



280E. *Achieve power with integrity.*

Often termed 'a driver's car,' the 280E shares with all Mercedes-Benz models the appointments that make motoring a true pleasure, and yet possesses a spirit that has endeared it to those who take pride in proving the ability of its exceptional ride, handling and braking. The 280E is a car engineered to sustain high performance levels over long periods.

The 280E's six-cylinder, twin-overhead camshaft engine comes with efficient fuel injection that meters the precise quantity of fuel that each cylinder requires for every phase of driving. Thus high performance motoring can be enjoyed without wasting a single drop of petrol.

The 280E's suspension consists of two coil springs, an anti-roll bar and two double acting hydraulic telescopic shock absorbers on both front and rear axles. The combination of this finely tuned suspension and the accurate and precise zero-offset steering results in superlative handling equal to the task of matching the 280E's spirited performance.

Large diameter, dual circuit, power operated disc brakes are fitted front and rear. The front discs which absorb a greater load under braking, are ventilated for increased cooling.

A brake-failure warning light is situated on the dashboard, as is a brake pad wear indicator.

In our opinion, active safety (accident prevention) and passive safety (fitments to eliminate or reduce the effects of accidents) in a vehicle, must receive the same attention.

Powerful engines, firm stable suspension, light but precise steering, large disc brakes are all part of 280E's active safety.

Front and rear crumple zones specifically

designed to concertina on impact and an exceedingly stable passenger compartment in the form of a safety cell are parts of 280E's passive safety.

In fact like every Mercedes-Benz, the 280E features over 120 safety features ranging from the four wheel disc brakes, to a fuel tank mounted between steel bulkheads above the rear axle—the safest place in the car.

In common with other models, the 280E features a four-speed automatic transmission.

You can treat it as a fully automatic or you can use the floor shift as a manual transmission. We believe there is no better gear box in the world.

Air-conditioning is of course standard. The heater features directional control for the windscreen, side windows and front and rear footwells. There is a heatable rear window.

Headlamps feature halogen low and high beam and foglamps. Headlights can be adjusted for laden or unladen car.

There is an AM/FM stereo/cassette four-speaker sound system.

All of the praise that is lauded on the Mercedes-Benz marque applies to the 280E.

And as such it is more than a little impressive.

