



Mercedes-Benz

The Mercedes-Benz SLC

Press Information

Stylish roadster ideal for four-season driving

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More than twenty years after defining a new segment, the SLC continues to live up to its lineage.

Atlanta. The Mercedes-Benz SLC has an impressive heritage to live up to: its predecessor, the SLK, which launched in 1996, achieved sales of around 670,000 units. Comprehensively refined and with a model line-up from the sporty SLC300 to the high-performance Mercedes-AMG SLC43, the recently redesigned model has what it takes to build on that success. Both the SLC300 and AMG SLC43 feature the sporty yet comfort-oriented 9G-TRONIC automatic transmission as standard equipment.

Mercedes-Benz designers have further honed the roadster's sporty look. The front section, where the steeply raked radiator grille elongates the appearance of the arrow-shaped hood, is particularly striking. All SLC models feature a diamond radiator grille as standard.

“Driving Performance” is the AMG brand promise and the Mercedes-AMG SLC43 lives up to it in impressive style. The new model combines a 362 hp, 384 lb-ft, 3.0L V6 biturbo engine with a modified version of the AMG sport suspension and the combination is reflected in the sporty performance figures, with the SLC43 accelerating from 0 to 60 mph in 4.6 seconds.

For 2018, the SLC will offer two special appearance packages: the SLC RedArt Edition on the SLC300 and the SLC Performance Studio RedArt on the AMG SLC43.

Comfort appointments: vario-roof now even easier to operate

The SLC's vario-roof combines open-top driving pleasure with uncompromised comfort in poor weather. Operating the electrohydraulic roof is now even more

straightforward. If, when opening or closing the roof, the vehicle has to move due to the traffic conditions, the process can be continued up to a speed of approximately 25 mph. Another new feature is the standard automatic trunk separator. If the separator is in the upper position for increased trunk capacity, it automatically moves down when the roof is opened.

Even with the top down, optional features ensure that the SLC is able to offer the perfect on-board climate. These features include heated seats and AIRSCARF®, the neck-level heating system for the driver and front passenger, ideally in combination with the standard draft-stop. The small side window behind the door can now also be closed separately when the top is down, reducing wind noise.

The standard panorama roof is optionally available with MAGIC SKY CONTROL®. This helps provide an open-air feeling at any time, but also gives welcome shade under a hot sun when required.

Infotainment: extended functions for COMAND

As a control and display system for navigation, phone, audio, video and internet, the COMAND® infotainment system offers a range of features including a 7" screen, hard disc navigation, internet access, Bluetooth® and more. Apple Carplay and Android Auto are optionally available.

Exterior design: diamond grille and LED Headlamps

A steeply raked diamond-pin radiator grille elongates the appearance of the arrow-shaped hood. The front bumper features striking air intakes, dynamically modelled contours, high-quality chrome trim at the lower edge, and distinctive headlamps. The LED daytime running lamps are integrated into the headlamp units. The lenses are made from clear polycarbonate and have a scratchproof coating. With the optional Dynamic LED Headlamps, the edges and other parts of the headlamp housing are finished in black, conveying a high-level of perceived quality and an effective sense of depth.

The side view of the SLC reveals the typical features of a roadster with a long hood, a passenger compartment that is set back and a short rear. The silhouette is defined by the gently rising beltline and the sweeping curve of the roof, the powerfully molded wheel arches, sporty 17" to 18" light-alloy wheels and the ventilation grilles in the front wing.

The interior: larger display and electroplated control elements

The interior of the post-facelift SLC has an even higher-quality look. Highlights include aluminum trim parts with a carbon fiber finish and a newly redesigned instrument cluster. The two tubular instrument surrounds now feature black dials. Red needles also add to the sporty, contemporary design.

A large, multifunction, color display with a screen diagonal of 4.5-inches is incorporated between the two dials as standard. The display between the two ventilation outlets in the center console has a diagonal of 7 inches. The screen surround is finished in high-gloss black.

The new-generation sport steering wheel with perforation in the grip area, and the new DIRECT SELECT lever embossed with SLC, help create a sporty, refined feel. A new 3-spoke multifunction steering wheel in Nappa leather/DINAMICA microfiber is available as an option on the SLC43. The rim is flattened at the lower edge, the central grip area is trimmed with DINAMICA microfiber, and it features contrasting topstitching in red plus silver chrome trim and shift paddles.

The leather appointments have also been revised. The leather upholstery (which offers sun-reflective technology) features a new perforated design on the shoulder area of the seats, while the Nappa leather seats now feature transverse fluting in the selected appointments color. The piping and topstitching are in a contrasting color.

Additionally, optional ambient lighting has been extended to the footwell, creating a more generous sense of space.

AMG SLC43: the entry in to the AMG world of roadsters

High driving dynamics and low fuel consumption are not necessarily mutually exclusive, evidenced by the new Mercedes-AMG SLC43. Thanks to the combination of a 3.0L V6 biturbo engine and an AMG-enhanced 9G-TRONIC transmission, the SLC43 is the most efficient six-cylinder performance roadster on the market. The specially developed suspension and model-specific mountings for the engine and rear-axle gear unit are designed for high lateral acceleration and low roll. Even greater driving dynamics are optionally available with the AMG RIDE CONTROL suspension with adaptive adjustable damping and the AMG Handling Package with mechanical limited-slip differential on the rear axle.

The 3.0L V6 biturbo engine offers impressive performance with its 362 hp maximum power and peak torque of 384 lb-ft: sprinting from 0 - 60 in 4.6 seconds, its top speed is electronically limited at 155 mph.

The AMG-enhanced 9G-TRONIC sport transmission is specially matched to the demands of the SLC43. By specifically adapting the software, the AMG developers have been able to significantly shorten the shift times. The multiple downshift allows even faster short bursts of speed, while the double-declutching function in the "Sport" and "Sport +" transmission modes makes for an even more emotive driving experience. In "Sport +" mode, partial ignition interruptions provide even faster gearshifts.

Typical AMG: an emotively appealing sound

The new SLC43 also meets the personal wishes of the driver when it comes to acoustics: the standard-fit sport exhaust system comes with two automatically map-controlled exhaust flaps. In the "Eco" and "Comfort" modes, the flaps remain closed most of the time, resulting in an acoustically restrained note from the six-cylinder Biturbo engine. In the "Sport" and "Sport +" modes, the exhaust flaps open earlier and more spontaneously, especially if the driver prefers a dynamic driving style. The effect: the typical, emotively appealing AMG engine sound. The statutory noise prevention limits are met in all transmission modes.

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