Starting and Turning Off the Engine

Before Starting

Engage parking brake and move the selector lever to position "P".

Turn key in steering lock to position 2. The charge indicator lamp should come on.

Cold Engine

Turn key in steering lock clockwise to the stop. Do not depress accelerator. Release key only when the engine is firing regularly.

Hot Engine

Turn key in steering lock clockwise to the stop. Do not depress accelerator. If the engine has not fired after approx. 4 seconds, depress accelerator and continue cranking until the engine is firing regularly. Release key and back off accelerator.

At very high coolant temperatures the engine starting time can be shortened if the accelerator is depressed slowly at the beginning of the starting process.

Turning off

Turn the key in the steering lock to position 0 only when the vehicle has stopped moving. The key can only be removed with the selector lever in position "P".

If the coolant temperature is very high (e.g. after hard driving on mountain roads), do not shut off the engine immediately, but allow it to run for 1 – 2 minutes at increased idle speed if the selector lever is in position "P".

Important!

Due to the installed starter non-repeat feature, the key must be turned completely to the left before attempting to start the engine again.

Observe the oil pressure gauge immediately after starting the engine. In a very cold engine the oil pressure will rise slowly. Do not speed up the engine before pressure is registered on the pressure gauge.

The charge indicator lamp should go out as soon as the engine has started.

In areas where temperatures frequently drop below –25 °C (–13 °F), we recommend that an engine block heater be installed. Your authorized MERCEDES-BENZ dealer will advise you on this subject.