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The ML 320 has a 3.0-liter turbocharged V-6 diesel that includes 210 horsepower with 3,800 rpm and torque at 398 lb.-ft. and 1,600 to 2,400 rpm. It comes in a standard 4-wheel drive and has a towing capacity of 7,200 lbs. It seats five adults comfortably, and has 72.4 cu. ft. of cargo space with second row folded flat.

The 2009 Mercedes ML 320 Blue TEC will take you over 600 miles on one tank of gas. That's like driving from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City with diesel left over. This Mercedes has the cleanest diesel engine in the world as well as the quietest. The Mercedes engineers have reinvented the diesel engines of old without the noise, odor, and emissions. And by injecting a solution known as AdBlue into the exhaust, Blue TEC can reduce smog-causing NOx to its harmless nitrogen and water essentials.

Just because the ML 320 is easy on the environment doesn't mean that performance suffers. It accelerates from 0 to 60 in 8 seconds and still averages 18-24 mpg.

The ML 320 looks elegant on the outside, but wait till you see the interior. Front headroom is 39.9 inches and front leg room a comfortable 42.2 inches, with rear head and leg room only about two inches less.

Rack-and-pinion steering with constant power assists and a turning circle: 37.9 feet curb-to-curb makes the Mercedes easy to handle, and smooth to drive, all with the feel of beauty to the eye and elegance to the touch.

Also, inside is a new COMAND system that comes equipped with a high-resolution color LCD screen, a 6-disc CD/DVD changer, and Bluetooth capacity for hands-free calling. Upgrade to options that let you control iPods and other portable music devices, enhanced voice recognition software, and navigation.

Many engineering experts say Mercedes makes and designs the best cars in the world. To become a believer of this philosophy, all you have to do is drive a Mercedes.

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An Easy Way to Reduce the Price at the Pump

(ARA)—Want to save up to 12 cents a gallon off your gasoline bill? Invest in a tire gauge and make sure your tires are properly inflated.

The U.S. Department of Energy says proper tire maintenance can improve fuel economy by more than 3 percent. Under-inflated tires will make you pay more at the gas pump.

"Neglecting tires hurts your wallet at the gas station," says Dan Zielinski, spokesman for the Rubber Manufacturers Association, a trade association for tire manufacturers. "Under-inflated tires make your engine work harder and waste gas. It's the same principle if your bicycle tires are low on air—your legs work harder to get you where you're going."

More than one in four vehicles on the road is wasting gasoline due to under inflation of tires. A National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) study found that 27 percent of passenger cars and 32 percent of light trucks had at least one significantly under-inflated tire. An RMA survey found that 85 percent of motorists do not properly check tire inflation pressure.

Poor tire care causes tires to wear out faster, which means more scrap tires and an added cost of replacing tires more often. NHTSA estimates that under-inflated tires contribute to more than 600 fatalities and 33,000 injuries each year. So, proper tire inflation will not only keep money in your pocket but help keep you safe on the road.

"Checking tire pressure is easy and takes just five minutes," Zielinski says. "If you have questions, thousands of tire dealers across the country will do it for you free of charge."

RMA's tire manufacturer mem-



bers sponsor a national tire care education program called "Be Tire Smart—Play Your Part." The group urges motorists to check tire pressure at least once a month. The recommended tire pressure for every vehicle is located on a label on the driver's door or doorpost, or check the owner's manual. Also, check tires when cold—before driving.

Other tips include: check wheel alignments periodically; rotate tires every 5,000 to 8,000 miles; and check tread each month for cuts, bulges, punctures, or other damage. Also, check tread depth using the "penny test." Insert a penny head first into the tread groove. If you can see all of Lincoln's head, it is time for a new tire.

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