**MI 149** (1985) **MERCEDES-BENZ 280 GE**

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| © year on base: 1984 / 1992 (IC)  scale: 1:64 (cast on base)  length: 78mm  width: 32mm  height: 38mm  MATCHBOX lettering on base: bold italic in frame  additional lettering on base: none / INTERCOM CITY  company on base: MATCHBOX INT'L LTD.  number on base: none  cast license plate: none | plastic base & bullbar  plastic interior  plastic roof lights  black plastic wheels  plastic roof  plastic tow hook is part of interior |  |

| **#** | **body** | **base / bullbar** | **interior** | **windows** | **wheels** | **hubs** | **deco** | **roof** | **roof lights** | **grille logo** | **sub-var** | **note** | **cate** | **area** | **Mack #** | **Mack date** | **date** |
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| 01 | red | **smooth** black M | silver-gray | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | white RESCUE UNIT w/ checkers tampo | white | blue | **no** | x | #30 |  | ROW | 01 | 1985-09 | 1985 |
| 02 | red | textured black M | silver-gray | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | white RESCUE UNIT w/ checkers tampo | white | blue | **no** | (x) | #30 |  | ROW | 02 | 1985-09 | 1985 |
| 03 | red | textured black M | silver-gray | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | white RESCUE UNIT w/ checkers tampo | white | blue | yes | x | #30 |  | ROW | 03 | 1985-11 | 1985 |
| f01 | red | textured black M | silver-gray | **lt.** blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | white RESCUE UNIT w/ checkers tampo | white | blue | yes | (x) | #30 |  | ROW |  |  | 1986 |
| 04 | orange | textured black M | silver-gray | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | LUFTHANSA w/ checkers tampo | white | blue | yes | x | G-10 | G |  | 04 | 1986-08 | 1986 |
| 05 | white | textured black M | silver-gray | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | POLIZEI w/ checkers tampo | white | blue | yes | x | TP-117 | TP |  | 05 | 1987-04 | 1987 |
| 06a | white | textured black M | silver-gray | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | POLIZEI, green doors & hood tampo **w/ white details on hood** | white | blue | yes | x | #30 |  | ROW | 06 | 1988-04 | 1988 |
| 06b | white | textured black M | silver-gray | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | POLIZEI, green doors & hood tampo | white | blue | yes | x | #30 |  | ROW |  |  | 1989 |
| 15 | white | textured black **T** | silver-gray | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | POLIZEI, green doors & hood tampo | white | blue | yes | x, **oa** | #30 |  | ROW | 15 | 1990-11 | 1990 |
| 07 | red | textured black M | silver-gray | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | **yellow** RESCUE UNIT w/ checkers tampo | white | blue | yes | x | SB-150 MC-15 | MP MC | GB | 07 | 1988-11 | 1988 |
| 14 | red | textured black **T** | silver-gray | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | yellow RESCUE UNIT w/ checkers tampo | white | blue | yes | x | MC-15 | MC |  | 14 | 1990-11 | 1990 |
| 08 | olive green | textured black M | silver-gray | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | **black** | red cross in white circle w/ LS 2014 tampo | tan | blue | yes | x |  | CF |  | 08 | 1989-06 | 1989 |
| 09 | white | textured orange M | silver-gray | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | black checkers w/ orange cross, AMBULANCE tampo | orange | blue | yes | x | MC-9 | MC |  | 09 | 1989-07 | 1989 |
| 16 | white | textured lt. orange **T** | silver-gray | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | black checkers w/ orange cross, AMBULANCE tampo | dk. orange | blue | yes | x | MC-9 | MC |  | 16 | 1990-12 | 1990 |
| 11 | white | textured black M | none | black | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | AUTO RESCUE 6 / 24 HOURS TOWING tampo | white | green | yes | x |  | LT |  | 11 | 1990-05 | 1990 |
| 12 | red | textured black M | none | black | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | FIRE METRO AIRPORT tampo | red | red | yes | x |  | LT |  | 12 | 1990-05 | 1990 |
| 13 | navy blue | textured black M | none | black | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | SWAT UNIT TEAM SUPPORT tampo | navy blue | red | yes | x |  | LT |  | 13 | 1990-05 | 1990 |
| 17 | white | textured black T | silver-gray | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | LUFTHANSA tampo | white | blue | yes | x | SB-813 | MP | ROW | 17 | 1991-07 | 1991 |
| 18 | fluor. orange | textured black T | silver-gray | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | AUTO RESCUE 24 HOURS TOWING, black stripes tampo | white | blue | yes | x | #30 |  | ROW | 18 | 1992-05 | 1992 |
| 20 | fluor. orange | textured black T (**IC**) **without bullbar** | silver-gray | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | dk. blue & white POLICE 12 & INTERCOM CITY tampo | white | blue | yes | x |  | IC |  | 20 | 1993-09 | 1993 |
| 19a | white | textured fluor. orange T | silver-gray | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | dk. blue MARINE RESCUE & blue checkers tampo | fluor. orange | blue | yes | x | EM-75 | EM |  | 19 | 1994-04 | 1994 |
| 19b | white | textured fluor. orange T | silver-gray | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | **med.** blue MARINE RESCUE & blue checkers tampo | fluor. orange | blue | yes | x | TP-131 | TP |  |  |  | 1994 |
| 21 | fluor. orange | textured black T | silver-gray | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | white hood w/ anchor, RESCUE & blue checkers tampo | white | blue | yes | x | #30 |  | ROW | 21 | 1995-03 | 1995 |
| 22 | lemon | textured black C | none | black | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | BEACH PATROL UNIT 2 tampo | white | green- yellow | yes | x |  | LT |  | 22 | 1996-08 | 1996 |
| 23 | red | textured black C | none | black | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | gold FIRE DEPT. & MB RESCUE UNIT tampo | white | red | yes | x |  | LT |  | 23 | 1996-08 | 1996 |
| 26 | **dk.** red | textured black C | none | black | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | gold FIRE DEPT. & MB RESCUE UNIT tampo | white | red | yes | x | Avon | LT | USA | 26 | 1998-12 | 1998 |
| 25 | red | textured black C | none | black | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | **silver** FIRE DEPT. & MB RESCUE UNIT tampo | **gray** | red | yes | x |  | LT | USA | 25 | 1998-04 | 1998 |
| 24 | yellow | textured black C | none | black | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | CONSTRUCTION FOREMAN, black stripes tampo | black | green- yellow | yes | x |  | LT | USA | 24 | 1998-04 | 1998 |
| 27 | beige | textured black C | none | black | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | dk. green stripes tampo | dk. green | green- yellow | yes | x | Avon | LT | USA | 27 | 1998-12 | 1998 |
| 28 | white | textured green C **#** | white | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | POLIZEI, green doors & hood tampo | green | blue | yes | a, c | #25 |  | D | 28 | 1999-07 | 1999 |
| 29 | silver- gray | textured black C **#** | black | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | red stripe, fish logo, MARINE RESEARCH tampo | black | blue | yes | a | Sea Explorer | 5P | USA | 29 | 1999-09 | 1999 |
| 31 | silver- gray | textured black C | black | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | red stripe, fish logo, MARINE RESEARCH tampo | black | blue | yes | x | Sea Explorer | 5P | USA | 31 | 2000-02 | 2000 |
| 30 | silver- gray | textured black C **#** | black | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | red stripe, fish logo tampo (**no text**) | black | blue | yes | b | Sea Explorer | 5P | ROW | 30 | 2000-01 | 1999 |
| 34 | silver- gray | textured black C | black | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | red stripe, fish logo tampo (**no text**) | black | blue | yes | x | Sea Explorer | 5P | ROW | 34 | 2000-08 | 2000 |
| 32 | red | textured black C | black | amber | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | MISSION 1 tampo, **MB2000** on windshield | black | amber | yes | x | #40 |  | USA | 32 | 2000-05 | 2000 |
| 33 | red | textured black C | black | amber | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | MISSION 1 tampo | black | amber | yes | x | #40 / 25 |  |  | 33 | 2000-05 | 2000 |
| 35 | white | textured black C **#** | black | blue | 8 sp conc 11x5.5mm | silver | blue hood, TEST CENTRE tampo | blue | blue | yes |  |  | LP |  | 35 | 2000-12 | 2000 |
| 36 | silver- gray | textured black C | black | blue | **7 sp sawbl** 12x5mm | silver | S.O.S. & design tampo | red | blue | yes | x | S.O.S. | 5P |  | 36 | 2001-09 | 2001 |
| 37 | white | textured lt. blue C | black | amber | 7 sp sawbl 12x5mm | silver | POLICE 82167, blue & red stripes tampo | lt. blue | amber | yes |  |  | PS |  | 37 | 2001-09 | 2001 |
| 38 | white | textured blue C | blue | amber | 7 sp sawbl 12x5mm | silver | METRO 7 tampo | blue | amber | yes | x |  | LP |  | 38 | 2001-10 | 2001 |
| 39 | met. red | textured black C | black | amber | 7 sp sawbl 12x5mm | silver | MTN RESCUE tampo | black | amber | yes | x | #63 |  | GB | 39 | 2001-11 | 2001 |
| 40a | dk. yellow | textured black C | black | blue | 7 sp sawbl 12x5mm | silver | BEACH PATROL / S.C.U.B.A. tampo | blue | blue | yes | x | Beach Buggies | 5P |  | 40 | 2002-03 | 2002 |
| 40b | **lt.** yellow | textured black C | black | blue | 7 sp sawbl 12x5mm | silver | BEACH PATROL / S.C.U.B.A. tampo | blue | blue | yes | x | Beach Buggies | 5P |  |  |  | 2002 |

**USA codes:**

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| **MB 30-F** | **MB 40-L** |  |  |

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| **ROW numbers:** | **30** (1985-1996) | **25** (2000) |  |
| **USA numbers:** | **40** (2000) |  |  |
| **Other numbers:** | **J 97** (1985-1987) | **D 25** (1999) | **GB 63** (2001) |

**NOTES:**

**Roof lights are cast with window glazing except on Lasertronics issues.**

**White roofs are prone to fading to cream.**

**SUB-VARIATIONS:**

| **code** | **batch number location** |
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| a | below 280 GE (BJ) |
| b | above year (BJ) |
| c | above LTD. (BJ) |
| x | no batch number |

**ODDITIES:**

| **code** | **description** |
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| oa | roof color faded to cream |

**Previous ref.: none**

**Later ref.: ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ MW 149 MERCEDES-BENZ 280 GE**