

Mercedes Benz A2218800086

# Mercedes-Benz Hood Ornament A 221 880 00 86 Instruction Manual

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

This manual provides essential information for the installation, maintenance, and general care of your genuine Mercedes-Benz Hood Ornament, part number A 221 880 00 86. This component is designed as a direct replacement for the upright hood star found on various Mercedes-Benz sedan and wagon models, ensuring an authentic and precise fit.

The hood ornament is a distinctive feature of Mercedes-Benz vehicles, contributing to the classic aesthetic. Proper installation and care are crucial for its longevity and appearance.

## 2. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The Mercedes-Benz Hood Ornament A 221 880 00 86 is a genuine OEM part, crafted to meet the manufacturer's high standards for quality and durability. It features a chrome finish and the iconic three-pointed star design, intended for the front hood position of compatible vehicles.

Key features include:

- **Genuine OEM Part:** Ensures compatibility and quality matching original factory specifications.
- **Direct Replacement:** Engineered for straightforward installation without modifications.
- **Durable Construction:** Made from metal with a glossy exterior finish for resilience and aesthetic appeal.
- **1-Year Warranty:** Provides assurance of product reliability.

## 3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Upon opening the package, verify that all components are present and undamaged. The package typically contains the following:

- One (1) Mercedes-Benz Hood Ornament A 221 880 00 86.



Image 3.1: The Mercedes-Benz Hood Ornament A 221 880 00 86 shown in its original manufacturer packaging.

For a visual guide on unboxing and examining the hood ornament, please refer to the video below:

Video 3.1: An unboxing and close-up view of the Mercedes-Benz Hood Ornament A 221 880 00 86, demonstrating its design and mechanism.

## 4. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

The Mercedes-Benz Hood Ornament A 221 880 00 86 is designed for direct replacement and typically involves a straightforward installation process. While specific steps may vary slightly by vehicle model, the general procedure involves securing the ornament into the designated opening on the vehicle's hood.

### General Installation Steps:

1. **Preparation:** Ensure the vehicle's hood is clean and free of debris around the emblem mounting area.
2. **Removal of Old Ornament (if applicable):** If replacing an existing ornament, carefully remove it according to your vehicle's service manual. This often involves accessing the underside of the hood to release retaining clips or a spring mechanism.
3. **Positioning the New Ornament:** Align the base of the new hood ornament with the opening on the hood.
4. **Securing the Ornament:** Gently push the ornament down until its retaining mechanism engages

securely. You should feel or hear a click as it locks into place. Verify that the ornament is firmly seated and does not wobble.

For a visual demonstration of the emblem's appearance when installed on a vehicle, please watch the video below:

Video 4.1: A demonstration of a Mercedes-Benz hood emblem installed on a vehicle, highlighting its appearance and secure fit.

## 5. MAINTENANCE

To maintain the pristine appearance of your Mercedes-Benz Hood Ornament, follow these simple maintenance guidelines:

- **Regular Cleaning:** Clean the ornament regularly with a soft cloth and mild car wash soap. Avoid abrasive cleaners or harsh chemicals that can damage the chrome finish.
- **Drying:** Always dry the ornament thoroughly after washing to prevent water spots.
- **Polishing:** Periodically apply a non-abrasive chrome polish to restore shine and protect the finish.
- **Inspection:** Routinely check the ornament for any signs of looseness or damage. Address any issues promptly to prevent loss or further damage.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

While the Mercedes-Benz Hood Ornament is designed for durability, occasional issues may arise:

- **Loose Ornament:** If the ornament feels loose, gently attempt to re-seat it by pressing down firmly. If it continues to be loose, inspect the retaining mechanism from the underside of the hood for any damage or misalignment. A damaged mechanism may require replacement.
- **Discoloration or Pitting:** Exposure to harsh environmental conditions or improper cleaning can lead to discoloration or pitting of the chrome finish. Regular maintenance as described in Section 5 can help prevent this. If severe, replacement may be necessary.
- **Missing Ornament:** In cases where the ornament is lost or removed, a direct replacement is the recommended solution to restore the vehicle's intended appearance.

## 7. SPECIFICATIONS

Below are the technical specifications for the Mercedes-Benz Hood Ornament A 221 880 00 86:

Attribute	Detail
Brand	Mercedes Benz
Manufacturer Part Number	221 880 00 86
Item Model Number	A2218800086
Color	Silver
Material	Metal
Exterior Finish	Glossy
Item Weight	5 ounces

Attribute	Detail
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	5.5 x 3.25 x 2.85 inches
Auto Part Position	Front
Automotive Fit Type	Vehicle Specific Fit



Image 7.1: A detailed view of the hood ornament's base, with a digital caliper indicating a measurement of 1.716 inches, providing insight into its dimensions.

## 8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Mercedes-Benz Hood Ornament A 221 880 00 86 comes with a **1-year warranty** from the date of purchase, covering manufacturing defects. For warranty claims or technical support, please contact your authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer or the retailer from whom the product was purchased. Ensure you retain your proof of purchase for any warranty-related inquiries.

For additional information or assistance, refer to the official Mercedes-Benz website or consult a certified automotive technician.