavy-gauge steel stands ready to deploy in 0.3 second if sensors detect an impending rollover or if the vehicle sustains a front, side or rear impact of sufficient severity.⁵

¹ No system, no matter how sophisticated, can repeal the laws of physics or overcome careless driving actions. Please always wear your seat belt. ² Braking effectiveness also depends on proper brake system maintenance, and tire and road conditions. **3 WARNING: THE FORCES OF A DEPLOYING AIR BAG CAN CAUSE SERIOUS OR FATAL INJURY TO A CHILD UNDER AGE 13. A CHILD UNDER 13 MUST NOT BE A PASSENGER IN THIS VEHICLE UNLESS THE CHILD IS BELTED INTO AN APPROPRIATE, PROPERLY INSTALLED BABYSMART-COMPATIBLE CHILD SEAT. SEE OPERATOR'S MANUAL FOR ADDITIONAL WARNINGS AND INFORMATION ON AIR BAGS, SEAT BELTS AND CHILD SEATS.** ⁴ First year's basic [Tele Aid](#) service provided at no additional cost with subscription and includes 30 minutes airtime (including required acquaintance call). Subscription is required for service to be active. Tele Aid operates only where cellular and Global Positioning System coverage are available. ⁵ The roll bar system is designed to enhance the level of rollover protection compared to an open vehicle without one. No system, no matter how sophisticated, can eliminate the chance of injury in an accident. Please always wear your seat belt.

Touch-sensitive

Enlightened in-car communications ●●●●●●●●

We're here to help you with everything from simple questions to tough situations. The three [Tele Aid](#) buttons in your Mercedes give you a direct connection to Mercedes-Benz support and people who specialize in knowing what to do when it comes to helping preserve your schedule, your sanity and maybe even your safety.¹

The system is simple: Press the SOS button when you need emergency assistance, or see someone who does. The wrench button gives you a voice link to Mercedes-Benz Roadside Assistance.² The *i*-button connects you to our Customer Assistance Center, where representatives can answer questions you may have about your vehicle. The *i*-button also puts you in touch with our Concierge Service, as well as the optional real-time traffic reporting and live route guidance services of Tele Trek.³ And your basic Tele Aid subscription can even help you when you're away from your car, with features such as remote vehicle unlocking and stolen vehicle tracking.⁴

Summon police

Call your on-file emergency contacts

Alert us to your exact location by satellite

Summon paramedics

Feel safer knowing the system automatically calls for help if an air bag deploys



Connect to Tele Trek and Concierge Service

Find movie times

Locate your nearest dealer

Make airline reservations

Get answers to vehicle questions

Make appointments

Send flowers

Request a brochure

Get restaurant recommendations

Concierge Service. Found in the world's finest hotels — and your Mercedes. Included at no extra cost with your Tele Aid subscription, Concierge Service is there if you need hotel or dinner reservations (or even recommendations), tickets for a flight or entertainment, or directory-available phone numbers and addresses. Whether it's making appointments, sending flowers and gifts, or even finding a babysitter, don't be surprised if it seems like our Concierge Service can do it all. Except maybe leaving a mint on your headrest.

Tele Trek. Optional with your Tele Aid subscription, Tele Trek features an automated voice menu to give you hands-free access to information you need. Tele Trek's real-time Voice-Delivered Traffic reports are based on your vehicle's location along any of up to five regular commutes that you program at our website, or just a 5-mile radius of your present location. They're available in over 100 cities and can be updated every minute. And unlimited, nationwide Operator-Delivered Route Assistance can help get you to your destination with a minimum of wasted time.

Request Roadside Assistance

Troubleshoot problems

Call us out to change a flat

Have us bring a few gallons of gas if you run out

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Unprecedented vehicles, unparalleled benefits

While the thrill of driving a new Mercedes-Benz may alone be worth the price of admission, the security and ownership benefits Mercedes-Benz offers are unmatched by any other carmaker. And our promise of support for your Mercedes – and for you as a Mercedes driver – is backed by hundreds of experienced Mercedes-Benz people dedicated to keeping your Mercedes on the road and a smile of satisfaction on your face.

ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE FOR THE LIFE OF THE VEHICLE

The first of its kind, the Mercedes-Benz Roadside Assistance Program is still the only one that remains in effect for the entire life of the car. Our Roadside Assistance technicians are accomplished problem-solvers who can draw on years of experience and training to get you back on the road as quickly as possible.¹

24-HOUR CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

Our Customer Assistance Center is your one-stop source for answers regarding your Mercedes-Benz. Whether you need to know how to use your audio system, find your nearest Mercedes-Benz dealer, get pricing, or learn about personal and automotive accessories, just call 1-800-FOR-MERCEDES or press the *i*-button.³ We'll be happy to assist you.

SIGN AND DRIVE

Our legendary Roadside Assistance service includes bringing you some fuel if you've run out, replacing a flat tire with your spare, or jump-starting your car if the battery is dead. All at no charge, and all for as long as you're driving a Mercedes-Benz – even somebody else's.⁵ Help is as close as your [Tele Aid](#) wrench button³ or just a call away at 1-800-FOR-MERCEDES.

MAINTENANCE FOR YOUR MERCEDES IS INCLUDED

Basic maintenance service – just think of it as another standard feature that comes with your Mercedes-Benz. Basic maintenance is included for the duration of your New Vehicle Limited Warranty. So when the Flexible Service System in your Mercedes calls for basic maintenance, the technicians at your local authorized Mercedes-Benz Center will do the work at no additional cost to you.²

MERCEDES-BENZ WARRANTIES

Our New Vehicle Limited Warranty runs 48 months or 50,000 miles, whichever comes first. And anytime during the first year of new-vehicle ownership, you can also purchase a Mercedes-Benz Extended Limited Warranty that will provide additional protection when the New Vehicle Limited Warranty expires.⁴

TRIP INTERRUPTION REIMBURSEMENT

In the unlikely event that a breakdown covered by your MBUSA New Vehicle Limited Warranty occurs more than 100 miles from your home, leaves your Mercedes inoperable or unsafe to drive, and requires overnight repairs at a Mercedes-Benz Center, you'll be reimbursed up to \$300 per day for actual documented expenses – for up to three days – for meals, lodging and substitute transportation.

TIME FOR BASIC MAINTENANCE? ASK YOUR MERCEDES.

No two drivers are the same. That's why the Flexible Service System in your Mercedes monitors some indicators of oil condition, engine loads, rpm, operating temperatures and your driving habits to determine when basic maintenance is really necessary. Then a display on the dash reminds you to contact your Mercedes-Benz dealer for an appointment. So you can spend less time servicing your Mercedes and more time enjoying your life.

ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION

Your life doesn't get put on hold just because it's time for service on your Mercedes. So when you bring your vehicle into a Mercedes-Benz Center during the warranty period, ask about our Alternate Transportation Program – so you can return to your busy schedule.⁶

¹ Roadside Assistance repairs may involve charges for parts, service and towing. Depending on the circumstances, these services may be provided by an outside service, courtesy of Mercedes-Benz Roadside Assistance. ² Includes oil change and other standard use level maintenance items identified in the Service Booklet for each model, at intervals determined by the Flexible Service System throughout the warranty period. Brake pads and discs, tire rotation and wiper blades are not covered. Driver is responsible for monitoring fluid levels and tire pressures between service visits. Limitations apply. ³ First year's Tele Aid service provided at no additional cost with subscription and includes 30 minutes airtime (including required acquaintance call). Subscription is required for service to be active. Tele Aid operates only where cellular and Global Positioning System coverage are available. ⁴ Please see your dealer for warranty details as well as for terms, conditions and pricing for extended limited warranty options. ⁵ For the SL55 AMG, which has no spare tire, Roadside Assistance will attempt to reinflate a flat tire after using the vehicle's Tirefit puncture sealant. For full details of Sign and Drive services, as well as the Roadside Assistance Program, please see your dealer. ⁶ Certain restrictions may apply. Terms, conditions and dealer participation may vary.