

## Mercedes' Bluetec Diesel Fails To Meet Emission Requirements In All 50 States

{mosgoogle right}I ran across this story a few days ago but it completely slipped my mind until now. It turns out, Mercedes' upcoming E320 BLUETEC diesel, marketed as the cleanest diesel in the world, failed to meet emission requirements in all fifty states. Five states - Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Vermont and California - failed to grant Mercedes' newest diesel a passing score, meaning the Bluetec will be sold only in the remaining 45 states. The announcement came after the results of tests conducted by the EPA in 2004 show an E320 prototype coming in at just beneath 0.06 g/mi of NOx, as opposed to the necessary Tier 2 Bin 5 target of 0.05 NOx g/mi. DaimlerChrysler remains confident, however, that future BLUETEC models, which will use a urea-based injection system for NOx reduction as opposed to the test vehicle's NOx absorber (a catalytic device that converts NOx to nitrogen), will be compliant with the regulations of all fifty states.

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