

Dear Steve,

I have driven my Freightliner over 80,000 miles and have had the opportunity to assess the overall performance of this 2004 CL 120 and I am very impressed. When deciding on what tractor to purchase, one must understand their needs and spec the tractor in line with those needs. Steve, that is where you were a major help to me. On your advice, I took a Mercedes Benz 450, Trans 13 speed, ratio 3.70 and a w/b 229.

I am doing long haul in the the U.S. and Canada, Toronto to California and British Columbia. Therefore you get to drive in or on all types of roads, hills and mountains.

I have, at truck stops, been challenged, 'why did you get a Mercedes?' And when given the opportunity to compare fuel mileage, I am at least equal or 10 – 15% better than other makes/models. I am averaging 6.4 to 6.7 miles per U.S. gallon, with an average speed of 63 miles per hour and an average load weight of 36,000 lbs. I not only get to the top of the major hills and not requiring down-shifting, I for the most part, am passing most tractors on the way up to the top with power to spare. What a delight and pleasant driving experience. Driving through Nebraska at 63 miles per hour, I am able to get 6.9 to 7.1 miles per U.S. Gallon. I would stack this performance up against any other makes out there.

I am not sure why some truckers feel their tractor must make a lot of noise when idling, many truckers can't believe how quiet my Mercedes is. I wished more makes were quiet when parked next to them and trying to sleep!

Constantly truckers can't believe my tractor is a 2004, they say it looks too good to be that old. I enjoy the performance, comfort and savings my 2004 Mercedes gives me. I hope you will share my experience with potential buyers and if they would like to talk to me I would be delighted to speak with them.

A very satisfied owner,

Don Kewley
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