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## **Major Facelift for Mercedes-Benz CLK-Class and New Additional Models "CLK 350" and "CLK 55 AMG"**

DaimlerChrysler Japan Co., Ltd. (President: Hans Tempel; Head office: 9-9, Roppongi 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo) launches an updated lineup for the Mercedes-Benz CLK-Class. The facelifted luxury coupé features substantial change in the exterior/interior design and specifications. At the same time, the new **"CLK 350 Avantgarde"** and **"CLK 350 Cabriolet"**, both powered by the newly developed 3.5-liter V6 engine, as well as the high-performance **"CLK 55 AMG Cabriolet"** have been added to the CLK-Class range. Beginning today the updated CLK-Class is available at authorized Mercedes-Benz dealerships throughout the country.

The redesigned radiator grille, front spoiler, light alloy wheels, and taillights of the new CLK-Class even more strongly underline the dynamic character of the car. In the updated CLK-Class, the safety equipment has been enhanced even further. One highlight is the new NECK PRO active head restraints. If the sensor system detects rear impact, as in a rear-end collision, NECK PRO causes the front head restraints to move forwards and upwards, reducing the risk of neck injuries. In addition, if bi-xenon headlamps are fitted ex-works, the innovative Active Light System and cornering light function are also available. These systems adapt vehicle lights' positions to the steering movements of the driver, thereby improving the visibility of the road ahead when it is dark.

The CLK 350 is powered by the newly developed 3.5-liter V6 DOHC engine with 4-valve technology, which features rich power/torque reserves, sporty engine feeling, and extremely low noise and emissions. This powerplant is combined with the 7G-TRONIC 7-speed automatic transmission. The coupé variant of the CLK 350 is fitted with the sporty and exclusive AVANTGARDE trim-line and 17-inch light alloy wheels in 5-spoke design. The CLK 350 Cabriolet offers the ELEGANCE trim-line and 17-inch light alloy wheels in 9-spoke design.

The CLK 55 AMG Cabriolet is driven by the powerful 5.5-liter V8 engine which has been developed using the motor sport technology of Mercedes-AMG, same as the CLK 55 AMG coupe model. The high-performance model is also fitted with a special AMG reinforced braking system and AMG sport suspension. In addition, the AMG styling package (front spoiler and side/rear skirts), AMG 18-inch light alloy wheels in twin-spoke design, and AMG dual chromed exhaust pipes lend an extra dynamic touch to the exterior. In the interior, sport seats covered with exclusive nappa/nubak leather, a sport steering wheel with AMG steering wheel gearshift, and specially designed instrument panel emphasize the exclusive and sporty ambience typical of an AMG model, combined with the unadulterated pleasure of open-top motoring.

Like the CLK 350, the CLK 200 KOMPRESSOR enhances exclusiveness and sportiness by use of the AVANTGARDE trim-line and 17-inch light alloy wheels in 5-twin-spoke design. As an optional feature, this model can be fitted with the new special "Sport Package," which includes sport suspension, 18-inch light alloy wheels in multi-spoke design, large chromed exhaust tailpipe, steering gearshift, and stainless pedals with rubber studs.

The new CLK-Class offer outstanding environmental compatibility. All models (\*1) have received "★★★★ Ultra-Low-Emission Vehicle" certification by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, for reducing exhaust emissions by an additional 75% from the levels required by the 2005 exhaust emission regulations.

\*1: The CLK 55 AMG has achieved MLIT certification by PHP(Preferential Handling Procedure) for Imported Vehicles and is therefore exempted from low-emission certification by the 2005 exhaust emission regulations.

At the same time, the CLK 200 KOMPRESSOR has achieved a further 5% reduction in fuel consumption compared with the limit stipulated in the 2010 fuel consumption regulations. This qualifies to enjoy acquisition and automobile tax benefits under the Automobile Green Tax system.

The nationwide retail prices (including consumption tax) of the new CLK-Class models are:

Model name	Engine	Steering	Suggested nationwide retail price* ( ): price without consumption tax
CLK 200 KOMPRESSOR AVANTGARDE	1.8L, L4 DOHC Supercharged	R	¥ 5,775,000 (¥5,500,000)
CLK 350 AVANTGARDE	3.5L V6 DOHC	L/R	¥ 7,980,000 (¥7,600,000)
CLK 350 Cabriolet	<b>3.5L V6 DOHC</b>	L	¥ 8,610,000 (¥8,200,000)
CLK 55 AMG	5.5L V8 SOHC	L	¥11,823,000 (¥11,260,000)
CLK 55 AMG Cabriolet	5.5L V8 SOHC	L	¥12,411,000 (¥11,820,000)

\* The prices indicated above do not include accessories, taxes (other than consumption tax), insurance premiums, and registration expenses. The customer must separately pay a recycling fee required by the Automobile Recycling Law.

Owners of the new Mercedes-Benz CLK-Class will enjoy the benefits of Mercedes Care, the warranty system which provides 24-hour touring support as well as free repair and maintenance for three years with unlimited mileage.