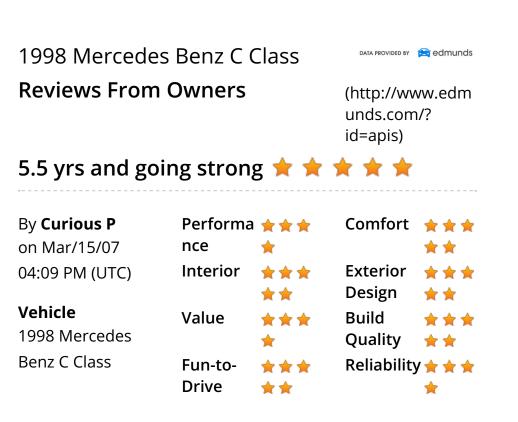
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#### Review

I've had this vehicle for 5.5 yrs now, and I absolutely love it. It fits me like a glove, looks great, and it's dependable. I've had no mechanical problems to date, but have had all the usuall electronic problems (and sensors). If you're looking into the car, make sure it was well taken care of. Common problems include: A/C, power window switches, sunroof switch, MAF sensor, O2 sensor, and back panel lighting problems. I wouldn't take the car to the dealer to maintain (mucho \$\$\$), since there are a number of indies that can do more than an adequate job.

## $\star \star \star \star \star \star$ Reliable and won't breakdown

By <b>JP</b>	Performa	***	Comfort	★★★
on Apr/14/06	nce	*		★
06:05 PM (UTC)	Interior	*** *	Exterior Design	★★★ ★
<b>Vehicle</b>	Value	★★★	Build	***
1998 Mercedes		★	Quality	**
Benz C Class	Fun-to- Drive	*** *	Reliability	*** **

#### Review

I've had my C280 since Oct of 1997. It's the 98 model and it's still running like a champ. As much as I want a new car, this one won't break down so I can't justify buying a new one. So that's making me think I want to buy another MB as my new car when it's time. The only thing is it's so boring inside, not too many bells and whistles. Since I got this car when I was barely 20, I was able to spice it up with some clear corner blinkers with 18" AMG monoblocks, but the redesign really needs to take into consideration mg the 20-30 something crowd who loves the 3 series Bimmers. sometimes I feel like an old lady driving this sedan, but honestly this car has always been reliable and a great buy! Safe!

## One great car ★ ★ ★ ★

By <b>Onegreatcar</b>	Performa	***	Comfort	***
on Sep/23/04	nce	**		**
07:00 AM (UTC)	Interior	***	Exterior Design	***
Vehicle	Value	***	Build	***
1998 Mercedes		**	Quality	**
Benz C Class	Fun-to- Drive	*** **	Reliability	/★★★ ★★

#### Review

I love this car! I have driven a lot of cars and SUV's and I have to say this is by far my favorite. Boy does it turn heads. I have two kids and I thought I would never go back to a small car but this one is roomy and sporty enough! Great car for a great price.

## One great car ★ ★ ★ ★



#### Review

I just bought this car last week on ebay and drove it from Miami to Santa Fe,NM. Everything you expect from a Benz and more. The ride is luxurious, quiet, and has plenty of power. Speaking of power, the interior is a living room, all leather and power everything. After testdriving about ten

NEW cars from GM, VW, Nissan and Chrysler I can honestly say that none of the new ones was a match for this six year old car. I owned a beautiful 92 300CE Coupe, which was a total loss after I got rear ended, but this car has helped me to forget her.

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By Secret on Apr/29/04 07:00 AM (UTC)

Vehicle 1998 Mercedes

Benz C Class

Interior \*\*\* \*\* Value  $\star$   $\star$ Fun-to-

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#### **Review**

Nice German Car. Simply GREAT!

## 1998 C-280 ★ ★ ★ ★

By <b>MDA</b> on Apr/04/04	Performa nce	***	Comfort	***
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Vehicle 1998 Mercedes	Value	***	Build	***
		**	Quality	**
Benz C Class	Fun-to-	***	Reliability	$\star \star \star$
	Drive	**		**

#### Review

Excellent car. Well built, reliable and overall solid performer for it's class.



By <b>TN Greg</b>	Performa	***	Comfort	$\star$
on May/31/06	nce	*		*
09:34 PM (UTC)	Interior	★★★ ★★	Exterior Design	*** **
<b>Vehicle</b> 1998 Mercedes	Value	*** **	Build Quality	*** **
Benz C Class	Fun-to- Drive	*** **	Reliability	/★★★ ★★

We bought this car new after owning a '94 C280. Now, eight yrs later, everything still works like new, the interior leather looks great, and it still gets 30 mpg on the highway. We have been religious about maintenance and the only repair issue we've faced is when the AC went out at 100,000 miles. Paint has held up very well, also. I'm sure it helps that my wife drives the car and she drives like an 80 yr old granny; but still, after this many yrs and miles, to still not have even one oil leak is, I think, a testament to how well this car was built. I would drive it anywhere w/o hesitation.

## AWESOME VEHICLE ★ ★ ★ ★

By **Zippy1** on Feb/23/04 08:00 AM (UTC)

**Vehicle** 1998 Mercedes Benz C Class



#### Review

Driving the curvy, windy roads, this vehicle handles like a solid road warrior. It is sporty, has a lot of pep, and has been entirely dependable. I just wish I had conture seats, and a navagational system which is not offered. A CD player within the cabin would also be a nice feature. Guess I'll have to go to a newer one. This car will take you to high speeds before you know it, so watch for that.

## Great car ★ ★ ★ ★

By <b>K Howard</b>	Performa	***	Comfort	★★★
on Mar/02/05	nce	**		★
02:18 AM (UTC)	Interior	*** **	Exterior Design	*** **
<b>Vehicle</b>	Value	***	Build	***
1998 Mercedes		**	Quality	**
Benz C Class	Fun-to- Drive	*** **	Reliability	*** **

#### Review

I just went to a few dealerships considering a replacement for my C280 Sport. I am not going to do it! New cars are nice but nothing I drove in the 18K-20K range even compared to the Benz. Safety, stability, performance, fuel economy, reliability, craftsmanship. This Benz makes the Accord, Maxima, Passat, and others look like second class citizens. She might be getting older but I have decided to not put her out to pasture yet. If you can find a low mileage C280 Sport-BUY IT

## My Ride - Benz 280c 1998 ★ ★ ★ ★

By **Noggi** on Oct/12/03 07:00 AM (UTC)

**Vehicle** 1998 Mercedes Benz C Class

Performa 🛨 🛨 🛨 Comfort 🛨 🛨 🛨 nce \*\* Interior Exterior \*\*\* \* \* \* Design Value \* \* \* Build \*\*\* Quality Fun-to-Drive Reliability 🛨 🛨 🛧 \*\*



One service call in 4 years which was my fault - left lights on. Nice to drive, looks good, good mileage,zippy enough (its a six) unless you are a racer - Only bad is "check engine" light comes on intermittently (this means only check the air pollution system). Benz mechanics will say usually"tighten gas cap" or forget it etc - doesn`t mean much. This is a very good car - my 5th mercedes and I love them but concerned about coming years since they bought chrysler and are making some big changes in the Benz line.

## A wonderful car for 11 years ★ ★ ★ ★

By <b>Chuck</b>	
on Apr/12/09	
03:55 AM (UTC)	

Vehicle

1998 Mercedes Benz C Class



#### Review

A/C compressor, two engine seals needed replacement....11 years -99,000 miles. It's been a good car to us.

## Great deal ★ ★ ★ ★

Ву	Performa	a ★ ★ ★	Comfort	***
Professordavid	nce	**		**
on May/14/02	Interior	***	Exterior	***
07:00 AM (UTC)		**	Design	**
Vehicle	Value	★★★ ★★	Build Quality	*** **

1998 Mercedes Benz C Class Fun-to-Drive

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#### **Review**

Slick, comfortable, and responsive vehicle able to grip road, drive elegantly while responsiveness of a sportier vehicle. Never have had a major repair -- only minor glitches detected by computer, or fragility of a cup holder..

## Special ★ ★ ★ ★

By <b>Veniceknite</b>	Performa		Comfort	
on Jun/24/08	nce	**		**
12:55 AM (UTC)	Interior	*** **	Exterior Design	★★★ ★★
Vehicle	Value	***	Build	***
1998 Mercedes		*	Quality	**
Benz C Class	Fun-to- Drive	*** **	Reliability	*** **

#### Review

Class is the word for this car. I needed a car for my small business and needed it to be 4 doors, but not too big. Put 15,000 miles on it and only changed oil and replaced tires. Runs like a new car, interior has really held up and steering and power seems like other newer cars I have had. Getting lots of compliments even with its age. It will be my daughter's car next if I ever get rid of it. May buy an electric car for around town and the MB for trips to Vegas. Very solid and worth the price if you can find a clean one.

# ★ ★ ★ ★ Not a "cookie cutter" car owner of many MBZ

By <b>Debi</b>	Performa	***	Comfort	***
Ramazani	nce	**		*
on Dec/20/16	Interior	***	Exterior	***
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	Value	***	Build	***
Vehicle		**	Quality	**
1998 Mercedes	Fun-to-	***	Reliability	***
Benz C Class	Drive	*	-	**

Hubby got this for me 4 years ago at 142k absolutely love this car, great on gas fun to drive and after adding 40k to miles just had to replace timing chain. This one has never failed me. I have the sport package and anyone who gets in it just says "wow". Can not even list all the MBZ have owned over 28 years together but told him this one is it .

## Belief. ★ ★ ★ ★

By <b>Gte455q</b>	Performa	***	Comfort	***
on Apr/05/02	nce	**		**
08:00 AM (UTC)	Interior	***	Exterior Design	***
<b>Vehicle</b> 1998 Mercedes	Value	***	Build Quality	***
Benz C Class	Fun-to- Drive	***	Reliability	***

#### Review

Very reliable car... Enough power...great suspension...great convenience system...elegant...this C280 has everything that a car could have with the best reliability. Mercedes warrenty and custonmer service cares my car more than I do. Best service!!



By <b>Carfreak</b>	Performa	***	Comfort	***
on Apr/29/02	nce	*		**
07:00 AM (UTC)	Interior	***	Exterior	$\star$
		**	Design	**
Vehicle	Value	***	Build	***
1998 Mercedes		*	Quality	**
Benz C Class	Fun-to-	***	Reliability	/ ★ ★
	Drive	**		**

Tight and solid always. The 6 cyl C280 is a lot more refined that the 4 cyl models, which I would avoid. These cars show every sign of going the distance, as did their predecessors.

## The best car I've ever had ★ ★ ★ ★

By <b>Loniese Lee</b>	Performa	***	Comfort	***
on Oct/08/07	nce	**		**
04:35 PM (UTC)	Interior	★★★ ★	Exterior Design	*** **
<b>Vehicle</b>	Value	***	Build	***
1998 Mercedes		**	Quality	**
Benz C Class	Fun-to- Drive	*** **	Reliability	*** **

#### Review

I have been so iumpressed with my C280. It's fun to drive, it handles well in the rain and snow because it has the traction control. The seating maybe a little cramped but you still can ride 4 adults in comfort. The trunk space is exceptional for a small car because the backseats fold down to give more room.

## $\Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow$ A luxury sedan that stands up to time

By <b>Rich</b>	Performa	***	Comfort	$\star$
on Apr/05/07	nce	*		**
08:29 PM (UTC)	Interior	*** **	Exterior Design	*** **
<b>Vehicle</b> 1998 Mercedes	Value	*** **	Build Quality	*** **
Benz C Class	Fun-to- Drive	★★★ ★★	Reliability	/★★★ ★

This entry level Mercedes has stood the test of time. The styling is not outdated, and reflects the classic look of the Sclass of the year. The electrical system is a little buggy, but so is the story with a German car. Major repairs include the Tranny being resealed, and replacement of the AC compressor, but overall the car has shown remarkable endurance, especially considering my mother never changed the oil

## Safe Car ★ ★ ★ ★



## Review

I owned my 1998 C230 for 4 1/2 years and I loved it. Other than an oxygen sensor, it required no repairs other than routine maintence during the period of time I owned it. Unfortunately while driving, I had an accident at 60mph and rolled the car twice. The car was totaled, but I sustained minor injuries. The state patrol credited the safety of the car, seat belts, and air bags as saving my life.

## ★ ★ ★ ★ 1998 Mercedes Benz CP600 Coupe

By <b>Aistn</b>	Performa	***	Comfort	***
on Oct/06/11	nce	**		**
05:27 PM (UTC)	Interior	★★★ ★★	Exterior Design	★★★ ★★
Vehicle	Value	***	Build	***
1998 Mercedes		**	Quality	**
Benz C Class	Fun-to- Drive	*** **	Reliability	*** **

#### Review

As a Mercedes Benz owner for over 15 years and BMW owner of the 525 and 700 series, the Benz always coes first!... From E300's to 420SEL and S500's, My favorite... Is the 98 Widebody, not easily found, rare and still ahead of it's time....Take a 98 CP600 V12 coupe for a weekend ride and return with the meaning on life!

## Great Little Gas Saver ★ ★ ★ ★

By <b>John D</b>	Performa	***	Comfort	***
on Jan/27/06	nce	*		**
09:51 PM (UTC)	Interior	***	Exterior Design	*** **
<b>Vehicle</b>	Value	***	Build	***
1998 Mercedes		**	Quality	**
Benz C Class	Fun-to- Drive	*** **	Reliability	/★★★ ★★

## Review

I bought this car off lease with 26000 miles on it 6.5 years ago. Other than oil changes, only had to replace brakes at 50k miles. The best thing about the car is the 25 city/35 highway gas milage (I am a little heavy footed on trip). I may keep this one for 15 years.

## Run away from buying a MB ★ ★ ★

By Bill on Jun/19/05 11:51 PM (UTC)

Vehicle 1998 Mercedes Benz C Class

Performa 🛨 🛨 🛨 Comfort 🛨 🛨 nce Exterior \*\*\* Interior Design \* Value Build + k 🖈 Quality Reliability 🔶 Fun-to-\*\*\* Drive

#### Review

There is no possible reason for anyone to buy a car like this. I have owned many cars in my life and this is probably the most unreliable vehicle I have ever experienced. Known problems are MAF sensor, suspension, electronics, brakes etc, etc. Cheap vinyl seats that are passed off as leather. Any Ford, Honda, Toyota etc. would be a better purchase. If you must have a Mercedes lease a new one and dump it before the problems start.

## \* \* \* \* \* Great but why latent design defects?

Drive

By **JPouchet** on Jan/06/05 12:14 AM (UTC)

Vehicle 1998 Mercedes Benz C Class

Performa 🛨 🛨 🛧 Comfort 🛨 🛨 🛨 nce Interior Exterior \*\*\* Design Value \* \* \* Build Quality Fun-to-\* \* \*

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Reliability 🛨 🛨 🛧

My first Mercedes and it has been a fine car. Our dealer is nothing but first class. I enjoy driving this car so much that I had to buy my wife her own new E 320 (2004) as nothing really compares to driving a MB. Considering the new 2006 ML 350 as a replacement but recent nagging latent design defects and poor support from MB USA are making me look at BMW. The steering wheel leather is falling apart, the headliner has pulled away from the C pillars, and the rear window regulators/motors have gone out several times. And this car is always garged, no one rides in the back, and is treated like a baby. It should hold up much better, like a Honda or Toyota.

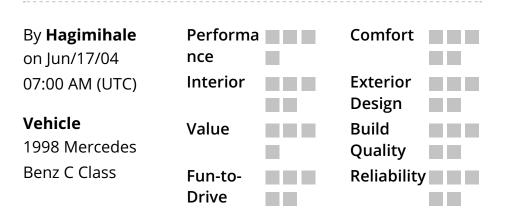
## Has no value

By <b>Rob</b>	Performa	Comfort
on Dec/28/04	nce	Exterior
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	Value	Build
Vehicle	Fun-to-	Quality
1998 Mercedes	Drive	Reliability
Benz C Class		<b>y</b>

## Review

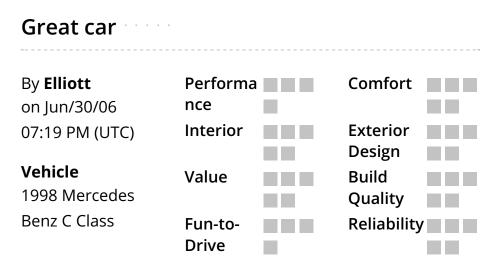
The 1998 Mercedes-Benz C230 Sedan requires high test fuel yet has no power to speak of. Its gas milage stinks for such a small car. It is not very comfortable or roomy on the inside. This car would have been an OK choice for a single person. Its resale and trade-in values are terrible. If I would have done appropriate research beforehand and known all of these things I would have NEVER of purchased this car. It is surprisingly bad for one of the alledged higher end vehicles.

## Very solid car



## Review

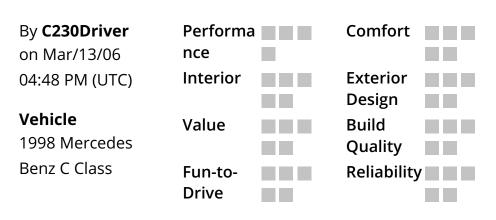
Bought this used a few months ago - paid \$8500 (vs. NADA book value of \$13k) for a white w202. Only repair was new tires and alignment. Car drives like a dream - stable at any speed, great low-end power from the V6 and good acceleration on the highway. This is the 5th MB my family has owned and my 2nd. We've always been impressed with their products and now I remember why.



#### Review

Love this car (my baby), brought brand new. No problems. Door regulator failed under warranty and battery recalled under warranty. New battery is 6 yrs old and perfect. Beautiful car to look at when freshly washed. Interior classy. Proud to drive it. Most people think it is much more expensive then it was. Little slow in acceleration but if put the auto trans in 3rd or 4th gear very satisfying. Very smooth engine, very solid , safe cabin. Love it. Plan to keep it 'til it starts mechanical problems.

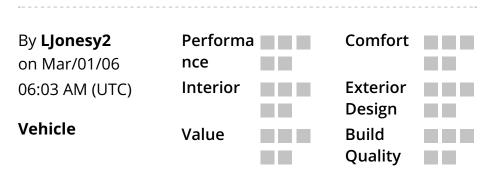
## Best Used Car for the Money



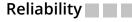
## Review

I've had Volvo's, Mazda's, VW's, this has been by far the most dependable, cheapest car to own and maintain by far. Other than routine maintenance (oil changes), brakes at 75k and plugs at 100k miles, this has been the most dependable and cheapest car I've ever owned. I purchased it off lease with 32k miles, I currently have over 112k - its still beautiful, paint is perfect, interior is still like new - the leather interior still looks new and has held up incredibly well. The style is classic, not trendy, and gets a lot of compliments.

## Love My Car!



1998 Mercedes Benz C Class Fun-to-Drive



#### Review

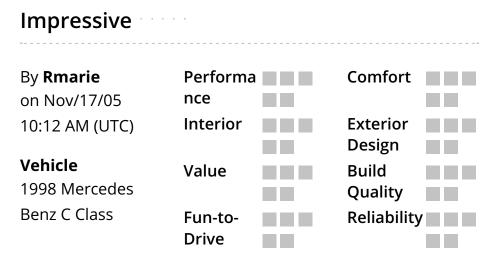
I love my Mercedes-Benz C 230. It is my first car and I could not be more happy with everything. It is a great ride, very dependable, fast, and comfortable. The interior is cozy and roomy enough for all my friends! The features are fabulous and I enjoy the interior layout. The car runs great and gets great gas mileage (32 hwy). The pedals are touchier than a Lexus, but it was easy to get used to that. I commute to school and I don't mind the drive now! I am very happy with this car and plan on being a loyal Mercedes-Benz customer due to their high quality and expertise in luxury.

## Believe it!

By <b>Believe It!</b>	Performa	Comfort
on Feb/06/06	nce	
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Vehicle	Value	Build
1998 Mercedes		Quality
Benz C Class	Fun-to-	Reliability
	Drive	

#### Review

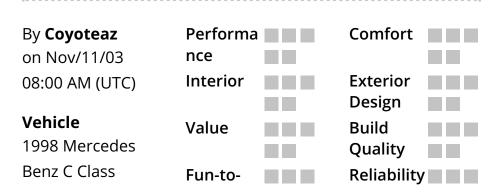
Virtually no problems with this car. I purchased it used five years ago. Brakes and battery had to be replaced right away, but other than that, routine maintenance is all she needed. I once spilled juice down the gear shifter, costs \$1700 to replace transmission control unit and gear shifter That is the ONLY problem I've had in FIVE years. At over 171K, I hate to lay her to rest, but she's lived her life and half of someone elses. Oh yeah, just recently the wiper motor and A/C blower went out. She's probably dying. Goodbye Bessie!



#### Review

This is an absoutely fun car to drive. It handles like a dream and is great to take out on the open ride. We have taken it on several long distance trips and it is very comfortable. This car gets 'alot' of attention and well it should with its sleek styling. I have owned 2 previous mercedes and this has been the most fun, economical to drive, beautiful interior -and the price was great. It is an automatic 'but' when you use the peddle correctly it has incredible take-off and control. I am absolutely in love with this car and would recomend it to anyone who enjoys driving a car of this stature.

## You Gotta Have One Of These!!!

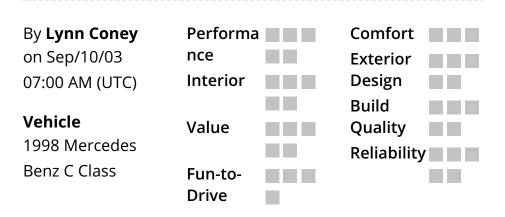


Drive

#### Review

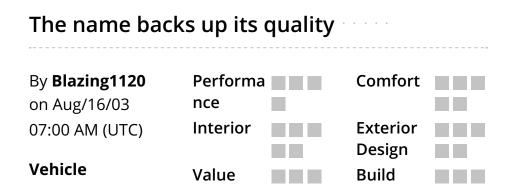
The last 9 months have been great thanks to my C230. Everyone needs to own this affordable, stylish car. Because I am a teacher, everyone takes a double look at me when I cruise into the parking lot. If they only knew, that their vehicle cost more than mine! The quality of the German car is incredible. It's a Mercedes; need I say more?

## Mercedes Ride and noise



## Review

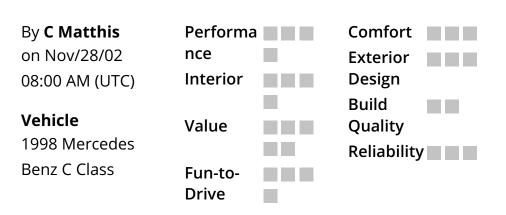
Purchased the car new off the showroom floor. The car has been very reliable. The biggest problem is the noisy ride with wind etc. Not a good long trip car. Very uncomfortable seats. Very good mileage with the four cyl. engine. Plenty of get up and go. Not satisfied with the dealer whose head of sales at the time was rude to us at the end of purchase.





The car has never broken down or needed repair, and gets over 25 miles per gallon. Seats are very comfortable, as is the ride. Styling is very sharp especially after its been polished. What the car NEEDS is more power (You have to plan to get on highway or control the shifts). The car also needs fog lights to improve visibility at night, and a higher quality sound system with an in- dash CD player or changer.

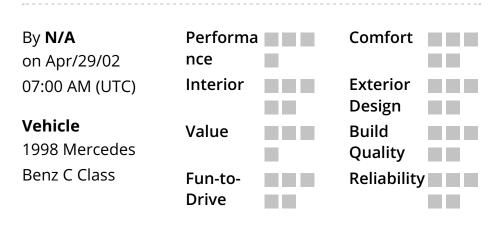
## Poor electical sysyem



## Review

Two of the origional tires developed problems early on as the steel belts went out of allignment and the tire manufacturer refused to honor their warranty forcing the purchase of a complete set of new tires. No need to focus on the problems while the car was under warranty as Mercedes handled those well. Afterwards the electronics in the dash went haywire and caused some problems under the hood.Total cost to repair both was almost \$1100. When I marveled that the dealership had these unusual parts in stock, I was told that this problem has become very common causing Mercedes to stock their dealerships with these parts for prompt repairs.

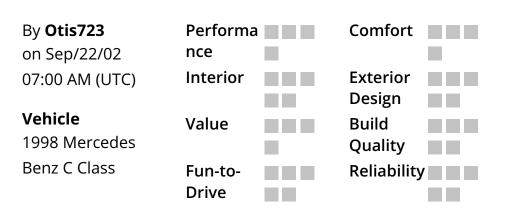
## C280 \* \* \* \*



#### Review

Tight and solid always. The 6 cyl C280 is a lot more refined that the 4 cyl models, which I would avoid. These cars show every sign of going the distance, as did their predecessors.

## You pay for quality, not just the name



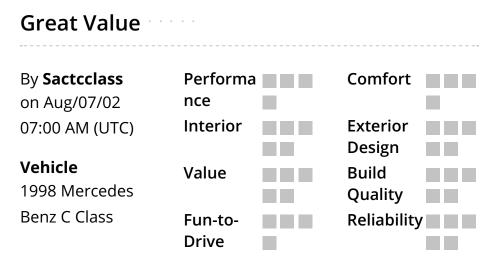
## Review

Can't get over how well thought out this car is both in driving terms as well as maintenance. Will own nothing but MB if finances allow. And with used C classes so cheap why not?



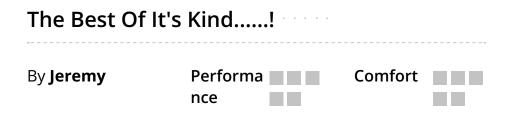


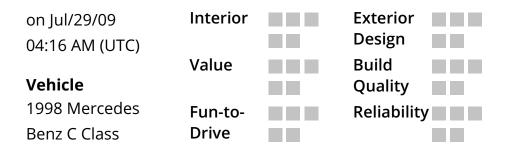
Have driven BMW 3 series and Audi A4 and this one is class apart. And I'm not even counting the heads it turns...



## Review

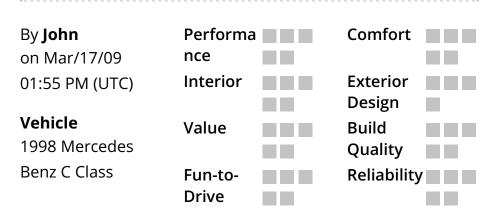
Original owner and I am very pleased with this vehicle. With the exception of a couple of minor problems (both covered under warranty), this vehicle has been trouble-free. The ride, handling, safety features and level of equipment is great, as is the MPG (27- 30). In addition, the costs incurred to maintain this vehicle has been reasonable, probably because the FSR seems to extend the time/mileage between service visits.





I bought this car with 92,000 miles on it and the next day i drove it from Dallas, TX back home to Memphis, TN and i was amazed that i made the trip of about 460 miles on one tank of gas. The ride was smooth on comfortable all the way. I've had this car for a year now and not a single problem. This car has a sporty look and a luxury feel, what more could i want. When i give my friend a ride they tell my the ride is solid and smooth and i reply "Hey.... it's a Mercedes" My next car is defiantly a Mercedes.

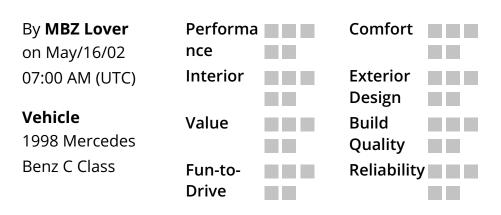
## Best Car I have ever owned in 25 years



#### Review

I love this car!!! It has been so reliable I actually can not believe it. I have owned it since new and have never been left at the side of the road. I had a few suspension parts fixed due to pot holes and new tires. Normally only a few hundred \$'s every six months for service at MB. Service has been great, but my dealership in Canada is owned by MB. I still have the original exhaust system too, that is something for a salty wintery place. I have planned on replacing it a few times, but I figure why it is paid for and it runs like new. I have owned MB's since I was 16 and this has been the best by far.

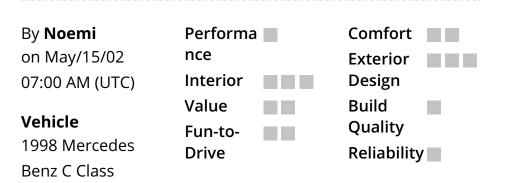
## Best Car Ever Owned



## Review

This car is the best road car made. It is comfortable and reliable. No car problems ever.

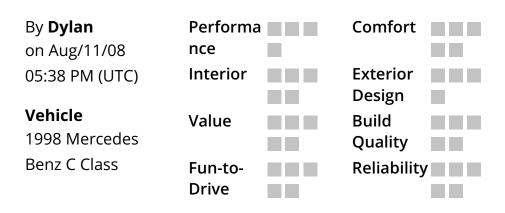
## Mercedes c230



## Review

in four years had to tow this car twice to the dealer. It represents high brand name and poor quality and the service this dealer provides to clients made me regret dealing with them. I am not proud of owning a Mercedes.

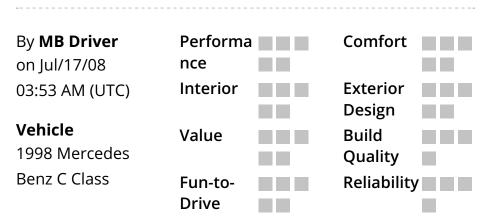
## The luxury sedan that withholds.



## Review

I've had the car for 10 years now and it still starts and runs strong everyday. Transmission seems to be going and needs to be looked at. Also I believe my AC compressor needs to be changed. Main vents have suddenly stopped working. I love this car. I've put my heart into it. Also many miles. At 150,000 the car is still perfect for round town and parkway driving. Handles high speeds well and is a great car for any person. Also being a Mercedes it is a classy comfortable luxurious car.

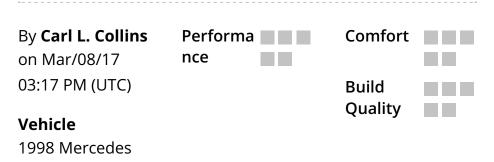
## Like it but...



#### Review

I purchased my '98 C230 Oct. 2006. It has 132,300 mi. It is a good running car. I had to have the transmission repaired at 52,000 mi. An electronic signal caused it to misfire, hence, major damage, \$\$\$. No other significant failures. It doesn't have enough pickup initially, however, once it gets to running it is a smooth ride. AC is awesome in the summer and heater is 'right-on' in the winter. Will definitely purchase another MB when this one is retired.

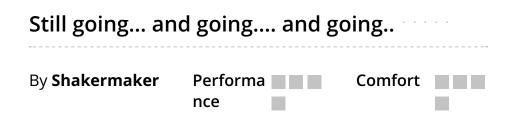
## Its all that and than some!!!



#### Review

Benz C Class

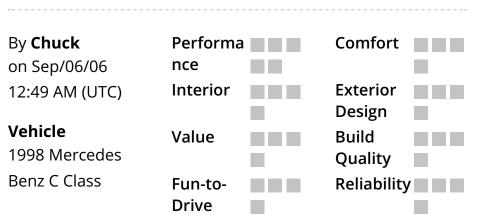
I purchase my 1998 brand new and its been under my wings sense day one in Excellent Mint Condition you can eat off the engine seeing I am OCD, it has about 80k miles and still going stronger than these new vehicle on the market. I have only done maintenance and replaced a few battery on it whereas my other vehicles have cost me far more. I have gotten my every pennies worth plus some with this being the best vehicle purchase I have every spend. I have gotten hundreds of offers to buy but until the right one comes if there is one she will go to her grave if not me first.





I bought this car from my Dad with 250,000km on a little over 1 year ago now. It's up to 319,000km (200k in miles) and its still moving just fine. The engine will be the last thing to go I think. The doors are getting a little rusty where the horizontal trim is placed. And I have to replace my brake lights a little more often than I think is necessary but thats it! This car has had 3 problems in its life. Water pump, 02 sensors, and tie rods/ball joints replacement. All pretty much expected after that many miles. Aside from that its been a dream to own and a pleasure to drive. I never worry about this car letting me down, I'm going to drive it until it dies. Which I hope is never

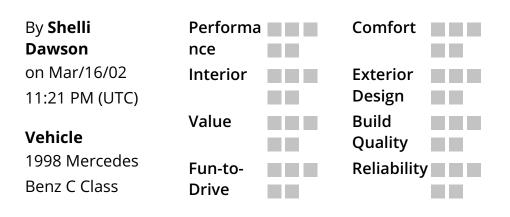
## Very satisfied after 9 years



## Review

We did purchase a l-Net bumper to bumper warranty for \$2000 and that's helped. I'd say we've almost even on that. Very few serious repairs. Did need a cat converter, a/c compressor and a few other minor things. Outside Mercedes warranty work, I'd say we had \$1600 of I-Net warranty over 6 years. We take very good care of the car and it only has 82,000 after 9 years

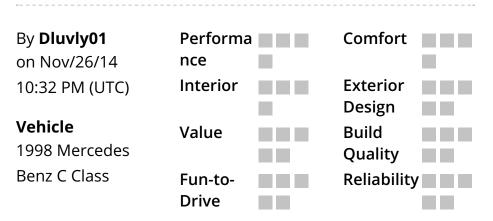
## C230 best value in it's class



## Review

Alot of people don't stop and think that yes, you can buy a late model Mercedes for under \$20,000. But on a 98 C230 with fairly low miles (40,000) at a price at \$18,000, I think it is by far the best value car in it's class.

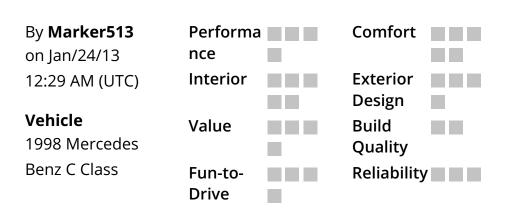
## Ole Reliable



## Review

Never let me down plan on 1 million miles >

## Mercedes is likely the worst car company to deal with for a bad vehicle



#### Review

I've owned my C230 for 14 years now, and the only reason I still own it is I couldn't sell it in good conscience with its flaws. The transmission was showing problems since new, but there were so many other problems that were more pressing when it was new (many pages in one visit) that I didn't notice that they left that one off. Then when it started to slip big time at 90K Mercedes refused to repair it. A mechanic at the dealership told me confidentially that it is a known problem. I complained to everyone, including the CEO of the entire company, and at every level in between, to no avail. This is my second that I bought new. Never again. Luckily this was not my only vehicle.

#### Suggested Improvements

The transmission was always a problem. It was not designed to be used in this vehicle. And the cost of a new transmission, even a rebuilt one with a core charge, cost more than the car was worth at 90K miles. The check engine light has been going on for 135K miles since new, and they have refused to fix it from the start. Every car company will manufacture a bad car at some point. What the do to stand behind those cars is what sets them apart. Any time I have ever had to ask a Mercedes factory rep to fix a serious problem, all with cars I purchased new, they made me feel like I was asking for a favor to fix their mistakes.

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