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The 2018 G-Class

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Atlanta. Since it was originally conceived in 1979 as a vehicle to be used primarily in tough off-road terrain, the G-Class has undergone an astounding evolution. Returning for the 2018 model year, the Mercedes-Benz G550 4x4² will again join the Mercedes-Benz family of SUVs in the United States. The 4x4² is the most capable G-Class ever, boasting innovative portal axles, three locking differentials, a ground clearance of more than 17" and a 4.0L V8 biturbo engine. The G550 4x4² is joined in the U.S. G-Class family by the G550, AMG G63 and AMG G65, which boasts a 6.0-liter V12 biturbo engine.

The G-Class today is considered the top model among luxury-class cross-country vehicles, and has provided the gene pool for other very successful SUVs built under the Mercedes-Benz brand. A comprehensive range of features ensures that this classic cross-country vehicle remains in a class of its own in the off-road sector.

These highlights include two powerful V8 biturbo engines for the G550 and AMG G63 and a handcrafted AMG V12 biturbo engine for the AMG G65, a significantly extended range of appointments, a luxurious interior and a few discreet external modifications that nevertheless manage to preserve the timeless, classic design – virtually unchanged since 1979 – that has made the G-Class a true automotive style icon.

Powered by a handcrafted AMG 6.0L V12 biturbo engine, the AMG G65 delivers 621 hp and 738 lb-ft. of torque, with an estimated 0-60 mph acceleration in 5.2 seconds. The G-Class is the only off-road vehicle in its class to combine the electronic traction system 4ETS with a transfer case and three 100% differential locks. The AMG G65 also offers exclusive interior upholstery and exterior paint options, a recently redesigned grille and 21-inch wheels. In addition to its exterior design, the G550 offers adjustable suspension.

New for the 2018 model year are several special G-Class configurations. The “Manufaktur Red and Black Edition” features a striking Magma Red paint with black accents. Inside, the interior features black *designo* leather with red topstitching. The “Mojave Package,” available on the G63 and G65 features *designo* Olive Magno paint with a two-toned Saddle Brown leather interior and carbon-fiber trim. The AMG Performance Studio package, available exclusively on the G63, features *designo* Monza Grey paint, two-tone Saddle Brown interior upholstery and numerous chrome and carbon-fiber trim accents, both inside and out.

The best just got better: The G550 4x4² is more capable than ever off road

The G500 4x4² offers unprecedented amounts of off-road capability, even in comparison with the G550. Unlike a conventional axle, the portal axles found on the 4x4² allow for axle input and the wheel center to be two drastically different heights. By utilizing a series of gears similar to those found in a transmission, power is transferred from the G-Class’ rigid axles downward to the wheel hub.

These portal axles have afforded the 4x4² the ability to off-road where even heavily-modified off-road vehicles wouldn’t dare thanks to massive ground clearance, fording depth, approach, departure and breakover angles.

Discreet exterior modifications, a complete look inside

The AMG G63 and AMG G65 versions feature a characteristic AMG radiator grille with double louvers, plus distinctive bumpers with large air intakes. Red brake calipers and 20- or 21-inch wheels complement the appeal of its exterior.

The instrument panel and center console have modern controls and are generously proportioned, with exclusively designed trim elements. These give the interior of the SUV a fresh, premium look. Drivers benefit from a color display in the instrument cluster between the two round gauges. A large color screen, conveniently positioned in the center, is part of the COMAND system and incorporates the standard COMAND Controller.

The interior of the G-Class is characterized by high-quality appointments finished with exquisite materials, and the instrument cluster has been completely redesigned. The driver is greeted by a color instrument cluster display between two round dials. Other standard features include the latest COMAND infotainment system featuring mbrace2, including a navigation system and internet access. Standard safety features include the addition of Blind Spot Assist, the parking aid

PARKTRONIC and the adaptive cruise control system DISTRONIC PLUS. The AMG G63 with a handcrafted AMG 5.5L V8 biturbo engine and the ECO stop/start system as standard continue to dominate the model mix in the USA.

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Superior off-roader

The technical qualities of the G-Class continue to be highly prized. The tremendous torque of its engines makes the luxury off-roader an excellent vehicle for towing, while its three electrically controlled 100-percent differential locks, ladder frame and rigid axle characteristics make it an unrivaled proposition in rough, off-road terrain.

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