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Multi-talented Mercedes-Benz GLA Adds Upgraded Tech and Options for 2017

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Atlanta. With its progressive design, comfortable everyday driving, off road capability and versatility, the Mercedes-Benz GLA is a decidedly progressive interpretation of the compact SUV. The 2017 GLA delivers new infotainment features, user technology and additional standard amenities. The GLA is part of an extensive Mercedes-Benz SUV portfolio that includes the new GLS (formerly GL), midsize GLC, the GLE (formerly ML-Class) and iconic G-Class and gives the company the widest SUV range of any European premium manufacturer. The first Mercedes-Benz in the fast-growing compact SUV segment, the GLA is highly maneuverable around town, lively on country roads and athletic and efficient on the highway. The GLA's flexible interior offers a generous luggage compartment that can be loaded easily thanks to the standard power liftgate, wide cargo opening and low loading sill.

Turbocharged Performance, Dual-Clutch Automatic Transmission

The GLA250's 2.0L inline-4 turbo engine uses direct fuel injection and an ECO Start/Stop function to conserve fuel. This high-spirited powerplant generates 208 hp and 258 lb-ft of torque and is exclusively teamed to a 7-speed DCT dual-clutch transmission. The combination allows the GLA250 to accelerate from zero to 60 mph in 7.2 seconds, yet also returns up to 38-mpg highway fuel economy.

The GLA250 comes standard with front-wheel drive and available with a new generation of 4MATIC all-wheel drive. Equipped with 4MATIC, the GLA can tackle rough terrain in and away from the urban landscape, including the beach, loose ground and unpaved roads.

The high-performance AMG GLA45, which comes standard with AMG® Performance 4MATIC, is exclusively equipped with a handcrafted AMG 2.0L inline-4 turbo engine producing 375 hp and 350 lb-ft. The AMG GLA45 can accelerate from zero to 60 mph in 4.3 seconds.

New for 2017

For 2017, the GLA debuts a new, larger 8-inch slim-line display (vs. 7-inch previously) as part of the Multimedia package and new instrument cluster. The media interface includes pre-wiring for Garmin® MAP PILOT® navigation, HD voice for compatible mobile devices and Android Auto smartphone integration.

Underscoring its premium positioning, the GLA250 gains several standard amenities for 2017, including standard Remote Start as part of the mbrace® app. Standard KEYLESS-START, power liftgate and DYNAMIC SELECT offers drivers increased comfort and convenience. DYNAMIC SELECT allows the driver to customize their ride by choosing from four performance modes: "Comfort," "ECO," "Sport" and "Sport+."

Mercedes-Benz reconfigured GLA option packages for 2017 as well. New to the Premium Package are Blind Spot Assist and a rearview camera, providing 180-degree view functionality. The new Convenience Package now offers a garage door opener, compass and auto-dimming mirrors.

The new Lunar Blue metallic paint option has also been added for 2017. The optional Interior Package includes ambient lighting, leather upholstery and sport seats with integrated headrests. The optional Night Package, available in conjunction with the Sport Package—with AMG body styling—adds a custom look with gloss black exterior trim and 19-inch black AMG wheels.

Also new for 2017 is the AMG DINAMICA Interior Package, which includes an AMG Performance Steering Wheel in DINAMICA and black DINAMICA trim.

The Look of SUVs to Come

The GLA design conveys a youthful, sporty persona through a muscular stance and classic Mercedes-Benz cues. The low greenhouse, raised ride height and large wheel arches give the GLA an athletic stance. The prominent, confident, upright front end with a central star in the grille lends a muscular appeal and also shows a

kinship with the brand's coupes and sports cars. Powerdomes on the hood, for example, recall a similar feature on the classic Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing.

Optional Bi-Xenon headlamps with LED daytime running lights use tri-functional fiber optics to give the lights their characteristic nighttime signature. The standard fog lamps are integrated into the front bumper. A simulated skid plate and contrasting dark-gray sill panels emphasize the vehicle's rugged attitude. The panels begin low at the front bumper and provide protection against stone impacts.

The profile view likewise conveys the GLA's performance, capability and premium quality. The line of the beltline trim gradually rises from the rear door to the C-pillar. Impressions in the side panel are reminiscent of an excavator's teeth to accentuate the SUV character. The GLA features standard 18-inch wheels, with optionally available 19-inch wheels. Aluminum roof rails are standard.

Muscular rear haunches and the inward taper of the C-pillars give the GLA a wide, "planted" stance, an impression reinforced by curved rear window, roof spoiler, chrome garnish and silver-metallic skid plate.

Interior: Pure Luxury, Youthful Appeal

The GLA's muscular exterior theme continues into the cabin, which is highlighted by a contoured design and high-quality materials. Silver-shadow trim surfaces create a metallic finish with a "cool-touch" effect.

The dashboard features an upper and lower section, each with a different look and feel. Matte and glossy surface graining creates a 3D effect. The aluminum or wood dashboard trim dividing the sections is punctuated by five round air vents, each with a butterfly-shaped insert to vary the airflow. The available matte satin finish wood trim is especially elegant.

The large, freestanding central display—a Mercedes-Benz signature technology feature—has a high-gloss piano-black facing and a flush-fitting surround in silver-shadow. A 3-spoke steering wheel with 12 function switches and a silver spoke design is standard.

The choice of standard MB-Tex or optional leather upholstery, in numerous color combinations, allows plenty of scope for individualization. Sport front seats with integrated head restraints are available as part of the optional Interior Package. The seat design is highlighted by an opening in the lower section of the head restraint.

On the rear of the seats, the opening is framed by silver-shadow trim and illuminated by standard ambient lighting.

The Mercedes-Benz power seat controls are set into a metallic-look trim panel on the door. The door panels themselves, featuring soft, matte surfaces and a chrome trim strip, exude a premium feel usually not seen in compact SUVs.

Aerodynamics: Say Goodbye to the Box

The sleek shape of the GLA owes much to the wind tunnel, where optimization touched every surface, including the mirrors, as well as unseen features, such as seals in the front bumper in the radiator area and around the headlights. Extensive underbody paneling, and even an aerodynamically optimized muffler and diffuser, improve the airflow.

The excellent aerodynamics also contribute to cabin quietness, which is further ensured in the GLA by multi-level door seals, additional sealing of the gap between the tailgate and the roof and side seals on the tailgate. Especially rigid window frames prevent the airflow from pulling on the doors at higher speeds, and also reduce vibrations. Wind noise has also been minimized by the low-angle A-pillar and exterior mirrors mounted to the doors rather than the window corners.

Sporty Chassis for Sporty Moves

An especially rigid body structure provides the foundation for agile handling and a commendably smooth ride in the Mercedes-Benz GLA. There are additional reinforcements to the B-pillars, front damper domes, side members and underbody.

The GLA features a MacPherson front suspension, and its independent multilink rear suspension uses three control arms and one trailing arm per wheel. This arrangement separates longitudinal and lateral dynamics. The wheel carriers and control arms are aluminum to reduce unsprung weight. When equipped with 4MATIC, the rear axle subframe is isolated with rubber bushings to enhance ride comfort.

Electromechanical power steering provides excellent feedback to the driver and also plays a role in reducing fuel consumption, since assistance only requires energy when the vehicle is steered. The system also enables various steering assistance functions that are initiated by the ESP[®] control unit. These include countersteering when the vehicle oversteers, steering corrections when braking on

surfaces with different levels of grip, reducing the effects of front-wheel drive on the steering and compensation of cross-winds and road camber.

All-Weather Friend: New-Generation 4MATIC All-Wheel Drive

The GLA's new generation 4MATIC all-wheel drive system features fully variable torque distribution. The system can instantly send up to 50 percent of the engine's torque to the rear wheels in response to changing driving conditions. 4MATIC enhances traction in slippery situations, of course, but also provides even more grip for outstanding agility on all roads and in all weather.

The 7-speed DCT dual-clutch transmission integrates a power take-off to the rear differential, which uses an integrated, electro-hydraulically controlled multi-disc clutch. The system is lighter than some competitive vehicles' systems and also more energy-efficient.

Off-Road Action

The GLA250 4MATIC integrates the Off-Road Package, a suite of features designed to enhance performance on rough roads or rugged terrain. Downhill Speed Regulation (DSR) can automatically maintain a preset crawl speed. The touch of a button engages a mode that adapts the shift points, accelerator feedback, ESP® and ABS for off-road driving conditions. A display on the central in-dash screen can show steering angle, tilt angle, torque split, grade percentage and more.

Smart Safety: Advanced Assistance Systems

Standard features include Active Brake Assist with Hill-Start Assist, Automatic Brake Drying and a brake HOLD feature.

The optional Driver Assistance package also offers Distance Pilot DISTRONIC®, as well as Lane Keeping Assist for increased safety on the road.

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