

Validity

These installation instructions are valid for all Mercedes-Benz passenger cars with a permissible gross weight of up to 3.2 t.

Components

- (1) Tow bar
- (2) Plastic box
- (3) Warning flag

Note

Please contact your Mercedes-Benz dealer if you encounter difficulties when fitting the tow bar.

The manufacturer reserves the right to change the technical details from those shown in the illustrations contained in these installation instructions.



Risk of accident

If you are tow-starting or towing another vehicle, the weight of that vehicle must not exceed the permissible gross weight of your vehicle.

There is no power assistance for the steering or brakes when the engine is not running. Significantly more force is then needed to steer the vehicle and brake.

On vehicles with automatic locking, there is a risk of being locked out when push-starting or towing if the key is in position 2 in the ignition lock and the vehicle is moving.

The "Automatic locking when driving" facility can be deactivated, see vehicle Owner's Manual.

The towing instructions given in the vehicle Owner's Manual and the regulations in force in the respective country must be observed.

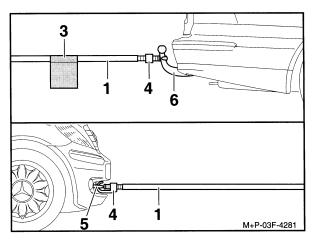
The height difference between the towing eyes used or between the tow hitch and the towing eye must not exceed 15 cm.

When towing, adapt your driving style to suit the prevailing traffic and weather conditions. Do not exceed a towing speed of 30 mph (50 km/h). Please refer to the "Towing" chapter in the "Practical Advice" section of the vehicle Owner's Manual.

Installation

Attaching the tow bar

- 1. Prepare the vehicle for towing, see the chapter entitled "Towing" and associated chapters in the vehicle Owner's Manual.
- 2. Remove the tow bar from the plastic box.

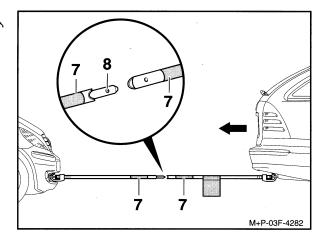


- 3. Slide the warning flag (3) onto one half of the tow bar.
- 4. Screw out the hooks (4) of the tow bar (1) far enough for them to be engaged in the towing eyes (5) or the tow hitch (6).
- 5. Carefully engage the hooks (4) and tighten them.



Risk of injury

When connecting the two halves of the tow bar together, make sure no one is standing between them. Otherwise you may injure yourself or others.



Caution

Hold the two halves of the tow bar only in the area marked green.

6. Grip the two halves of the tow bar in the area marked green (7), align them and hold them. Slowly reverse the towing vehicle and slide the two halves of the tow bar together as far as they will go and until the locking pin (8) is locked in place.

Caution

The tow bar must be parallel to the direction of travel during the journey. If the towing eyes are located offset from each other, then the vehicles must be driven slightly offset from each other during the towing procedure, taking into account the prevailing traffic conditions.

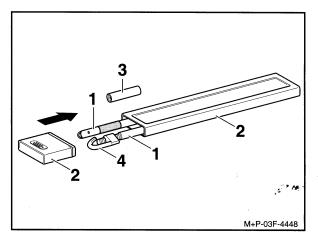
Detaching the tow bar



Risk of injury

Ensure that you do not pinch your fingers when pushing on the locking pin and subsequently separating the two halves of the tow bar.

- 1. Hold the tow bar, push on the locking pin and slowly move the vehicles away from each other until the two halves of the tow bar have been separated.
- 2. Slacken the hooks and carefully unhook them from the towing eyes or remove them from the tow hitch.



- 3. Screw in the hooks (4) as far as they will go.
- 4. Store the two halves of the tow bar (1) in the plastic box (2), with the hooks offset from each other and the warning flag (3) rolled up, as shown in the illustration.

Caution

Only transport the plastic box containing the tow bar if the rear bench seat is locked in place and the safety net is attached in the load compartment.

5. Secure the plastic box (2), with the Velcro straps facing downwards, in the boot or load compartment.