

2012 Mercedes-Benz A-class - New design, More power

After the introduction of the A-class concept last year, Mercedes-Benz went ahead and started production of the new 2012 A-class model. It will be officially presented at the 2012 Geneva Motor Show.

Besides the new hatchback design, the company decided to add and a few more powerful engines. The new A-class will be offered with engines from 80 kW (109 hp) to 155 kW (211 hp) with emissions from just 99 g/CO₂/km. Along with the other pretty-nitty stuff, the standard equipment will also feature radar-based collision prevention system. Another standard feature is the Hill-Start assist system.

Although I am an Mercedes-Benz and A-class fan, I have to confess that at least to me, the new A-class looks a little bit like the BMW 1-Series from the outside.

{mosgoogle left} The 2012 Mercedes-Benz A-class will be offered with the total of 6 different engines. Buyers with petrol preference will choose from the 90 kW (115 hp) in the A 180 and 115 kW (156 hp) in the A 200 through to 155 kW (211 hp) in the A 250 while the ones that prefer diesel will choose from 80 kW (109 hp) in the A 180 CDI, 100 kW (136 hp) in A 200 CDI and 125 kW (170 hp) in A220 CDI model. All engines in the new A-Class feature the ECO start/stop function as standard. The engines can be combined either with the new six-speed manual transmission or, as an option, with the 7G-DCT dual-clutch automatic transmission.

Mercedes-Benz though about the power fans as well. The A 250 Sport and the A 220 CDI sport models, 'engineered by AMG', feature exclusive 18-inch AMG light-alloy wheels in a 5-spoke design with 235/40 R18 tyres and front axle and a suspension that has been configured to match.

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