

Mercedes-Benz To Introduce Attention Assist Into Series Production In Spring 2009

{mosgoogle right}Its been nearly three years since we first told you about a new warning system being developed by Mercedes aimed at combating driver fatigue and the occurrence of falling asleep behind the wheel. Today, the company has announced the technology - officially titled "Attention Assist" - is ready for series production, with the system set to debut on Mercedes models starting in spring 2009. If you missed our prior coverage of Attention Assist, here again is a quick summary of how the system operates. To begin, Attention Assist works by first observing a drivers behaviors, and then using this information to create a unique driver profile. During operation, a series of tests continually monitor driver input in relation to this profile, and in the event a deviation is encountered, the system then determines whether or not the deviation is a result of fatigue. If it is, Attention Assist alerts the driver both visually and audibly that its time to take a break.

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