**MI 205** (1989) **Mercedes TV NEWS TRUCK**

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| © year on base: 1989 / 1992 (IC)  scale: 1:73 (cast on base / not cast on base)  length: 74mm  width: 29mm  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  no interior  black plastic wheels with silver hubs |  |

| **#** | **body** | **base** | **windows** | **wheels** | **deco** | **roof** | **roof units** | **grille** | **sub-var** | **note** | **cate** | **area** | **Mack #** | **Mack date** | **date** |
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| 01 | dk. blue | black **M** | frosted amber | dot dash 9.5x4mm | 75 NEWS, MB TV MOBILE ONE tampo | silver-gray | orange | A | a, b | #68 / 73 |  |  | 01 | 1989-11 | 1989 |
| 02 | dk. blue | black T | frosted amber | dot dash 9.5x4mm | 75 NEWS; MB TV MOBILE ONE tampo | silver-gray | orange | A | b | #68 / 73 |  |  | 02 | 1990-10 | 1990 |
| 03 | dk. blue | black T | frosted amber | dot dash 9.5x4mm | 75 NEWS, MB TV MOBILE ONE tampo | silver-gray | **pale** orange | A | a, b | #68 / 73 |  |  | 03 | 1991-07 | 1991 |
| 04 | white | white T | frosted amber | dot dash 9.5x4mm | none | white | orange | A | b |  | GF |  | 04 | 1991-09 | 1991 |
| 06 | white | white T | frosted amber | dot dash 9.5x4mm | none | white | **brown** | A | b |  | GF |  | 06 | 1994-04 | 1994 |
| 05a | white | black T | **frosted** blue | dot dash 9.5x4mm | SKY SATELLITE TV tampo | dk. blue | white | A | a, b | #68 / 73 |  |  | 05 | 1991-09 | 1991 |
| 05b | white | black T | blue | dot dash 9.5x4mm | SKY SATELLITE TV tampo | dk. blue | white | A | a, b | #73 |  | ROW |  |  | 1995 |
| 09 | white | black **C** | blue | dot dash 9.5x4mm | SKY SATELLITE TV tampo | dk. blue | white | A | a, b | #73 / 3 |  | ROW | 09 | 1996-09 | 1996 |
| 07 | white | black T | blue | dot dash 9.5x4mm | ROCK TV, blk. grille tampo | dk. blue | white | A | a, b | #68 / 73 |  |  | 07 | 1993-06 | 1993 |
| 08 | white | black T (**IC**) | blue | dot dash 9.5x4mm | INTERCOM CITY TV tampo | dk. blue | white | A | a |  | IC |  | 08 | 1993-09 | 1993 |
| 10 | **lt.** yellow | red C | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | MB CABLE TV tampo | black | red | A |  | City Streets | 5P |  | 10 | 1997-04 | 1997 |
| 11 | dk. yellow | red C | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | MB CABLE TV tampo | black | red | A | a, b | City Streets | 5P | USA | 11 | 1997-12 | 1997 |
| 18 | dk. yellow | red C | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | MB CABLE TV tampo | black | red | **B** | a, b | City Streets | 5P | USA | 18 | 1999-02 | 1999 |
| 12 | white | red C | amber | dot dash 9.5x4mm | WORLD CUP TELEVISION tampo | blue | dk. red | B | a, b | World Cup Soccer | 5P |  | 12 | 1998-05 | 1998 |
| 15 | white | **blue** C | **blue** | dot dash 9.5x4mm | WORLD CUP TELEVISION tampo | blue | **white** | B | a, b | Adv. Pack | TP | ROW | 15 | 1998-10 | 1998 |
| 13 | black | dk. gray C | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | MISSION IMPOSSIBLE tampo | black | dk. gray | B | a, b |  | STR | USA | 13 | 1998-07 | 1998 |
| 26 | black | dk. gray C **#** | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | MISSION IMPOSSIBLE tampo | black | dk. gray | B | aa |  | STR | USA | 26 | 2000-08 | 2000 |
| 14 | blue | dk. gray C | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | **lt.** yellow TV 6 tampo | yellow | lime | B | a, b | #3 |  | ROW | 14 | 1998-07 | 1998 |
| 17 | blue | dk. gray C | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | dk. yellow TV 6 tampo | yellow | lime | B | a | #3 |  | ROW | 17 | 1998-11 | 1998 |
| 20 | blue | dk. gray C **#** | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | dk. yellow TV 6 tampo | yellow | lime | B | aa, ba | #3 |  | ROW | 20 | 1999-06 | 1999 |
| 16 | black | red C | amber | dot dash 9.5x4mm | MB CHANNEL 4 tampo | red | white | B | a, b | Around Town | 5P |  | 16 | 1998-10 | 1998 |
| f08 | orange | red C (screw) | amber | dot dash 9.5x4mm | Chinese lettering tampo | blue | dk. red | B | b | Ovaltine | PR | CN |  |  | 1998 |
| f09 | orange | red C (screw) | amber | dot dash 9.5x4mm | Chinese lettering tampo | **black** | dk. red | B | a | Ovaltine | PR | CN |  |  | 1998 |
| 21a | brt. blue | lt. gray C **#** (**white #**) | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | SUPER RTL LIVE! tampo | red | lt. gray | B | aa, ba | #67 |  | D | 21 | 1999-07 | 1999 |
| 21b | brt. blue | **med.** gray C **#** (black #) | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | SUPER RTL LIVE! tampo | red | **med.** gray | B | bc | #67 |  | D |  |  | 1999 |
| 21c | brt. blue | lt. gray C **#** (black #) | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | SUPER RTL LIVE! tampo | red | lt. gray | B | aa, ba | #67 / 39 |  | D |  |  | 1999 |
| 22a | maroon | black C **#** | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | INTERGALACTIC RESEARCH tampo | black | silver-gray | B | aa, ba | #62 / 57 |  |  | 22 | 1999-08 | 1999 |
| 22b | **dk.** maroon | black C **#** | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | INTERGALACTIC RESEARCH tampo | black | silver-gray | B | ac, bc | #62 / 57 |  |  |  |  | 1999 |
| f01 | white | gray C | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | **none** | yellow | lime | B | a | ASAP | BLK | USA |  |  | 1999 |
| 32 | white | black C **#** | blue | dot dash 9.5x4mm | **none** | black | white | B | aa | ASAP | BLK | USA | 32 | 2001-10 | 2001 |
| 24 | black | black C **#** | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | ACTION TV / football tampo | yellow | yellow | B | aa, ba | On the Job | 5P | USA | 24 | 2000-01 | 1999 |
| 25 | black | black C **#** | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | ACTION TV / **soccer** ball tampo | yellow | yellow | B | aa, ba | Jobs | 5P | ROW | 25 | 2000-04 | 2000 |
| 27 | lime | black C **#** | dk. smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | XTREME MISSION tampo | black | silver-gray | B | aa, ad, ba, bd | Storm Trackers | 5P |  | 27 | 2000-08 | 2000 |
| 28 | white | black C **#** | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | globe & satellite design tampo | black | red | B | aa, bb | FAO Schwarz | MP | USA | 28 | 2000-10 | 2000 |
| 31 | silver-gray | black C **#** | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | NEWS AT NOON tampo, **MB2000** on windshield | black | silver-gray | B | ad, bd | #98 |  | USA | 31 | 2001-01 | 2000 |
| 30 | silver-gray | black C **#** | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | NEWS AT NOON tampo | black | silver-gray | B | aa, ad, ba, bd | #98 |  | USA | 30 | 2001-01 | 2000 |
| f06 | silver-gray | black C **#** | **blue** | dot dash 9.5x4mm | NEWS AT NOON tampo | black | silver-gray | B |  | #98 |  | USA |  |  | 2000 |
| 33 | dk. blue | black C **#** | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | STORM WATCH tampo | black | black | B | ad, bd | #70 |  |  | 33 | 2001-12 | 2001 |
| 35 | dk. blue | black C **#** | smoke | **5 arch** 11x3.5mm | STORM WATCH tampo | black | black | B |  | #70 |  |  | 35 | 2002-03 | 2001 |
| 38 | lavender | black C **#** | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | CHANNEL 24 MISSOURI tampo | blue-gray | blue-gray | B | bd | MO 024 var. SM | AM | USA | 38 | 2002-05 | 2002 |

**CODE 2 ISSUES:**

| **#** | **body** | **base** | **windows** | **wheels** | **deco** | **roof** | **roof units** | **grille** | **donor #** | **sub-var** | **note** | **cate** | **area** | **Mack #** | **Mack date** | **date** |
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| 23 | white | gray C | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | ACTION NEWS 6 tampo (blue & red, sides) | yellow | lime | B | f01 | b |  | ASAP | USA | 23 | 2000-01 | 1999 |
| f05 | white | gray C | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | AMERICAN INT'L RECOVERY tampo (black, sides) | yellow | lime | B | f01 |  |  | ASAP | USA |  |  |  |
| f11 | white | gray C | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | BISYS INSURANCE SERVICES tampo (red, sides) | yellow | lime | B | f01 |  |  | ASAP | USA |  |  |  |
| f07 | white | black C **#** | blue | dot dash 9.5x4mm | CN8 / COMCAST NETWORK tampo (black & red, sides) | black | white | B | 32 |  |  | ASAP | USA |  |  |  |
| f10 | white | gray C | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | DCC / DANA COMM. CREDIT tampo (dk. blue, sides) | yellow | lime | B | f01 |  |  | ASAP | USA |  |  |  |
| f04 | white | black C **#** | blue | dot dash 9.5x4mm | ETC tampo (green & gold, sides) | black | white | B | 32 | aa |  | ASAP | USA |  |  |  |
| 29 | white | gray C | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | FOX 8 WJW CLEVELAND tampo (blue, sides) | yellow | lime | B | f01 |  |  | ASAP | USA | 29 | 2001-01 |  |
| f02 | white | black C **#** | blue | dot dash 9.5x4mm | FOX 8 WJW CLEVELAND tampo (blue, sides) | black | white | B | 32 |  |  | ASAP | USA |  |  |  |
| f03 | white | gray C | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | NEWSCHANNEL 5 tampo (red, sides) | yellow | lime | B | f01 |  |  | ASAP | USA |  |  |  |
| 19 | white | gray C | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | RCA tampo (red, sides) | yellow | lime | B | f01 | a |  | ASAP | USA | 19 | 1999-05 | 1999 |
| f12 | white | gray C | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | SC LOGIC tampo (black, sides) | yellow | lime | B | f01 |  |  | ASAP | USA |  |  |  |
| 48 | white | black C **#** | blue | dot dash 9.5x4mm | SONY / ROSCOR tampo (black, sides) | black | white | B | 32 |  |  | ASAP | USA | 48 | 2013-05 |  |
| f13 | white | gray C | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | SPIRIT 6 KOTV tampo (blue & red, left side only) | yellow | lime | B | f01 |  |  | ASAP | USA |  |  |  |
| f14 | white | gray C | smoke | dot dash 9.5x4mm | THE WHITLOCK GROUP / SONY / JVC tampo (black, sides) | yellow | lime | B | f01 |  |  | ASAP | USA |  |  |  |
| 47 | white | black C **#** | blue | dot dash 9.5x4mm | THIRTEEN WNET NEW YORK tampo (black, sides) | black | white | B | 32 |  |  | ASAP | USA | 47 | 2012-11 |  |

**PRE-PRODUCTIONS:**

| **#** | **body** | **base** | **windows** | **wheels** | **deco** | **roof** | **roof units** | **grille** | **prod #** | **sub-var** | **note** | **cate** | **area** | **Mack #** | **Mack date** | **date** |
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| p01 | white | black T | frosted **amber** | dot dash 9.5x4mm | SKY SATELLITE TV tampo | dk. blue | white | A | 05a | a | #68 / 73 | P |  |  |  | 1991 |
| p02 | white | black T | frosted amber | dot dash 9.5x4mm | INDY RACING NETWORK tampo | silver-gray | pale orange | A |  | a |  | P IN | USA |  |  | 1992 |

**USA codes:**

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| **MB 68-G** | **MB 73-D** |  |  |

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| **ROW numbers:** | **73** (1989-1997) | **3** (1998) | **57** (1999) | **70** (2001) |
| **USA numbers:** | **68** (1989-1994) | **62** (1999) | **98** (2000) | **70** (2001) |
| **Other numbers:** | **D 67** (1999) | **D 39** (2000) |  |  |

**NOTES:**

**This model was assigned the number M280 for use as an ASAP promotional.**

**Version 38: regular issues had "Mattel, Inc." cast on their bases (⇒ ⇒ ⇒ MW 205); only a few were issued with "MATCHBOX INT'L LTD" bases.**

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| **Grille types:** | **A** | **Mercedes star logo on grille** |
|  | **B** | **dot on grille** |

**SUB-VARIATIONS:**

| **code** | **base © date** | **batch number location** |
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| a | close to MB logo | no batch number |
| aa | close to MB logo | at rear (bottom towards front) (BJ) |
| ab | close to MB logo | at rear (bottom towards rear) (BJ) |
| ac | close to MB logo | below crank shaft (EA) |
| ad | close to MB logo | on muffler (EA) |
| b | far from MB logo | no batch number |
| ba | far from MB logo | at rear (bottom towards front) (BJ) |
| bb | far from MB logo | at rear (bottom towards rear) (BJ) |
| bc | far from MB logo | below crank shaft (EA) |
| bd | far from MB logo | on muffler (EA) |

**Previous ref.: none**

**Later ref.: ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ MW 205 Mercedes TV NEWS TRUCK**