

## **Antilock Brake System (ABS) Important!**

The ABS improves steering control of the vehicle during braking maneuvers. For maximum benefit, do not pump the brake pedal, rather use firm, steady brake pedal pressure.

The ABS prevents the wheels from locking up above a vehicle speed of approximately 2 mph (3 km/h) independent of road surface conditions. It is necessary, however, that the vehicle speed reaches at least 5 mph (8 km/h) before commencing to function.

At the instant one of the wheels is about to lock up, a slight pulsation can be felt in the brake pedal, indicating that the ABS is in the regulating mode.

On slippery road surfaces, the ABS will respond even with only slight brake pedal pressure. The pulsating brake pedal can be an indication of hazardous road conditions and functions as a reminder to take extra care while driving.

The ABS malfunction indicator lamp in the instrument cluster comes on with the key in steering lock position 2 and should go out when the engine is running.

If the charging voltage falls below 10 volts, the malfunction indicator lamp comes on and the ABS is switched off. When the voltage is above this value again, the malfunction indicator lamp should go out and the ABS is operational.

If the ABS malfunction indicator lamp does not go out or comes on while driving, it indicates that the ABS has detected a malfunction and has switched off. In this case, the brake system functions in the usual manner, but without antilock assistance.

Have the system checked at your authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer as soon as possible.

### **Warning!**

**Even the ABS cannot prevent the natural laws of physics from acting on the vehicle. The ABS cannot prevent accidents, including those resulting from excessive speed in turns, following another vehicle too closely, or aquaplaning. Only a safe, attentive, and skillful driver can prevent accidents. The capabilities of an ABS equipped car must never be exploited in a reckless or dangerous manner which could jeopardize the user's safety or the safety of others.**

### **Note:**

To alert following vehicles to slippery road conditions you discover, operate your hazard warning flashers as appropriate.