



300GD.

It takes over where other 4-wheel drives leave off.

The Mercedes-Benz of 4-wheel drive passenger vehicles has arrived. The new Mercedes Cross Country Vehicle took the engineers at Mercedes-Benz over seven years to develop. After driving the 300GD, two of Australia's most experienced motoring journalists had this to say. "...the 300GD swept all before it in some of the most atrocious off-road driving conditions I've ever experienced." (Mike Kable, Daily Mirror). "...uncanny off-road ability...most people would be screaming in terror before its limits were reached." (Peter Burden, Financial Review.)

The 300GD can plough relentlessly through water without giving you wet feet. The doors are watertight and all mechanical and electrical components are protected.

It can climb straight up a 1-in-1¼ slope fully loaded. It can tow an amazing 2.5 tonnes. It can enter and leave 35° inclines without scraping the ground. Its centre of gravity is such that it will slide sideways down an incline to minimize the chance of a critical situation.

You can change from two-wheel drive to 4-wheel drive and finally into cross-country low-ratio gear while on the move. There are differential locks on both front and rear axles to maintain momentum. Simply reach down and pull a knob between the front seats. In fact, you can keep going even if just one wheel has traction!

Comfortable cruising is possible over the roughest terrain because of coil springs, a hydraulic steering damper to prevent jolts, and a body that is rubber mounted onto a rigid, ladder-frame body. Of course, on smoother roads you can maintain highway cruising speeds thanks to the proven Mercedes-Benz fuel-injected 5-cylinder

Diesel engine (fuel injection means that fuel is evenly distributed to each cylinder, even when the vehicle is operating at extreme angles). Other notable features include five wide-opening doors, a fully automatic four-speed gearbox, anti-sway bars to maintain a level ride during fast cornering, power-assisted steering, headlight washers, a towing hook, rear washer-wiper and additional driving lights.

Your comfort is taken care of with orthopaedically designed seating, air-conditioning, a

push button AM/FM radio-cassette unit with auto-reverse, head restraints and safety features such as the passenger safety cage with front and rear crumple zones that was first patented by Mercedes-Benz in 1952.

Only a complete test drive will reveal the true character and capabilities of this most remarkable Mercedes-Benz.

The 300GD in the photograph is fitted with a number of extra accessories including roof rack, special wheels and tyre equipment, extended wheel arches.

