

Instrument Cluster Message for Active Emergency Stop Assist not active/Active Lane Keep Assist

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Function group	46.10 - Steering wheel, jacket tube, steering shaft, steering lock
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Reason for change	Updated remedy

Complaint

Hand detection system not operating correctly / vehicles with code 266

Fault message in instrument cluster:

"Active Emergency Stop Assist not available"

"Active Lane Keeping Assist not available"

Cause

Possible causes: the hand detection mat, the hand detection control unit, the contacts and the steering wheel harness.

Remedy

Test Procedure:

Perform an initial quick test with freeze frame data. Save the N179 - Hand detection system (HE) and N62/4 - Driver assistance system (SG-FAS) control unit logs. Note the fault frequency of fault codes set.

Delete the N179 and N62/4 fault memory.

Test:

Please flash the IDC (N62/4) software A223 902 75 37 (only applies to HOSWD223).

Erase fault memory

Reset the HOSWD control unit in line with the guided test in Xentry.

Using both hands, "scan" the steering wheel all the way round, including the chrome molding at 6 o'clock (see Picture 1).

Read out fault memory and follow steps below for any faults set.

Remedy:

Switch on ignition without touching the steering wheel.

If after 10 seconds without touching the steering wheel, one of the two fault messages appears in the IC:

Please check contacts and feed lines in the steering wheel by means of visual inspection for damage, crimped connections, loose connections, etc. (example in picture 2 and 3).

If there is visible damage -> replace steering wheel electronics or feed lines.

If there is no visible damage -> replace steering wheel rim.

If no yellow message appears in the instrument cluster within 10 seconds:

Please grab the steering wheel all the way round, including the 6 o'clock chrome molding, with both hands (see picture 1).

If the fault is triggered by grabbing the steering wheel rim or pressing on the 6 o'clock clasp, check contacts and feed lines in the steering wheel by means of visual inspection for damage, crimped connections, loose connections, etc. (example in picture 2 and 3). Check ground connections (screw connections and cable to steering wheel rim); if necessary tighten screws/bolts and check for corrosion (Picture 4).

If there is visible damage -> replace steering wheel electronics or feed lines.

If no defect is visible: Please do not replace the steering wheel, but wait for new coding parameters which should be available 05/2025.

Vehicles with control unit N179 - Hand detection system (HE):

B1E7614:

Check contacts and wiring harness in steering wheel by carrying out a visual check for damage, pinched areas, loose connections, etc. (examples in Figs. 2 and 3); If no damage is noted replace the N135 - Steering wheel electronics (LRE) and reassess. If fault code returns replace the steering wheel.

B1E7713:

Please check the wires and connections in the steering wheel. Afterwards, please check whether the complaint is caused by over torqued screws on steering wheel trim pieces. To do this, please loosen the screws slightly and re-evaluate the situation. (Picture 4).

P164456:

Perform SCN coding.

P1CA000:

Perform an initial start-up on the N179 hand detection control unit.

Faults in N62/4 - Driver assistance system (SG-FAS) control unit with U186B29, U0429E0, U042941, U042929, U042902, U0429E1:

If no fault is stored in the N179 control unit:

Scan steering wheel as indicated in the test procedure and check whether the fault is reproducible.

If no fault code is stored in the hand detection control unit, the fault codes in the driver assistance systems control unit are precautionary messages.

Software for the N62/4 - Driver assistance system (SG-FAS) is now available for Star 3 vehicles only.

Fault in IDC223 control unit:

U186B29:

Delete fault memory and flash the new IDC (N62/4) software A223 902 75 37. If the software update is not available, or the problem persists, create a TIPS case.

Fault in IDC213 control unit:

U0429E0, U042941, U042929, U042902, U0429E1:

If no fault is stored in the HOSWD control unit then scan the steering wheel and check whether the fault is reproducible.

If reproducible: Create a TIPS case, adding the note "reproducible".

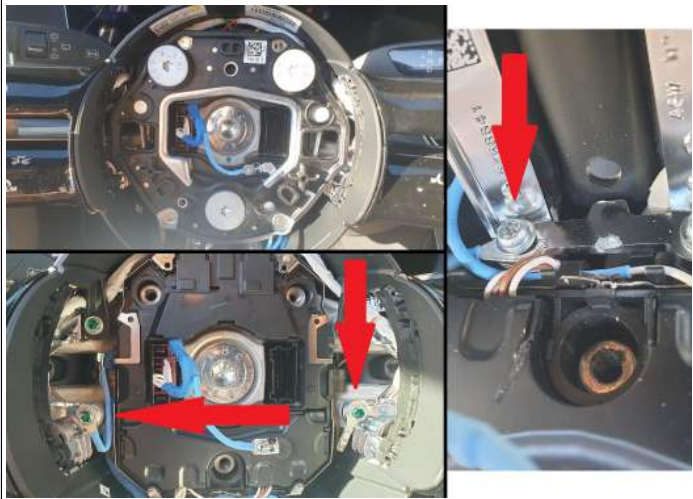
If no fault code is stored in the hand detection control unit, the fault codes in the driver assistance systems control unit are precautionary messages. If not reproducible: Please do not replace the steering wheel, but wait for new coding parameters which should be available 05/2025.

Attachments	
File	Description
Picture 1.PNG 	Picture 1 Hand Positions
Picture 2.PNG 	Picture 2 Harness damaged
Picture 3.PNG	Picture 3 Harness damaged



Picture 4.jpg

Picture 4 Screw connections



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Symptoms
Chassis/suspension > Brake system > Brakes/traction regulation system > Brake assist system BAS > Display message > Brake assist - not available
Lighting > Exterior lights > Driving lights > Adaptive Highbeam Assist > Warning message in instrument cluster

Communication/information > Assistance and warning systems > Active Steering Assist > Malfunction

Communication/information > Assistance and warning systems > Active Steering Assist > Warning message in instrument cluster

Control unit/fault code	
Control unit	Fault text
N179 - Hand detection system (HE) (HOSWD223)	P1CA000 - Initial startup was not performed. _ P164456 - An incorrect variant coding or configuration was detected. An incorrect or incompatible configuration was detected. B1F1F04 - Control unit 'Hand-detection system' has a malfunction. There is an internal fault. B1E7713 - The ground connection of the control unit 'Hand detection system' has a malfunction. There is an open circuit. B1E7614 - The sensor mat of the control unit 'Hand detection system' has a malfunction. There is a short circuit to ground or an open circuit.
N62/4 - Driver assistance system (SG-FAS) (IDC223)	U186B29 - Communication with control unit 'Hand detection system' has a malfunction. There is an invalid signal.
N179 - Hand detection system (HE) (HOSWD213)	P1CA000 - Initial startup was not performed. _ P164456 - An incorrect variant coding or configuration was detected. An incorrect or incompatible configuration was detected. B1F1F04 - Control unit 'Hand-detection system' has a malfunction. There is an internal fault. B1E7713 - The ground connection of the control unit 'Hand detection system' has a malfunction. There is an open circuit. B1E7614 - The sensor mat of the control unit 'Hand detection system' has a malfunction. There is a short circuit to ground or an open circuit.
N62/4 - Mercedes-Benz Intelligent Drive (SG-FAS) (IDC213)	U0429E1 - Implausible data were received from the steering column module. _ U042902 - Implausible data were received from the steering column module. There is a general signal fault. U042929 - Implausible data were received from the steering column module. There is an invalid signal. U042941 - Implausible data were received from the steering column module. There is a general checksum error. U0429E0 - Implausible data were received from the steering column module. _

Operation numbers/damage codes

XENTRY Tips

Op. no.	Operation text	Time	Damage code	Note
			46248GI	Steering wheel - faulty hand detection system
			46803	Hand detection control unit
			5983Z	Contacts/line, hand detection control unit