

Tailgate

Only drive with the tailgate closed as otherwise exhaust fumes may enter the vehicle interior.

The rear license plate can be seen correctly only when the tailgate is closed.

To close the tailgate, press down on the grip until the tailgate latch engages. It is not necessary to slam the tailgate closed, a pneumatic power-assisted mechanism will latch the tailgate quietly and automatically. When the pneumatic power-assisted mechanism has stopped, the tailgate can be reopened.

Warning!

To prevent possible personal injury, always keep hands and fingers away from the tailgate opening when closing the tailgate. The pneumatic power-assist mechanism cannot be interrupted once it has been engaged.

To prevent personal injury, never activate the closing assist mechanism by tampering with the tailgate latch.

Important!

In case of danger, the closed tailgate can be opened with the inside or outside lock button. A locked tailgate can only be opened with the key.

The rear compartment lamp will be switched off by the contact switch only if the tailgate is fully closed.

Notes:

Lock tailgate with key, or from inside with the central locking system, prior to washing the vehicle in an automatic car wash. Otherwise the washing brush could depress the button and cause it to open.

When opening the tailgate completely, always make sure that there is sufficient overhead clearance.

Central Locking System

The entire vehicle may be locked or unlocked with the central locking system by:

- Using the master or valet key in either front door.
- Using the master key in the tailgate lock.
- Pushing down or pulling up the interior door lock button at either front door or at the tailgate.

The central locking system locks or unlocks all doors, tailgate and fuel filler flap simultaneously.

Doors

When you lock the car, all buttons for door locks and tailgate move down. If any one stays up, the respective door is not properly closed. You should then unlock the car, open and reclose this door, and lock the car again.

The central locking system can be engaged from the lock buttons at the driver's door (provided the door is completely closed) and the tailgate. It can also be engaged from the front passenger door, if the ignition key is removed or if

the key is inserted in the steering lock without having been turned (key in position 0).

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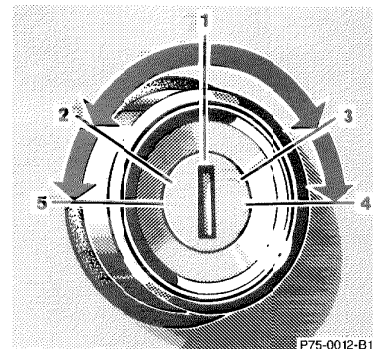
To unlock the tailgate and doors with the central locking system, turn the master key in the tailgate lock to the left (5) and let it return to the vertical position. Push in tailgate lock and lift up the tailgate to open. To lock the tailgate and doors, turn the master key to the right (3) and let it return to the vertical position.

The tailgate can remain locked while the central locking system is unlocked (e.g. while driving or when leaving the vehicle in a situation where it must be driven using the valet key but you wish the tailgate to remain locked at parking lots, workshops etc.).

Turn the master key completely to the right (4) and let it return to the vertical position. Now the tailgate can only be unlocked with the master key by turning it left to position 2, to permit unlocking via the central locking system later on, or by turning it completely to the left (5) for opening the tailgate.

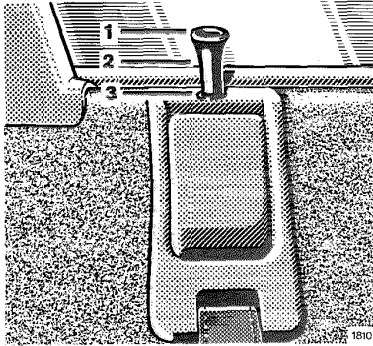
Note:

If the fuel filler flap cannot be opened, refer to *Manual Release of Fuel Filler Flap* (see Index).



Locking and Unlocking at Tailgate Lock

- 1 Neutral position – push to open
- 2 Disengage separate locking of tailgate
- 3 Locking (via Central Locking System)
- 4 Separate locking of tailgate
- 5 Unlocking (via Central Locking System)



Locking button in tailgate

- 1 Vehicle unlocked.
- 2 Vehicle locked (via Central Locking System)
- 3 Vehicle locked (Tailgate is additionally secured.)

Power Windows and Sliding Pop-Up Roof

Hold key in door lock in the locking position (3) or in tailgate in the separate locking position (4). The windows and the sliding/pop-up roof begin to close automatically after approx. 1 second.

Warning!

Never close the windows or sliding/pop-up roof if there is the possibility of anyone being harmed by the closing procedure.

In case the closing procedure causes potential danger, the closing procedure can be immediately reversed by turning the key to the unlocking position (2) within 10 seconds. The sliding/pop-up roof and windows will open again. The sliding/pop-up roof will only open if it was not fully closed.

Note:

If the closing procedure is interrupted, it can only be continued by first turning the key to the unlocked position (2) and then again to the door locking position (3) or in tailgate in the separate locking position (4).