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MY 2006 PRELIMINARY M-CLASS

MODEL RANGE

ML350 Release Date TBD

ML500 Release Date TBD

M-Class (revised 11/16/04)

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Class

– The all-new ML-Class is dynamically crafted to master your on-road lifestyle.

Rationale

– Speaks to the fact that the major improvements are in both on-road performance and

sport, dynamic styling

– Transitions from more off-road orientation to on-road

– Speaks to quality build

Model



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– ML350

• The all new ML350 is strikingly different from all angles both outside and inside. It strikes the ideal balance between the use of space expected from a 5 passenger SUV with the performance and agility of an advanced on road utility vehicle.

– ML500

• The all new ML500 personifies the thrill seeker, wrapped around an aerodynamic skin with a stylish and inviting interior fit for the discerning shopper who expects luxury at its finest.

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Standard Key Product Features:

– Multi-function steering wheel (wood/leather is optional)

– 7-GTRONIC transmission with column shifter and steering wheel shift buttons, Power Front Seats

and Unibody design

– 2 – 32oz. Cupholders in center console – or 1- 44oz.

– MCS 2 system, aux. plug - MP3 capable (optional CD Changer in glovebox)

– Permanent 4WD

– No 3rd row seat option or power pop-out windows

- Flat loading cargo bay
- 17” wheels for V6; 18” wheels for V8 (design I) (see wheel page)
- New Iridium Silver
- Power Front Seats
- Unibody Construction
- 3.5L V6 or 5.0L V8
- Dual Zone Climate Control

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Technical Features

- Unibody design (saves weight, improves ride comfort)
- Front & rear independent suspension
- All new V6 engine (4 valve 3.5L engine rated @ 268hp); 5.0L V8 engine @ 302 hp
- Auxiliary input in glove box
- Auto up-down for all 4 windows
- Downhill Speed regulator

Optional

- Air Suspension with Active Damping System (+3 to 4” ground clearance)
- Bi-Xenon swiveling headlights



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® Turn-assist foglamps

- New sound system – harman kardon Logic 7 system w/ 6 disc CD changer (in glove box)
- Power liftgate
- Keyless-go
- Power Liftgate
- DVD Navigation
- Power steering column & folding mirrors
- Multi-contour seat
- Rear Seat entertainment (delayed availability)

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7-Spoke Design

Standard on V6

235/65 R17

5-Spoke Design

Appearance Package

255/50 R19

Design I

5-Spoke Design

Standard on V8

255/55 R18



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Design II

5-Doublespoke

Option on V6 & V8

5-Spoke Design

Appearance Package - Chromed

255/50 R19

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ML500 Standard Equipment vs ML350

- 5.0L V8 engine @ 302hp
- Trim Package
- Heated Seats
- 18" wheels (255/55) Design I
- Silver painted grille with chrome ribs
- Chrome door handles, tailgate trim and side molding
- Multi-contour seats
- Electric adjustable steering column
- Blue tinted sport glass
- Burl walnut wood



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- Parameter steering
- Power folding mirrors
- Rain sensor

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New - Complete Redesign:

- All new interior & exterior design, materials, layout and equipment
- Unibody construction
- Multifunction steering
- 2nd generation Modular COMAND headunit w/ single CD slot & auxiliary input (MP3 player, i-pod, etc.)
- 5-seater
- All-new 3.5l engine, 4 valve per cylinder 268 hp
- 7-speed transmission w/ column shifter and shift buttons located on the steering wheel
- Window lift controls on the door panel for better access & comfort
- Multi-function display in instrument cluster
- Power seats standard
- Easier folding 2nd-row seats
- Lockable glove box



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- Optional 19" & 20" wheels
- Bigger brakes offer improved stopping:
 - V6 Front Brake 13" vs 11.8"
 - V8 Front Brake 13.8" vs 13.6"
- 6" longer than current ML
- 2" wider than current ML
- 4" longer wheelbase than current ML
- Downhill Speed regulator
- Hill hold function

Old:

- Ladder frame
- Standard Steering wheel
- Optional 7-seater
- 3.7l engine, 3 valve per cylinder 232hp
- 5-speed touchshift trans w/ center console-mounted stickshift
- Window lifts in center console
- No multi-function display in instrument cluster
- 2 speed transfer case

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1. **All** Option Packages require Trim Package (code 318)



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2. Premium Package includes Trim Package components except for Leather Twin and different

wood

– Trim Package is standard on V8

3. Sunroof Package is required when ordering:

– Trim Package, or

– Premium Package, or

– Appearance Package

4. Appearance Package **cannot** be ordered w/ Premium Package (it has 2 unique interiors) –

but DVD Navigation and Power Liftgate can be ordered as separate options with the

Appearance Package.

– The Appearance Package only comes in Black or Ash

5. Keyless Go and Airmatic Packages require Premium Package or Appearance Package when

ordering

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(A) Metallic Paint O O



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022 SIRIUS Satellite Radio - Includes 14-month O O

subscription ⁽³⁾

220 Parktronic ⁽³⁾ O O

357 DVD Navigation ^{(2), (3)} O S

873 Heated Front Seats⁽³⁾ O S

889 Keyless Go⁽¹⁾ O O

- 18" Wheels Design II or 19" ⁽³⁾ (see Wheel page M5) O O

(18" Design I Std)

- Trailer Hitch⁽³⁾ Factory Option (N/A as Accessory) O O

- Power Liftgate^{(2), (3)} O O

- Rear Seat Entertainment*⁽³⁾ TBD TBD

Code Optional Equipment ML350 ML500

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317 Comfort Package: (3) O O

Auto-dimming mirrors, Memory Seats/Mirrors, Power folding mirrors, Power steering column, Cargo Rails and Cargo Cover/Net

318 Trim Package: (4) O S

Leather Twin, Wood Trim, Privacy Glass, Tele-Aid, Roof Rails and Homelink

319 Lighting Package: (3) O O

Bi-Xenon Lights and Headlight Cleaning System, Swiveling Headlights, Turn Assist Foglamps

320 Entertainment Package: (3) O O

harman kardon Logic 7 System, Glovebox CD Changer

321 AMG Sport Package: (3) O O

Includes Appearance Package (Code 322) plus Special Bumpers and AMG Wheels

322 Appearance Package: (1), (3), (4) O O

Not Available with Premium Package



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Sport Exterior/Interior, 19" Sport Wheels, Sport Pedals, Silver painted/ Chromed Grill, Chromed Door Handles, Side Molding, Tailgate Trim, Sport Seats(Alcantara/Leather Twin), Blue Glass, Sport Instrument Cluster and Standard Bumpers

323 Air Suspension Package: (3) O O

Adjustable Air Suspension (plus 3-4" ground clearance, Active Dampening Shocks (with sport and comfort settings) and parameter steering (Standard V8)

324 Sunroof Package: (3) O O

Electric Sunroof, Rain Sensor (Standard V8) and Double Sunvisors

326 Premium Package: (4) O O

Not Available with Appearance Package
Trim Package plus: Full Leather Seats, Premium Wood (Standard V8), Premium Interior Lighting, Power Liftgate, Wood/Leather Steering Wheel, Multi-contour Front Seats (Standard V8) and DVD Navigation

Code Option Packages ML350 ML500

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ML350 Standard Trim Package Premium Package Appearance Package

Interior Black Ash Black Ash Macadamia Black Ash Macadamia Black Ash

Cloth Cloth Leather Leather Leather Leather Leather Leather Alcantara(2) Alcantara(2)



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Twin Twin Twin

Trim Aluminum Aluminum Finline Finline Finline Burl Burl Burl Aluminum Aluminum

Wood Wood Wood Walnut Walnut Walnut

Exterior

Black (040) X X X X X X X X X X

Obsidian Black*(197) X X X X X X X X X X

Alpine Rain*(1)(349) X X X X X X X X X X

Capri Blue* (359) X X X X X X X X X X

Verde Brook* (474) X X X X X X X X X X

Barolo Red(1)* (544) X X X X X X X X X X

Desert Silver* (693) X X X X X X X X X X

Pewter* (723) X X X X X X X X X X

Iridium Silver* (775) X X X X X X X X X X

Everest Green* (816) X X X X X X X X X X

Alabaster White (960) X X X X X X X X X X

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ML500 Standard Premium Package Appearance Package

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Twin Twin Twin

Trim Finline Finline Finline Burl Burl Burl Aluminum Aluminum

Wood Wood Wood Walnut Walnut Walnut

Exterior

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