

2001 A-class update

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Mercedes-Benz has added two new extended-wheelbase models to the A-class. The new vehicle is 170 mm longer than the regular version.

The updates at a glance:

Exterior:

- New-design bumpers front and rear, radiator grille now features four (previously three) ribs
- Side rub strips as standard
- Alloy rims for CLASSIC and ELEGANCE
- Front headlamps with new technology and state-of-the-art clear-plastic lenses, high-brilliance tail lights
- Door handles for ELEGANCE body-coloured with chrome trim
- Three new paintwork colours: mangrove green metallic, polar silver metallic and atoll blue metallic

Interior:

- New-design dashboard with high-quality finish
- New-design centre console with styling matched to the new transmission tunnel trim
- New-design door panel trim
- Three-spoke steering wheel with new design and larger rim cross-section
- Trim parts of high-grade wood in ELEGANCE
- A-pillars fabric-trimmed
- Handbrake lever with sliding cover
- Four accent colours: dark blue, quartz (only for ELEGANCE), chilli red and light slate grey

Ergonomics:

- Tailgate with new handle for convenient single-handed operation
- Steering wheel with height adjustment as standard
- Switches and controls on centre console conveniently placed
- Air recirculation now actuated by push-button (instead of previous sliding control)
- Air outlets with integrated thumb-wheels and higher efficiency
- Luggage cover rigid

Engineering:

- Latest-generation Electronic Stability Program (ESP®) and hydraulic Brake Assist C
- Air conditioning system with a new dew point sensor to measure air humidity, a refrigerant compressor with infinitely variable control and a more powerful evaporator
- Five-speed fan (previously four-speed)
- Heated windscreen washer system
- Windowbags C optionally available
- Rain sensor for windscreen wiper optionally available
- Automatically dimming interior mirror optionally available