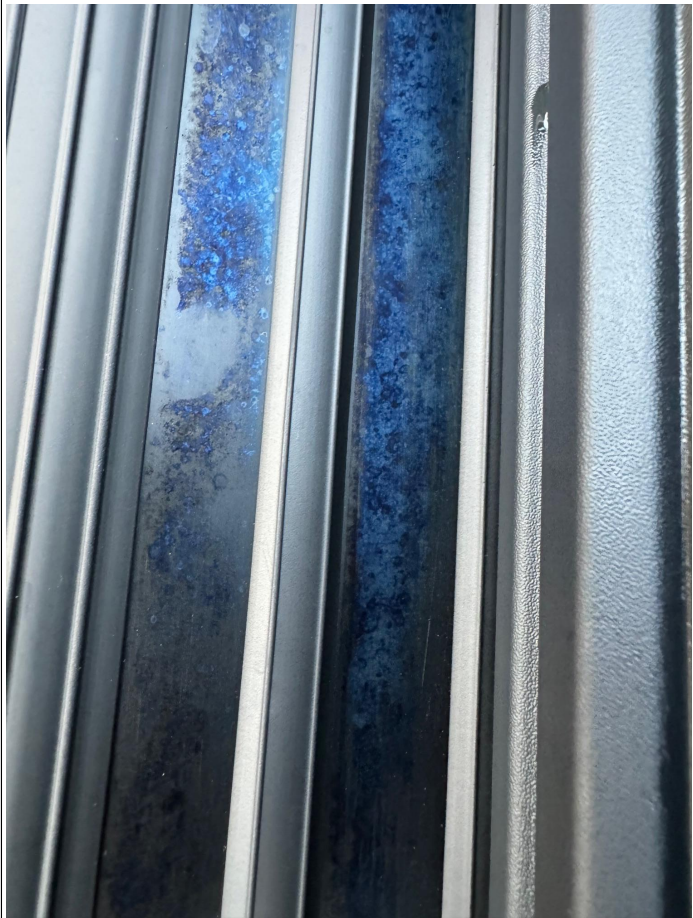


Running Board Staining or Discoloration – Black Finish (Night Package)

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Complaint

Customer reports discoloration, staining, or blotchy marks on the black running boards for vehicles equipped with Night Package (SA Code T86). The condition is cosmetic and may appear as uneven dark or bluish staining on the running board surface. (see Figure 1)

Attachments	
File	Description
IMG_0137.jpg	Figure 1
	

Cause

Discoloration is caused by environmental influences or the use of strongly alkaline cleaning agents. These substances can chemically affect the surface finish of the black running boards, resulting in visible staining.

Remedy

Polish the affected running board using Mercedes-Benz polishing paste A000 986 43 74.

- Buff the surface until staining is completely removed.

If the staining cannot be removed after polishing:

- Replace the running board (isolated cases only).

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Symptoms

Body > Body/Cab > Trim strip/cover > Cosmetic fault

Parts

Part number	ES1	ES2	Designation	Quantity	Note	EPC
A0009864374			Polishing paste	as needed	If not available, a commercially available chrome or metal polish may be utilized as an alternative	X

Operation numbers/damage codes

Op. no.	Operation text	Time	Damage code	Note
		H	88A3447	Left running board oxidized
		H	88N3447	Right running board oxidized