Installation Instructions

Conversion to 235/45 R 17 tyres and 8 J x 17 H 2 ET 28 disk wheel 40.01

Model 124

Excluding vehicles with special bodywork, sedans with long wheelbase and 124.020/036/120.

All the work described in sections A, B, C, D, E and F must be carried out in full before the wheel/tyre combination may be used.

The installation instructions are divided up into the following sections:

A. Detaching the standard wheels
B. Modifications to the chassis
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Note
An entry in the vehicle documents is required in the Federal Republic of Germany. For this a copy of the respective sample report must be submitted to the TÜV/TÜA.

A. Detaching the standard wheels
1 Remove wheel covers on steel disk wheels.

2 Slacken wheel bolts.

3 Raise vehicle.

4 Unscrew wheel bolts.

**Note**

When unscrewing the final wheel bolt be sure that the wheel does not suddenly tilt off the hub.

5 Remove wheel.

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Five of the standard wheel bolts removed must be retained for the spare wheel.

The standard production spare wheel can be used as a temporary spare wheel.

A maximum speed of 80 km/h is permissible due to the change in handling characteristics resulting from different tire rolling circumferences and wheel offsets. For this purpose, the standard production spare wheel is to be identified with the enclosed auxiliary sticker

(H WA201 584 04 39).

Replace the temporary spare wheel with a standard wheel as soon as possible.

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**B. Modifications to the chassis**

In conjunction with 17-inch AMG disk wheels, the front axle compression travel on all vehicle models must be reduced in order to ensure adequate clearance under extreme wheel compression.
1. Detach front wheels. (Refer to section A).

2. Use spring clamp 124 589 06 31 00 to clamp and remove front axle springs.

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Do not use impact screwdrivers to clamp front axle springs.

3. Unscrew front axle damper strut at upper damper strut mounting (6) whilst steadying the piston rod.

4. Lower control arm and damper strut (support control arm).

5. Install spring travel limiting washer (5) on piston rod (1) over stop buffer (4).

6. Assemble damper strut and front axle spring in reverse sequence.

Note
Use new self-locking nuts (9) and washer (8) on the upper damper strut mounting. (Tightening torque 60 Nm).

C. Modifications to the body

1. Adjusting the front fender

1.1 Detach side panel on the front fender from the fixing elements, pull to the rear and remove.
1.2 Unscrew bolts (A and B) on fender.

1.3 Slacken bolt (A) on side of bumper.
1.4 Press the side part of the bumper downwards and unscrew the bolts for fender fixing (A and B). Clamp a spacer between fender and body on the left and the right. The bore holes must align to permit troublefree fixing.

1.5 Place one spacer on the left and right between the fender and body in the side area of the bumper.

1.6 Tighten all bolts slightly in accordance with layout. Tighten bolts after a visual inspection.

2 Reworking the body at the front fenders

2.1 Flattening down front fender flange:
When converting to wider wheels and tyres the inside edges of the front fender must be flattened down to an angle of 110° over the complete wheel cutout.

2.2 If excessive PVC underbody protection has been applied, grind off excess before folding back the fender flange.

2.3 Using a hot air gun carefully heat up outer edges of fender to a maximum of 70° - 80°C.

Note
Do not overheat paint whilst applying heat (max. 80°C).
2.4 In the marked area (A), the fender flange is flattened down up to the inside of the fender in several stages. A plastic hammer must be used to avoid damaging the paint.

2.5 Flaring out the front fender:
Using a plastic hammer, apply even blows to flare out the edge of the front fender by 25° in the upper area.

Note
Reference dimension at the uppermost point of the wheel cutout: at least 275 mm measured over the center of the wheel below the edge of the wheel cutout and outer tube of the shock absorber strut.

2.6 Allow front fender flare to curve smoothly back towards original, unflared line within the marked area (B).

Note
Rectify any damage to paint or underbody protection.

2.7 Grind off side panel to match the reworked fender contour and assemble.

3 Reworking the body inside the wheel arches

3.1 Slacken the two bolts of the windscreen washer container on the right side. Tie up container so that it is not damaged when driving out the wheel arch.
Slacken ABS hydraulic unit and hydraulic fluid container on the left side and tie up.
Ensure that the units are not damaged whilst driving out the wheel arch.
3.2 Using a plastic hammer drive out wheel arch over an area of approx. 150 mm x 150 mm (A) approx. 10 mm towards the inside of engine compartment.

3.3 Remove weld stud (B) for fixing the inner fender and replace by a blind rivet with a large swage-head.

3.4 Treat wheel arch again with underbody protection. Spray the folded back fender edges with body cavity preserver.

4 Body operations on rear fender
4.1 124 Sedan/coupé

Installing an angled sheet metal part:

- Remove side covers in luggage compartment.
- Free the side wall from wax and sealing compound in the area shown.
- Saw side wall along a length of 200 mm and extend outwards by 20 mm.
- Apply primer to angled sheet metal part (33 x 10 x 1 x 200 mm) and weld in using a MAG welder (plug weld).
- Grind off weld, then apply primer and seal with body sealing compound.
- Coat with PVC underbody protection.

**Note**
Due to the enlarged rear production wheelhouse inner panels, the use of an angled bracket as described in 4.1 is not necessary on model 124.061 (300CE-24 Cabrio).
4.2 124 T-model
Installing a sheet metal strip:

- Remove spare wheel and jack from luggage compartment.
- Free the wheel arch from wax and sealing compound in the area shown.
- Saw wheel arch along a length of 200 mm, 30 mm parallel to outer body contour and extend outwards by 15 mm.
- Apply primer to sheet metal strip and weld in from the wheel arch side using a MAG welder (plug weld).
- Grind off weld, then apply primer and seal with body sealing compound.
- Coat with PVC underbody protection.

5 Folding back the edge of rear fender

5.1 If excessive PVC underbody protection has been applied, grind off excess before folding back the edge of the fender.

5.2 Using a hot air gun carefully heat up outer edges of fender to a maximum of 70° - 80°C.

Note

Do not overheat paint whilst applying heat (max. 80°C).
5.3 In the marked area (A), the edge of the fender is flattened down as far as the inside of the fender in several stages. A plastic hammer must be used to avoid damaging the paint.

**Note**
Rectify any damage to paint or underbody protection.

5.4 Treat wheel arch again with underbody protection. Spray the folded back fender edges with body cavity preservation.

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### D. Fitting the special wheels

1. Screw centering bolts (tool kit) into upper tapped hole of the wheel hub.

2. Put on AMG light alloy wheel and press onto wheel hub.

3. Screw in wheel bolts and tighten positively. The wheel bolts must be dry and free from grease. Ensure that the wheels are not tensioned by tightening the wheel bolts on one side. (Tighten wheel bolts diagonally in several stages).

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*Wheel no. C740 0098:* Only M12 × 1.5 × 33 mm spherical collar bolts supplied with the wheels are to be used for the wheel fixing.

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*Wheel no. H WA124 400 19 02:* Only M12 × 1.5 × 40 mm spherical collar bolts supplied with the wheels are to be used for the wheel fixing.

4. Unscrew centering bolt and replace by a wheel bolt.

5. Lower vehicle.

6. Evenly tighten wheel bolts diagonally to a tightening torque of 110 Nm.
AMG light alloy wheel bolts must be retightened after 100 - 500 km. (Tightening torque 110 Nm).

Note
For reasons of safety and standardized appearance, wheel no. C7 40 0098 and wheel no. H WA124 400 19 02 must not be mixed but only fitted to the vehicle in sets.

E. Tire inflation pressure/tire makes/using snow chains

1 The tire inflation pressure is to be adjusted in accordance with the production tire inflation pressure plate in the gas tank flap.

2 Recommended tire makes can be obtained from the current Service Information "Summer tires in conjunction with AMG special equipment and AMG light alloy wheels from the accessory range".

3 Fitting snow chains in conjunction with the AMG wheel/tire combination is not permitted.
F. Speedometer correction

By contrast with standard production tyres the rolling circumference of retrofitted tyres is in a range which necessitates checking and correcting the speedometer calibration if required. This can be performed by an authorized dealer of the respective instrument manufacturer (VDO/Motometer).

G. Technical details

Manufacturer: AMG/AAG
Model: H WA124 400 19 02
Wheel size: 8 J×17 H 2
Offset: 28 mm
Pitch circle: d=112 mm, 5-hole
Permitted wheel load: 650 kg at rdyn=321 mm
Centering: Central centering d=66.5+0.1
Type: One-piece light alloy wheel with double hump
Marking: AMG
Outer side of wheel: C740 0098
8 J×17 H 2 e28

Inner side of wheel: AAG (foundry symbol)
Date of manufacture
Valve: Metal screw-on valve
Fixing: Only with M12×1.5×33 mm spherical collar bolts supplied by the wheel manufacturer.
Tightening torque: 110 Nm
Balance weights: Only adhesive weights as used in MB production are permitted.

H. Information for ordering replacement parts

Replacement parts up to 03/92

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**Note**

A set of wheel locking bolts (Part no.: B6 6 02 0200) can be supplied upon request.

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**Note**

A set of wheel locking bolts (Part no.: B6 6 40 8103) can be supplied upon request.