# MY 2006 M-CLASS MODEL RANGE



ML 350	Released March 2005	\$39,750¹
ML 500	Released March 2005	\$48,500¹



# **Positioning**

#### 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 modern, dynamic styling
- Transitions from more off-road orientation to on-road comfort and handling
- Speaks to quality build

#### Model

- ML350
  - The all new ML350 is strikingly different from all angles both outside and inside. It fuses 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.



# Ordering Overview - ML350/500 Base Model





# Ordering Overview - ML350 Trim Package (Code 318)





# Ordering Overview - ML350/500 Premium Package (Code 326)



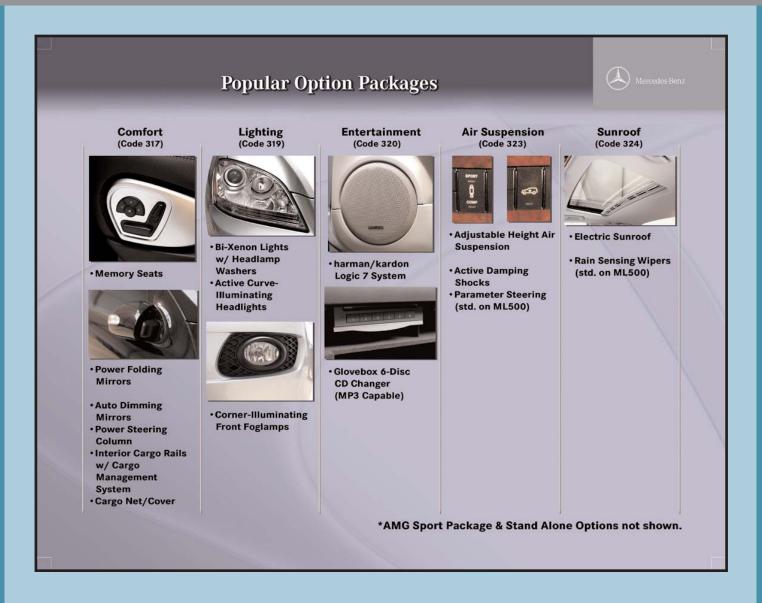


# Ordering Overview - ML350/500 Appearance Package (Code 322/422)



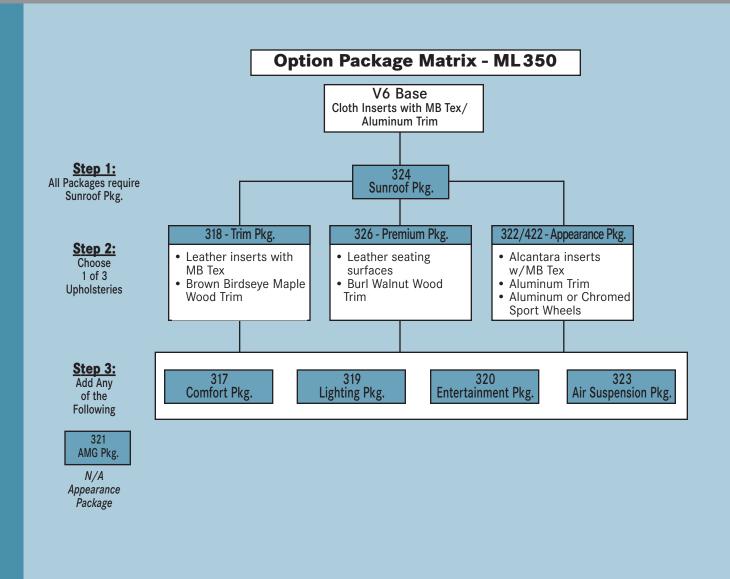


# Ordering Overview - Popular Option Packages



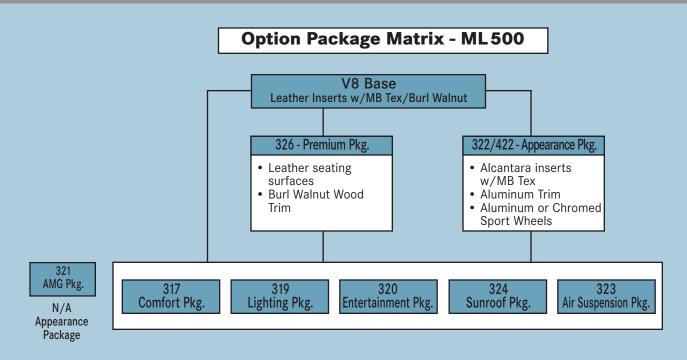


# Option Matrix and Trim/Upholstery overview





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# Optional Equipment Availability

Code	Optional Equipment	ML350	ML500				
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(A)	Metallic Paint	\$690	<sup>\$</sup> 690				
220	Parktronic (1)	\$750	<sup>\$</sup> 750				
293	Rear Sidebags <sup>(1)</sup>	\$385	\$385				
530	DVD Navigation (1),(2)	\$1,240	<sup>\$</sup> 1,240				
536	SIRIUS Satellite Radio (1) - includes 6 month subscription. Factory installed only.	<sup>\$</sup> 500	\$500				
550	Trailer Hitch <sup>(1)</sup>	<sup>\$</sup> 490	\$490				
581	Thermatronic - 3 Zone Climate Control <sup>(1)</sup>	<sup>\$</sup> 750	\$750				
873	Heated Front Seats <sup>(1)</sup>	<sup>\$</sup> 690	S				
889	Keyless Go <sup>(1)</sup>	-	\$1,080				
890	Power Tailgate (1),(2)	<sup>\$</sup> 520	\$520				
R38	18" 5-Doublespoke Wheel (see Wheel page M20)	\$900	\$250 (18" Wheel Std				
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052	Roof Rack Basic Carrier	<sup>\$</sup> 228	<sup>\$</sup> 228
053	Cargo Area Tray and Cargo Box	<sup>\$</sup> 178	<sup>\$</sup> 178

<sup>(</sup>A) = Refer to paint and upholstery matrix for individual codes S = Standard Equipment O = Optional Equipment -= Not Available (I) = Requires Premium , Appearance or Trim Package (all packages require Sunroof Package (324)) (II) = Also included in Premium Package



# Option Package Availability

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Code	Option Packages	ML350	ML500
Step 1	All Packages require Sunroof Package (324)		
324	Sunroof Package: Electric Sunroof and Rain Sensing Wipers <sup>†</sup>	\$1,390	<sup>\$</sup> 1,290
Step 2	Choose one of the following Packages:		
318	Trim Package:  Not available with Appearance Package. Leather inserts with MB Tex, Brown Bird's Eye Maple Wood Trim (ML 500 gets Burl Walnut Wood Trim), Privacy Glass, TeleAid, Roof Rails and Homelink. Requires Sunroof Package.	<sup>\$</sup> 2,200	S
322	Appearance Package: Not Available with Premium Package, Trim Package and AMG Sport Package. Sport Exterior/Interior, 19" Aluminum Sport Wheels, Sport Pedals, Silver painted/Chromed Grill, Chromed Door Handles, Side Molding, Tailgate Trim, Sport Seats (Alcantara inserts with MB Tex), Premium Interior Lighting, Blue Glass† for front two windows and windshield (Privacy Glass all other windows), Sport Instrument Cluster, Standard Bumpers, TeleAid†, Homelink† and Roof rails†	<sup>\$</sup> 2,550	\$950
422	Appearance Package with Chrome Wheels: Appearance Package (322) plus 19" Chrome Wheels Sport. Not available with Premium Package, Trim Package and AMG Sport Package.	\$3,350	\$1,750
326	Premium Package: Not Available with Appearance Package. Includes Trim Package. Leather seating surfaces (replaces leather inserts with MB Tex), Burl Walnut Wood (replaces Brown Bird's Eye Wood), Premium Interior Lighting, Power Liftgate, Wood/Leather Steering Wheel, Multi-contour Front Seats, DVD Navigation.	<sup>\$</sup> 6,150	\$3,750
Step 3	Requires either Trim Package (318) or Premium Package (326)		
321	AMG Sport Package: Not Available with Appearance Package or Appearance Package with Chrome Wheels. Silver Painted Chromed Grill <sup>†</sup> , Unique Front/Rear Bumpers, Chromed/Squared Dual Exhaust Tips, 19" AMG 5-spoke polished Alloy Wheels.	\$4,500	<sup>\$</sup> 4,200
Additional Packages:	Requires either Trim Package (318), Appearance Package (322/422) or Premium Package (326)		
317	Comfort Package: Auto-dimming mirror, Memory Seats/Mirrors, Power folding mirrors, Power steering column, Cargo Rails with Cargo Management System and Cargo Cover/Net <sup>†</sup>	<sup>\$</sup> 1,450	\$1,450
319	<b>Lighting Package:</b> Bi-Xenon Lights with headlamp washers, Active Curve-illuminating Headlights, Corner-illuminating Front Foglamps	<sup>\$</sup> 890	\$890
320	Entertainment Package: harman kardon Logic7 System (MP3 capable), Glovebox 6-disc CD Changer	<sup>\$</sup> 1,080	\$1,080
323	<b>Air Suspension Package:</b> Adjustable Air Suspension (plus 3-4" ground clearance), Active Damping Shocks (with sport and comfort settings) and parameter steering.	<sup>\$</sup> 1,775	<sup>\$</sup> 1,575

O = Optional Package S = Standard Equipment † = Standard on V8 models

## MY 2006 ML350



# Standard and Special Order Paint and Upholstery Matrix

ML350	Stan	dard	Trim Package		e	Premium Package		Appearance Package		
Interior >	Black Cloth Inserts w/ MB Tex (001)	Ash Cloth Inserts w/ MB Tex (008)	Black Leather Inserts w/ MB Tex (101)	Ash Leather Inserts w/ MB Tex (108)	Macadamia Leather Inserts w/ MB Tex (104) <sup>(3)</sup>	Black Leather (201)	Ash Leather (208)	Macadamia Leather (204) <sup>(3)</sup>	Black Alcantara Inserts w/ MB Tex <sup>(2)</sup> (901)	Ash Alcantara Inserts w/ MB Tex <sup>(2)</sup> (908)
Trim>	Aluminum (739)	Aluminum (739)	Brown Birds Eye Maple Wood (H04)		Brown Birds Eye Maple Wood (H04)	Burl Walnut (731)	Burl Walnut (731)	Burl Walnut (731)	Aluminum (739)	Aluminum (739)
Exterior y										
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* (349)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Capri Blue* (359)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Verde Brook</b> *(1) (474)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Barolo Red* (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

X = Standard Offering \* = Metallic Paint

**BOLD** = New Colors for MY 2006

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## MY 2006 ML 500



# Standard and Special Order Paint and Upholstery Matrix

ML500	Standard			Premium Package			Appearance Package		
Interior >	Black Leather Inserts w/ MB Tex (101)	Ash Leather Inserts w/ MB Tex (108)	Macadamia Leather Inserts w/ MB Tex (104) <sup>(3)</sup>	Black Leather (201)	Ash Leather (208)	Macadamia Leather (204) <sup>(3)</sup>	Black Alcantara Inserts w/ MB Tex <sup>(2)</sup> (901)	Ash Alcantara Inserts w/ MB Tex <sup>(2)</sup> (908)	
Trim >	Burl Walnut (731)	Burl Walnut (731)	Burl Walnut (731)	Burl Walnut (731)	Burl Walnut (731)	Burl Walnut (731)	Aluminum (739)	Aluminum (739)	
Exterior y									
Black (040)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Obsidian Black*(197)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Alpine Rain* (349)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Capri Blue* (359)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Verde Brook</b> *(1) (474)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Barolo Red* (544)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Desert Silver* (693)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Pewter* (723)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Iridium Silver* (775)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Everest Green* (816)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Alabaster White (960)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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# **Product Highlights**

## **Standard Key Product Features:**

- Unibody design for maximum on-road comfort, handling and body fit/finish
- Front & rear independent suspension
- All new 4 valve 3.5L V6 engine @ 268 hp; 3 valve 5.0L V8 engine @ 302 hp
- 7-Speed transmission with column shifter and steering wheel shift buttons



- Permanent 4WD
- Standard 17" V6 Wheel, Standard 18" V8 wheel (see wheel page)
- Multi-function steering wheel (wood/leather is optional)
- Multi-function instrument cluster display
- MCS 2 system, aux. plug MP3 capable (optional CD Changer in glovebox)
- 2 32oz. Cupholders in center console
- Power Front Seats and Power Windows
- Downhill Speed Regulator and Hill-Start Assist
- 2-step folding rear seat
- No 3rd row seat option or power pop-out windows available

**Thermatic** - Standard 2-zone climate control for front driver/passenger with rear blower



**Thermotronic** - Optional 3-zone climate control for front driver/passenger with separate temperature control for rear passengers included with rear blower





# Product highlights - Exterior





ML 350 Appearance Package shown

Blacked out D-Pillar



# Product highlights - Exterior

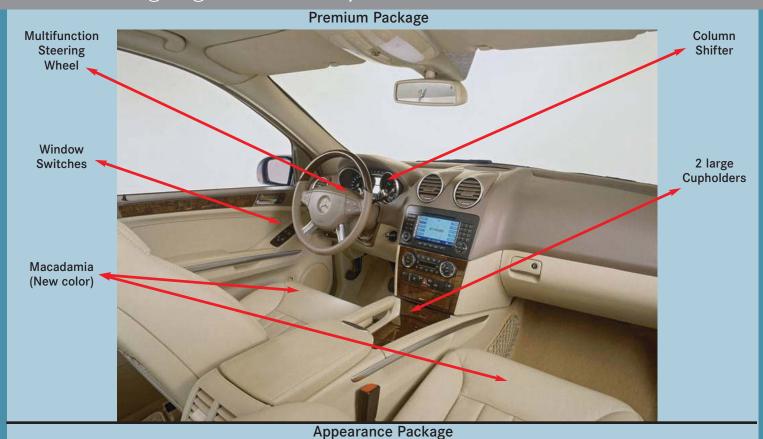


ML350 Appearance Package shown

**Squared Dual Exhaust** 



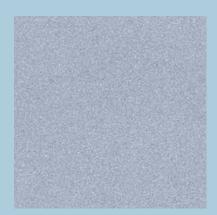
# Product highlights - Interior/Exterior







# Product highlights - New Exterior Colors



Alpine Rain\* (Code 349) - Lighter than Platinum Blue



Verde Brook\* (Code 474) (delayed availability) - A dark green with golden brown

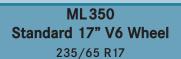


Barolo Red\* (Code 544) (delayed availability) - Darker than the current Bordeaux Red



# Product Highlights - Wheel Designs

## **Factory Standard Wheels**





#### ML500 Standard 18" V8 Wheel 255/55 R18



# **Factory Optional Wheels**

#### **Appearance Package**

<u>OR</u>

# 18" 5-Doublespoke Wheel (Code R38)

225/55 R18



# 19" Aluminum Sport Wheel (Code 322)

255/50 R19



# 19" Chromed Sport Wheel (Code 422)

255/50 R19



# **Accessory Wheels**

# **18" 5-Spoke Wheel** 225/55 R18



B6 647 4297

# **19" 6-Twin Spoke Wheel** 225/50 R19



B6 647 4300

M19



# **Product Highlights**

## ML500 Standard Equipment vs ML350

- 5.0L V8 engine @ 302 hp
- Trim Package
- Heated Seats
- Standard 18" V8 Wheel
- Silver painted grille with chrome ribs
- Chrome door handles, tailgate trim, side molding and squared dual exhaust tips
- Blue tinted sport glass for front two windows and windshield and privacy glass for rear windows
- Burl walnut wood trim
- Parameter steering
- Rain Sensing Wipers
- Brushed chrome skid plates
- Cargo net



# Modifications: All New ML vs. Previous Generation

## New - Complete Redesign:

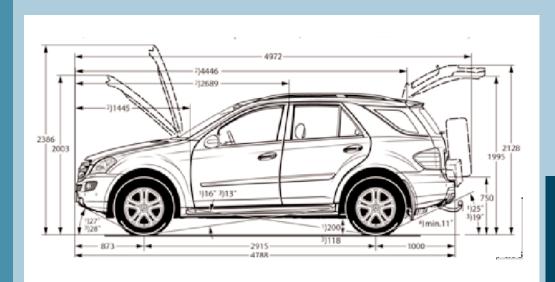
- Unibody construction (saves weight, maximum comfort and on-road handling)
- Multifunction steering wheel
- 5-seater
- All-new 3.5l engine, 4 valve per cylinder 268 hp
- 7-speed transmission with column shifter and shift buttons located on the steering wheel
- Single-speed transfer case
- Window lifts control on the door panel for better access and comfort
- Multi-function display in instrument cluster
- All new interior & exterior design, materials, layout and equipment
- 2nd generation Modular COMAND headunit with single CD slot & auxiliary input (for MP3 players, i-Pods, etc.)
- Power seats standard
- 1-step folding 2<sup>nd</sup> row seats
- Lockable glove box
- Optional 18" 5-doublespoke wheel and 19" Sport Wheel (aluminum or chromed)
- 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
- 2 3" more front leg room
- Downhill Speed regulator
- Hill Start Assist

#### Old:

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



# Specifications - ML350\*



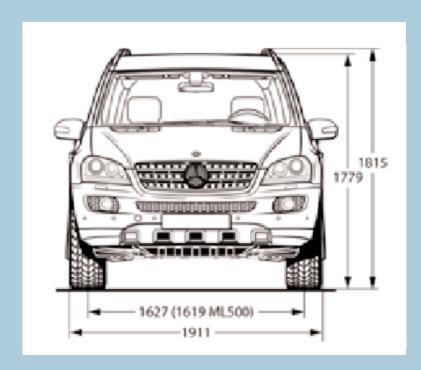
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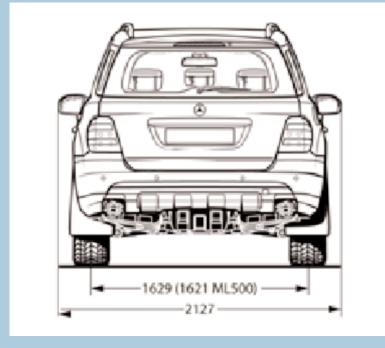
#### ML350

Body Style: SUV Passenger Capacity: 5 Construction: Unibody 3.5L V8 Engine: Engine hp/torque: 258/258 7 speed Transmission: Drivetrain: Perm. 4WD Length: 188.5 in. Width: 75.3 in. Height: 69.8 in. Wheelbase: 114.7 5,000 lbs. Tow Capacity: Weight: 4,570 lbs.



# Specifications - ML500\*



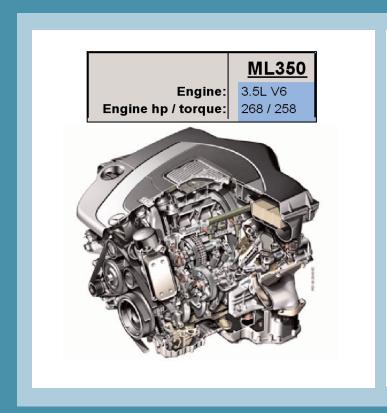


## ML500

SUV Body Style: Passenger Capacity: 5 Construction: Unibody Engine: 5.0L V8 Engine hp/torque: 302/339 Transmission: 7 speed Perm. 4WD Drivetrain: Length: 188.5 in. Width: 75.3 in. Height: 69.8 in. Wheelbase: 114.7 Tow Capacity: 5,000 lbs. Weight: 4,570 lbs.



# ML350 & ML500 Engine Specifications







## Safety Features

## **Class Leading Standard Safety Features**

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#### **Crash Sensor:**

Triggers the restraint system, such as the belt system and airbags, also unlocks the doors and switches on the interior lights and hazard flashers

#### **Roll-over sensor:**

Minimizes the effects of roll-over by triggering occupant protection system. If the sensor detects the car is rolling over sideways, the seat belt tensioners and both window airbags are automatically activated

#### **Restraint System:**

- Newly developed ARCADE control unit (electronically controls restraint system)
- 2-stage front passenger and driver airbags
- $1^{\text{st}}$  and  $2^{\text{nd}}$  row window airbags
- Head restraint for all seats

#### **Hill-Start Assist:**

Maintains brake pressure for approximately 2 seconds after brake pedal is released (facilitates the transition from the brake pedal to the accelerator without the vehicle rolling backwards)

#### **Downhill Speed Regulator:**

Ability to maintain a constant speed of between 4-10 mph when traveling downhill via the multi-function steering wheel

- 4ESP®/4ETS Stability Control
- <u>ABS</u>
- BAS (Brake Assist System)
- Tire Pressure monitoring system
- Anti Theft





## Safety Features

# **Class Leading Standard Safety Features**

Significant increase in collision safety through new rigid, integral body design

sidewalls and equally strong cross members in the doors results in a highly effective occupant protection

Bodyshell

- Solid reinforced frames in the - Maximum possible resistance to deformation and larger deformation paths achieved through a number of measures:

- floor assembly with tunnels made of thicker sheet-steel
- strong cross member and diagonal member
- rear-seat cross member with additional reinforcement
- cross member below dashboard bolted to both A-pillars and tunnel