

Mercedes Benz ML320 & ML430

Failure of DAS (Drive Authorization System)

Technical Information Tip

A common problem that I have seen related to the DAS (Drive Authorization System) failing to **release the ME controller for start condition**, starting on Model/Year ML320 and ML430.

To help prevent a NO START condition on these models, note the following procedure:

- 1.) When connecting a battery booster due to a weak condition of battery, NEVER have the ignition key in the tumbler.
- 2.) In conditions of a weak battery, remove the negative terminal before proceeding to charge the battery to specific charge rate
- 3.) Check gravity of battery cells as to assure a fully charged battery or sulfide test the battery to check for proper battery strength before proceeding to start the engine.
- 4.) NEVER replace the battery with the key in the ignition tumbler.

The above tip I have gathered from my own experiences and experiences from various Technicians and information sites.