



# PARTS NEWS

## BODY TRIM

Some body parts, like this trunk surround trim, could probably be plastic-welded if cracked or gouged, but you'll never get them to look or work they way they did originally. It is surprising how much perceived difference there can be, especially in an area you see or touch frequently, between a repair that just functions and a repair that restores the fit and feel the vehicle had in the first place. 'Original Parts' and 'Proven Quality' are what the words on the box mean, and those are the real standards. Such parts are seldom prohibitively expensive, even for vehicles built in limited numbers some time ago. It's always good practice to check with your genuine Mercedes-Benz parts supplier for availability and cost. You may not be too amazed to find how quickly they can deliver specific components to your shop, but you could be surprised to find how competitive that delivery is.



## FLUIDS

There are some supplies like the automatic transmission fluid pictured, or power steering fluid, antifreeze and others, supplies you can find someone ready to sell you by the tankcar-load at about the price of bottled water and with the claim of OEM-equivalent quality. And it's true Mercedes-Benz does not refine their own ATF or power steering oil, nor do they blend their antifreeze.

So what are you getting with oils and fluids from Mercedes-Benz? You're getting our skills and experience testing these products and our required manufacturing standards for the finished chemicals. The blenders and refiners do not want to lose the Mercedes-Benz label on the bottle in a random test, so they see to it that all of the fluids meet those stringent Mercedes-Benz standards.

