



2012 GL-Class



Mercedes-Benz

## 125! years of innovation

In 1886, Carl Benz was awarded the patent for inventing the first car, while just 60 miles away, Gottlieb Daimler developed his own version. Between them they also invented the motorcycle and truck, and won the first auto race. For 125 years, a passion for innovation has driven Mercedes-Benz to continually reinvent the automobile—and redefine the standard for all cars. The same pioneering spirit that introduced such breakthroughs as the 4-wheel independent suspension, the Electronic Stability Program, side curtain air bags and, more recently, PRE-SAFE® to the world of cars, also brought them to SUVs. Today, the Three-Pointed Star remains far more than a shining symbol of Mercedes-Benz innovation. It's a guiding beacon for all automobiles.



impressive in every dimension. most of all, depth.

How do you fit luxurious seating for seven, an abundance of towing power, and the wealth of safety and performance innovation that define a Mercedes-Benz, into an SUV? More than size, it takes strength—not just in its rugged construction or ample torque, but in its character. More than space, it requires a broad scope of deeply held values: To be enormously protective of your family. Generous with useful technology. And supremely confident both on-road and off. The most remarkable dimension of the 2012 GL-Class is not how much it holds, but what it upholds: an unparalleled legacy of engineering leadership. Sure, there are other luxury SUVs that are full-size. But probably none more fulfilling.

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GL 350 BlueTEC shown with Black paint, and optional brushed aluminum running boards, PARKTRONIC, and Lighting and Premium 2 Packages.



GL 350 BlueTEC shown above with optional Iridium Silver metallic paint, PARKTRONIC and Premium 2 Package.  
GL 550 4MATIC shown at right with Palladium Silver metallic paint. Please see endnotes at back of brochure.



# hereditary values. herculean virtues.

It probably comes as no surprise that the 2012 GL-Class is generous with such quantities as torque, towing capacity and cargo room. But where most truck-based SUVs deliver their cavernous space with cantankerous manners, the GL-Class reveals its inherent strengths in some unexpected scenarios. Like on city streets, where its independent air suspension tames potholes, and maneuvers with skillful precision. Or in the face of the wind, where its imposing shape has been aerodynamically honed to cut drag to carlike levels—helping reduce noise, fuel use, and even the accumulation of dirt on the windows. And at the first sign of danger, when its exclusive safety innovations spring into action, even before an accident happens. In fact, anywhere under the blue sky—whose sparkle is polished by its Ultra Low Emission engines—the GL-Class combines the capacity you expect in a large SUV with capabilities you can only find in a Mercedes-Benz.

**GL 350 BlueTEC.** Combining colossal torque with a 21-mpg highway rating,<sup>1</sup> the advanced clean-diesel GL 350 BlueTEC<sup>2</sup> is both exhilarating and efficient. It's also quite engaging to drive, with standard 20" twin 5-spoke alloy wheels, 4MATIC™ all-wheel drive and a paddle-shifted 7-speed automatic transmission.

**GL 450.** With a seamless swell of torque from its 335-hp gasoline V-8, the GL 450 reaches 60 mph in just 6.9 seconds.<sup>3</sup> Its beefy 19" 5-spoke wheels, 4MATIC all-wheel drive, and a paddle-shifted 7-speed automatic transmission add up to a commanding sense of confidence and control in any season.



**GL 550.** With a 382-hp V-8, massive 21" alloy wheels and an adaptive air suspension, the GL 550 supersedes virtually every measure of SUV performance. But the many dimensions of its character are what set it apart. In 6.4 seconds, it can outrun some sports cars to 60 mph,<sup>3</sup> while its lavish roster of standard equipment outpaces many luxury sedans.



**Far-reaching.** With a 398-lb-ft mountain of torque, the clean-diesel GL 350 BlueTEC climbs hills with ease. On the highway, it can travel up to 550 miles on a single tank of fuel, including B5 Biodiesel<sup>2</sup>—farther than most any large SUV.<sup>1</sup> Advanced BlueTEC technology breaks down its nitrogen oxide emissions into harmless nitrogen and oxygen, for certified Ultra Low Emissions, even in the strictest of the 50 states.

# irresistible force. responsible nature.

The three engines of the GL-Class generate more than abundant power—they also deliver admirable motivation. Two gasoline V-8s and a remarkable clean-diesel BlueTEC V-6 eagerly produce the mighty torque necessary for quick acceleration, strong towing capacity and effortless climbing ability. And with certified Ultra Low Emissions—even in the most stringent of the 50 states—they send a powerful message that emphatic response can peacefully coexist with environmental responsibility. Each of these powerplants channels its energy through a smooth and versatile 7-speed automatic transmission. Paddle shifters on the steering wheel let you change gears with just a tap of your fingertips—useful on steep inclines, or whenever you're inclined to take charge of all that torque for yourself.

**Formidable.** Superhero-strong gasoline V-8 engines power the GL 450 and GL 550. Each features a diecast alloy block that's lightweight yet supremely durable. A dual-stage intake and continuously variable timing of all 32 valves elevate their response, efficiency and emissions. And both output 75% of their peak torque at just 1,000 rpm, for immediate response.

**Fully engaging.** Every GL-Class sends its abundant power to all four wheels via a seamlessly smooth 7-speed automatic transmission and 4MATIC™ all-wheel drive.<sup>4</sup> An electronic gear selector and paddle shifters let you perform all gear changes without taking a hand from the steering wheel. Driver-adaptive logic continually tailors the shift patterns to your driving style.





GL550 4MATIC shown with optional Diamond White metallic paint. Please see endnotes at back of brochure.



GL550 4MATIC shown with Iridium Silver metallic paint and optional trailer hitch. Please see endnotes at back of brochure.



# stays the course. goes the distance.

Ten miles of curves ahead. Six inches of snow beneath. Three tons of trailer out back. In the most challenging tasks of driving, the engineering legacy behind the GL-Class helps keep you out in front. Its 4MATIC™ all-wheel drive integrates both our 4-wheel Electronic Traction System (4-ETS) and Electronic Stability Program (ESP®)—two innovations in driving control pioneered by Mercedes-Benz. Its height-adjustable AIRMATIC suspension soaks up rough roads and heavy loads. And with the courage and clout to tow up to 7,500 lbs and Trailer Stability Assist, the GL-Class helps keep you ahead of your worries, and on top of the situation.



**Undaunted.** The standard 4-wheel Electronic Traction System (4-ETS) continually monitors each wheel for the first sign of slippage, and instantly redistributes the engine's torque to the wheels with the best grip—even if that's only one wheel.<sup>4</sup> It's part of 4MATIC all-wheel drive, which also helps make handling feel more balanced on dry roads, too.

**Unfazed.** When stopped on a steep slope, standard Hill Start Assist takes the drama out of getting going again. When the driver releases the brake pedal, the system holds the brakes for a moment, allowing a smooth takeoff without unwanted rollback. Downhill Speed Regulation helps you maintain a steady, low-speed crawl down steep descents.

**Unwavering.** Precise rack-and-pinion steering features speed-sensing power assist and our innovative Direct-steer system. By varying the steering ratio based on how far you turn the wheel, Direct-steer helps enhance handling stability at higher speeds, offers crisper feedback in corners, and reduces effort in low-speed maneuvers such as parking.

**Unswayed.** Every GL-Class can tow up to 7,500 lbs with the optional trailer hitch.<sup>5</sup> No additional "heavy-duty" options are needed. Standard Trailer Stability Assist integrates with the sensors for ESP to detect trailer oscillation when towing. If it senses the onset of sway, it applies the front brakes of the GL-Class to help bring it all under control.

**Unruffled.** A fully independent double-wishbone front/multilink rear suspension offers the nimble response and supple ride expected of a Mercedes-Benz. Self-leveling AIRMATIC control helps keep an even keel as passenger and cargo loads change. At higher speeds, the air suspension automatically lowers the ride height—and therefore the vehicle's center of gravity—to enhance stability and aerodynamics. The driver can also raise the suspension at the touch of a button, for negotiating deep snow or ruts. An Adaptive Damping System (ADS) on the GL 550 lets the driver select Sport and Comfort modes.



# pioneering insight. protective instinct.

For more than 60 years, Mercedes-Benz has been blazing new trails in safety innovation that go on to become the roadmap every automaker follows. Since the 1951 patent for the crumple zone, countless breakthroughs like the Antilock Braking System (ABS), Electronic Stability Program (ESP®) and emergency-sensing Brake Assist have become the standard for all cars. And with side curtain air bags and the 4-wheel Electronic Traction System (4-ETS), Mercedes-Benz made SUV history as well. True to its heritage, the 2012 GL-Class is engineered with visionary safety advances that watch the road ahead and to your side. Help you to see and be seen. And respond to help make an accident less likely—or even less severe, thanks to the exclusive PRE-SAFE® system that can actually detect and help prepare for a collision before it happens. Once again, Mercedes-Benz paves the way to the future by looking out for yours.

## reveal.

**Bi-Xenon headlamps.** With the optional Lighting Package,<sup>5</sup> Bi-Xenon headlamps pierce the night with light that's closer in perception to natural daylight than halogen headlamps. Active Curve Illumination swivels the headlamp beams as you turn the steering wheel, to improve illumination into corners up to 90% over conventional fixed lamps. The package also includes headlamp washers that help to keep the lamps cleaner with a high-pressure spray of fluid.

**LED lighting.** Brilliant white LED Daytime Running Lamps and LED taillamps help make your presence and your actions more immediately apparent to other drivers on the road. For the brake lamps, the light-emitting diodes illuminate more rapidly than conventional bulbs—a benefit that may offer added reaction time to a driver behind your GL-Class.

**Blind Spot Assist.** This optional system<sup>6</sup> can alert the driver to some unseen vehicles in the adjacent lane.<sup>7</sup> When sensors in the rear bumper detect a vehicle to either side, a red icon illuminates in the appropriate side mirror. If you activate your turn signal for a lane change, a warning tone will sound.

## prepare.

**PRE-SAFE.** A Mercedes-Benz first, PRE-SAFE can detect instability during certain vehicle maneuvers that suggest a collision or rollover is imminent. It can then tighten the front seat belts, close the windows and sunroof, and—on models equipped with the optional front-seat memory<sup>6</sup>—adjust the front head restraints and passenger seat, all in an effort to better prepare the occupants.<sup>8</sup>

**Emergency-sensing.** Two safety systems originally pioneered by Mercedes-Benz help you avoid potential collisions. The Electronic Stability Program (ESP) monitors the vehicle's response to driving inputs such as steering and braking, and responds to help keep it on course during evasive maneuvers.<sup>4</sup> Brake Assist can apply full braking pressure if it detects an emergency braking situation—based on how quickly the driver steps on the brake pedal—potentially shortening your overall stopping distance.<sup>9</sup>

## react.

**Nine standard air bags.** Within the high-strength steel-reinforced uni-body structure of the GL-Class, nine air bags offer 13 total ways of protection, the most of any SUV. In addition to four side-impact air bags, side curtain air bags are provided for all three seating rows. A driver's knee air bag further augments the dual-stage front air bags.<sup>10</sup>

**Advanced restraints.** A 3-point seat belt and an adjustable head restraint are provided at all seven seating positions. Outboard seat belts in all three rows are equipped with Emergency Tensioning Devices (ETDs) and belt-force limiters. And in a rear impact, NECK-PRO active front head restraints help to prevent whiplash-type injuries.

**Post-collision response.** In the event that an air bag or a seat-belt ETD deploys, the standard Mercedes-Benz mbrace® system includes Automatic Collision Notification, which initiates a call to our 24-hour emergency response center—even if you cannot.<sup>11</sup> In addition, the GL-Class can automatically shut off its engine and fuel supply, turn on the hazard flashers and some of the interior lights, partially open the windows to help ventilate the cabin, and unlock the doors in an effort to assist rescuers.





GL550 4MATIC shown with Dakota Brown metallic paint. Please see endnotes at back of brochure.



GL450 4MATIC shown with optional Obsidian Black metallic paint, PARKTRONIC, and Appearance, Full Leather Seating and Lighting Packages.

# monumental elegance. particular significance.

The true measure of the GL-Class is found not in its grand dimensions but in the molecular composition of its core elements. Its chiseled, muscular body derives strength from the microstructure of its ultra-high-strength steel reinforcements. Advanced ceramic nano-particles lend its paint a gloss that seems miles deep. Gleaming aluminum and stainless steel—from its sleek roof rails, to its rugged skid plates, to its sturdy yet lightweight wheels—convey a purity of purpose with a distinguished presence, and more importantly, lasting protection. Endurance, after all, may be the most endearing quality of the GL-Class—in substance, in style, and in the satisfaction it solidly forges from every molecule of its being.

**Precious metals.** Finely crafted elements add panache and protection, from its brushed aluminum roof rails to its polished aluminum side trim and the stainless-steel skid plates guarding its front and rear bumpers. A polished chrome cargo-loading sill and exhaust tips further reflect a deep attention to detail.

**Gracious glass.** The depth of Mercedes-Benz engineering is evident even in the most transparent GL-Class elements. Dual sunroofs—power in front, fixed-glass in the rear—utilize advanced heat-rejecting glass. Infrared-reflecting windows, a GL 550 exclusive, can block out 99% of ultraviolet rays.





courageous advances.  
uncommon courtesy.

## innovative, intuitive and indulgent.

The GL-Class is engineered with capabilities that make exploring new territory feel effortless. That applies as much to where you might someday travel in it, as to what you'll quickly discover within its thoughtfully outfitted cabin. Its entertainment and information systems are designed to make their advanced technology feel instantly familiar. Controls are as elegant in their operation as they are in appearance. Instruments and displays combine meticulous detail with brilliant clarity. And its innovative options—most of them standard on the superlative GL550—help you stay in touch, and in step, with the world around you: Surround-sound audio that imperceptibly compensates for ambient noise. Navigation that alerts you to traffic ahead. And a rear view camera that helps reveal what's behind you. Innovating new technology is second nature to the engineers of Mercedes-Benz. That's why enjoying it comes naturally for you.

**Multifunctional.** Conveniently placed buttons on the steering wheel put the most frequently used features right at your fingertips. You can adjust the audio system, use the Bluetooth® wireless interface,<sup>12</sup> and thumb through the various screens of the multifunction display in the instrument cluster, all without taking your hands off the wheel's Premium leather trim.

**Multitudinous.** With the optional Premium 1 Package<sup>6</sup> your listening choices become nearly limitless: an in-dash 6-DVD/CD changer and memory card reader, HD Radio™ stations, over 130 channels of SiriusXM Satellite Radio,<sup>13</sup> iPod® integration,<sup>14</sup> and a 4GB Music Register for storing your digital music. The Premium 2 Package<sup>6</sup> adds to that an 11-speaker harman/kardon LOGIC7® system that outputs 610 watts of Dolby® Digital 5.1 surround sound.

**Multitalented.** The Premium 1 Package also includes a navigation system<sup>15</sup> featuring a fast 40GB hard drive, Zagat® Survey ratings for restaurants, hotels and golf courses, and live SiriusXM Traffic updates.<sup>13</sup> Enhanced Voice Control lets you find addresses by speaking normally, with no need to spell out city names.

**Multitasking.** Two options<sup>6</sup> help you negotiate tight spaces. The rear view camera<sup>16</sup>—part of the Premium 1 Package—displays a live image in the dash when you shift to Reverse, with on-screen guidelines that move as you turn the steering wheel. PARKTRONIC can help alert you to nearby obstacles as you negotiate tight spaces, using ultrasonic sensors in the front and rear bumpers and illuminated displays in the cabin.

GL350 BlueTEC shown with Cashmere interior, and optional Active Ventilated front seats, PARKTRONIC, wood/leather steering wheel, and Full Leather Seating and Premium 1 Packages. Please see endnotes at back of brochure.





finished by hand, waits on you hand and foot.

The GL-Class is gracious on a grand scale, not just in its roomy accommodations but in the attentive services provided during your stay. From its heated power front seats to the class-leading headroom of its third row, all seven passengers are welcomed into an expansive world of luxury. Precisely top-stitched upholstery is carefully fitted by hand. Sustainably harvested Burl Walnut wood trim is hand-polished to a warm glow. Dual-zone or optional 3-zone<sup>6</sup> climate control filters dust, pollen and odors from the cabin air. And countless standard features simply outnumber the ordinary. There are two tinted-glass sunroofs. Six power windows, including third-row vent windows. Eight beverage holders. Seven adjustable head restraints. And with a power-folding 50/50-split third-row seat and a 60/40-split second row, there are also innumerable configurations for passengers and cargo, all comfortably accommodated by the self-leveling AIRMATIC air suspension.



**Supportive.** Heated, 8-way power-adjustable front seats are designed for enduring comfort, whether on long rides or over years of use. The optional Premium 1 Package<sup>6</sup> adds a 3-position memory to each front seat, with the driver-seat memory including the power steering column and side mirror settings.

**Flexible.** The versatile, roomy cabin graciously welcomes up to seven adults or 83.3 cu ft of cargo. The 60/40-split second-row seats fold flat in seconds. The 50/50-split third row offers easy access to its generous head and foot room, or power-folds flat at the touch of a button. A power liftgate, part of the Premium 1 Package, makes cargo loading easier—especially in the rain or when your arms are already full.

**Indulgent.** Optional Active Ventilated front seats<sup>6</sup> circulate cooling air through perforations in the upholstery. Available heated second-row seats and 3-zone climate control<sup>6</sup> add to the already inviting rear-cabin experience. And for the driver's pleasure, there's the choice of a hand-finished wood/leather steering wheel or a heated steering wheel that can quickly take the chill from your hands on a cool morning. Either of them is available on the GL 550 at no charge.

**Scenic.** With a power tilt/sliding front sunroof plus a fixed-glass rear sunroof, even the third row offers a first-class view of the sky. Heat-reflecting tinted glass helps them block the sun's harshness while taking in the scenery.

GL 450 4MATIC shown with Ash interior and optional Full Leather Seating Package. Please see endnotes at back of brochure.







generous attention.  
grand accommodations.



# connected to you. and your life.

Your vehicle is more than a source of enjoyment, it's an integral part of everyday living. The Mercedes-Benz mbrace® system can make it easier—whether you're planning a trip, trying to remember where you parked, or in need of help in an emergency.<sup>11</sup> With mbrace, you can access an innovative and thoughtful world of security, destination planning and convenience services—not only from inside your GL-Class but also from your computer and your smartphone. With advanced, reliable technology, plus 24-hour support from helpful experts, mbrace helps to keep you, your life and your Mercedes-Benz connected.

## from your vehicle.

With Mercedes-Benz mbrace, three simple buttons inside your vehicle can connect you to emergency services, our 24-hour Customer Assistance Center, or our Roadside Assistance service.<sup>17</sup> Numerous mbrace services are also seamlessly integrated with your vehicle's available COMAND navigation system.<sup>6</sup>

## from your smartphone.

The mbrace Mobile Application for iPhone® lets you send addresses to your vehicle's navigation system, locate your vehicle from up to a mile away, remote-unlock its doors, find a dealer, and contact Roadside Assistance, Concierge services or even Mercedes-Benz Financial Services with a touch. A new Drive2Friend™ feature lets other people send their location to your car simply by responding to a text message you send them.<sup>18</sup>

## from your computer.

In addition to all the support you'll find at [mbrace.MBUSA.com](http://mbrace.MBUSA.com), you can send addresses directly to your vehicle's COMAND navigation system using the Send2Benz™ website. You can also look up a destination on Google Maps™ and instantly send it to your vehicle via the Search & Send™ feature. And a new browser toolbar widget lets you highlight an address on your screen and send it to your vehicle with just two clicks.

Mercedes-Benz mbrace is the ongoing evolution of our groundbreaking in-vehicle services, offering national support along with expanded and enhanced features. To learn more about mbrace, see your Mercedes-Benz dealer, call 866-990-9007 or visit [MBUSA.com/mbrace](http://MBUSA.com/mbrace). Please see endnotes at back of brochure.

























**mbrace**  
Your World, From Your Car

## Mercedes-Benz mbrace® packages.

Mercedes-Benz mbrace offers unparalleled support, when and where you need it. Two available service packages each include an attractive complimentary trial period, so you can experience the many ways mbrace helps you feel connected and protected. With the standard mbrace Package, you get unlimited access to its innovative Navigation and Destination Planning features: Send2Benz, Drive2Friend and Search & Send. It also includes all of the Safety and Security services, plus several reassuring Convenience features, such as the ability to locate your vehicle or remotely unlock its doors via your smartphone. The mbrace PLUS Package offers unlimited use of our expert Concierge services, as well as spoken turn-by-turn Route Assistance—even if you're not using your car's navigation system—plus the latest traffic and weather reports based on your current location.

 safety and security	mbrace	mbrace PLUS
 Automatic Collision Notification	•	•
 SOS/Emergency Call	•	•
 Roadside Assistance Connection	•	•
 Stolen Vehicle Location Assistance	•	•
 Automatic Alarm Notification	•	•
 Crisis Assist	•	•
 Safe Ride	•	•

 navigation and destination planning	mbrace	mbrace PLUS
 Send2Benz Drive2Friend Search & Send	•	•
 Point of Interest Destination Download		•
 Route Assistance		•
 Location-Based Traffic		•
 Location-Based Weather		•

 convenience	mbrace	mbrace PLUS
 Mercedes-Benz Concierge		•
 Remote Door Unlock	•	•
 Vehicle Finder (via Mobile Application only)	•	•
 Dealer Connect	•	•
 Vehicle Information	•	•

**It can call for help, even if you can't.** In the event that an air bag or Emergency Tensioning Device is activated, mbrace initiates a call to the Mercedes-Benz Emergency Response Center to notify them of the incident, and provide information on your vehicle and its location. A Customer Specialist will then attempt to make voice contact with you. If you request help, or do not respond, they will notify local emergency response services, and stay on the line until help arrives.

**Across town, or cross-country.** Whether you're going out for dinner, picking up a friend or planning a trip, mbrace offers a variety of ways to make getting there easier. You can look up an address or a Point of Interest online—or just grab it from your iPhone's contacts—and send it directly to your vehicle's navigation system. Or with a simple text message to a friend, they can let their mobile phone send its location directly to your car. Then, just a push of the *i*-Button in your vehicle will download the address, so you can either start route guidance immediately or save it in your navigation system's memory.

**The extra mile, around the clock, all for you.** Subscribing to the mbrace PLUS package gives you unlimited access to Mercedes-Benz Concierge services—our network of experienced, professional personal assistants who can fulfill virtually any request, at any time of day or night, right from the comfort of your vehicle. You can even enjoy their services on the go, via the mbrace Mobile Application for iPhone.

# make it yours.

Genuine Mercedes-Benz Accessories help you make your car the perfect expression of your style. And since they're exclusively engineered for your GL-Class, they fit your vehicle as well as they fit your life. A wide selection of accessories allows you to enhance your vehicle's appearance, expand its functionality, or offer it some extra protection in everyday use. From alloy wheels to chrome door handle inserts to state-of-the-art entertainment systems, every accessory is thoughtfully designed and thoroughly engineered. It's the best way to make your GL-Class unmistakably yours while keeping it genuinely Mercedes-Benz. To see the entire selection, visit [MBUSA.com/GL](http://MBUSA.com/GL).

**Media Interface Plus.** This plug-and-play multimedia upgrade to the iPod®/MP3 Media Interface further expands your entertainment choices. It enables Bluetooth® audio streaming, and integrates with the car's audio controls and in-dash display. You can also listen to the Pandora® app that's on your iPhone®, or watch videos from your iPod when the vehicle is parked.<sup>14</sup> And with your compatible mobile phone, it offers easy phonebook transfer to the COMAND system, phone charging via a mini-USB connection, and it can read SMS and email messages out loud and show them on the in-dash screen. You can even respond with various predefined messages—to help you keep your hands on the wheel, and your focus on the road.

**Rear Seat Entertainment system.** Offer front-row entertainment to your rear-seat passengers. Dual 7" monitors behind each front head restraint can play separate DVDs or attach external devices via USB and SD card slots. They can also play the same movie on both screens. Two pairs of wireless headsets and a wireless remote are included, to maximize passenger enjoyment while minimizing driver distraction.

**Illumination for running boards.** Brighten your step in eye-catching style with LED lighting of the GL's available running boards.<sup>6</sup> Four LED spotlights per side help illuminate the surface of each running board.

**20" two-tone wheels.** The high-contrast black/polished finish of these alloy wheels makes a bold styling statement. Their substantial 20" size and exacting engineering also takes an aggressive stance on handling.



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## option packages

	GL 350 BlueTEC	GL 450 4MATIC	GL 550 4MATIC
<b>Premium 1 Package</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hard-drive navigation,<sup>15</sup> 4GB Music Register for storing MP3 files</li> <li>• SiriusXM Satellite Radio<sup>15</sup> with SiriusXM Traffic (with 6-month trial)</li> <li>• iPod®/MP3 Media Interface,<sup>14</sup> HD Radio™ receiver, Gracenote® media database</li> <li>• Enhanced Voice Control for audio, telephone and navigation</li> <li>• 10-way power front seats with 3-position memory, including steering column and side mirror positions for driver</li> <li>• Power tilt/telescoping steering column</li> <li>• Power-folding side mirrors, auto-dimming driver-side and inside rear view mirrors, digital compass display in inside mirror</li> <li>• Power liftgate, 115-volt AC power outlet in cargo area</li> <li>• Rear view camera<sup>16</sup></li> </ul>			
<b>Premium 2 Package</b> (also includes all items in Premium 1 Package)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• harman/kardon LOGIC7® surround-sound system with Dolby Digital 5.1</li> <li>• KEYLESS-GO</li> </ul>			
<b>Full Leather Seating Package</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leather upholstery on all seats, comfort-type front head restraints</li> <li>• Premium interior lighting, including ambient lighting</li> </ul>			
<b>Lighting Package</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bi-Xenon headlamps with Active Curve Illumination</li> <li>• Headlamp washing system</li> </ul>			
<b>Appearance Package</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20" twin 5-spoke wheels, runflat tires (standard on GL 350 BlueTEC<sup>19</sup>)</li> <li>• Rubber-studded brushed aluminum running boards (standard on GL 550)</li> </ul>			

## specifications

	GL 350 BlueTEC <sup>2</sup>	GL 450 4MATIC	GL 550 4MATIC
<b>Engine</b>	3.0-liter turbo clean diesel V-6 210 hp @ 3,400 rpm 400 lb-ft net torque @ 1,600-2,400 rpm	4.6-liter gasoline V-8 335 hp @ 6,000 rpm 339 lb-ft net torque @ 2,700-5,000 rpm	5.5-liter gasoline V-8 382 hp @ 6,000 rpm 391 lb-ft net torque @ 2,800-4,800 rpm
<b>Transmission</b>	7-speed automatic with steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters	7-speed automatic with steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters	7-speed automatic with steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters
<b>Wheels</b>	20" twin 5-spoke with run-flat tires <sup>19</sup>	19" 5-spoke	21" AMG 5-spoke
<b>Suspension</b>	AIRMATIC with 4-wheel level control and Direct-steer	AIRMATIC with 4-wheel level control and Direct-steer	AIRMATIC with 4-wheel level control, Adaptive Damping and Direct-steer
<b>Drivetrain</b>	4MATIC™ all-wheel drive	4MATIC all-wheel drive	4MATIC all-wheel drive

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## individual options

	GL 350 BlueTEC	GL 450 4MATIC	GL 550 4MATIC
Chrome roof crossbars	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Brushed aluminum running boards with rubber studs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Blind Spot Assist <sup>7</sup>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
PARKTRONIC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
KEYLESS-GO	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Class IV trailer hitch <sup>5</sup> (7,500-lb towing capacity)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Active Ventilated front seats (requires Full Leather Seating Package)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Heated second-row seats	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3-zone climate control (with separate rear air conditioning)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Heated steering wheel (not available with wood/leather steering wheel; no charge on GL 550)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wood/leather steering wheel (not available with heated steering wheel)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Metallic paint (no charge on GL 550)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Light Birch wood interior trim (no charge)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rear Seat Entertainment system, or system prewiring	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Standard   
  Optional   
  Not Available

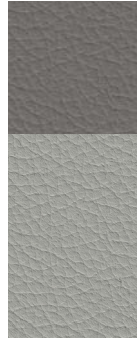
## dimensions

	All models
<b>Wheelbase</b>	121.1"
<b>Overall length</b>	200.6"
<b>Overall height</b> (maximum)	75.6"
<b>Overall width</b> (w./mirrors)	83.7"
<b>Curb weight</b>	
GL 350 BlueTEC	5,512 lbs
GL 450	5,346 lbs
GL 550	5,545 lbs
<b>Headroom</b> (1st/2nd/3rd row)	40.1" / 40.6" / 38.2"
<b>Legroom</b> (1st/2nd/3rd row)	40.3" / 39.5" / 34.2"
<b>Shoulder room</b> (1st/2nd/3rd row)	58.3" / 58.9" / 50.5"
<b>Cargo capacity</b>	
Behind 3rd row (to top of seats)	13.1 cu ft
Behind 2nd row (3rd row folded, floor to ceiling)	43.8 cu ft
2nd and 3rd rows folded (floor to ceiling)	83.3 cu ft

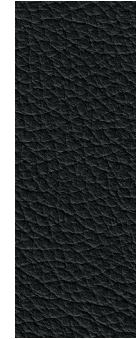


# color and trim.

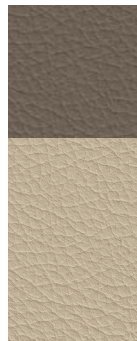
## upholstery



Ash



Black



Cashmere



## wheel choices



19" 5-spoke (GL 450)



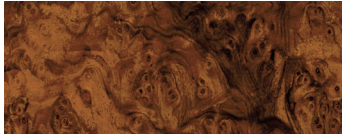
20" twin 5-spoke (GL 350 BlueTEC,<sup>19</sup>  
also optional on GL 450)



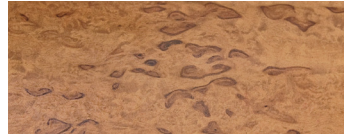
21" AMG 5-spoke (GL 550)

GL 450 4MATIC shown with Black paint, and optional chrome roof crossbars, Rear Seat Entertainment system, and Appearance and Premium 2 Packages.

## interior trim



Burl Walnut wood (all models)



Light Birch wood (GL 550 only)

## non-metallic paintwork



Arctic White



Black

## metallic paintwork



Capri Blue



Dakota Brown



Diamond White<sup>20</sup>



Iridium Silver



Obsidian Black



Palladium Silver



Pearl Beige



Steel Grey

## endnotes

- 1 Preliminary 2012 EPA estimated fuel economy. Compare the estimated mpg to the estimated mpg of other vehicles. You may get different mileage depending on how fast you drive, weather conditions and trip length. Your actual highway mileage will probably be less than the highway estimate. Driving range claim based on fuel tank capacity and highway estimate. Competitive claim based on 2011 full-size SUVs.
- 2 Mercedes-Benz approves the use of ultralow-sulfur diesel fuel (ULSD, 15 ppm maximum sulfur with a maximum of 5% biodiesel content) that meets the ASTM D975 standard. The Mercedes-Benz New Vehicle Limited Warranty does not cover damages caused by the use of fuels that do not meet Mercedes-Benz approved fuel standards. Please see your Operator's Manual and fuel retailer for further information.
- 3 Stated rates of acceleration are based upon manufacturer's track results and may vary depending on model, environmental and road surface conditions, driving style, elevation and vehicle load.
- 4 No system, regardless of how advanced, can overcome the laws of physics or correct careless driving. Please always wear your seat belt. Performance is limited by available traction, which snow, ice and other conditions can affect. Always drive carefully, consistent with conditions. Best performance in snow is obtained with winter tires.
- 5 Read Operator's Manual before towing. In some states, aftermarket trailer brakes are required. See dealer for details.
- 6 Standard on GL550.
- 7 Blind Spot Assist may not be sufficient to avoid all accidents involving vehicles in your blind spot and does not estimate the speed of approaching vehicles. It must not be used as a sole substitute for driver awareness and checking of surrounding traffic conditions.
- 8 PRE-SAFE® closes the side windows and sunroof when the system's sensors detect side movement that suggests a possible rollover.
- 9 Braking effectiveness also depends on proper brake maintenance, and tire and road conditions.
- 10 WARNING: THE FORCES OF A DEPLOYING AIR BAG CAN CAUSE SERIOUS OR FATAL INJURIES TO A CHILD UNDER AGE 13. THE SAFEST SEATING POSITION FOR YOUR CHILD IS IN THE REAR SEAT, BELTED INTO AN APPROPRIATE, PROPERLY INSTALLED CHILD SEAT, OR CORRECTLY WEARING A SEAT BELT IF TOO LARGE FOR A CHILD SEAT. SEE OPERATOR'S MANUAL FOR ADDITIONAL WARNINGS AND INFORMATION ON AIR BAGS, SEAT BELTS AND CHILD SEATS.
- 11 All Mercedes-Benz mbrace® services operate only where cellular and Global Positioning Satellite signals are available, which are provided by third parties and not within the control of Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC. An mbrace Package trial period is offered on new, Certified Pre-Owned and pre-owned sales and leases at an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer. Subscriber Agreement is required for service to be active. Some services are only available on select vehicles. Your PIN is required in order to use certain services. See your dealer or MBUSA.com/mbrace for details, including a list of compatible smartphones.
- 12 Bluetooth® interface does not provide phone charging or external antenna. Voice interactivity feature is dependent on selected handset. Visit MBUSA-Mobile.com for details. Phone sold separately. See dealer for a list of approved compatible phones.
- 13 With the purchase of a new, satellite radio-enabled vehicle, you'll receive a complimentary 6-month subscription to SiriusXM Satellite Radio and SiriusXM Traffic, courtesy of Mercedes-Benz. SiriusXM Traffic service is available in select markets. If you decide to continue your SiriusXM service at the end of your 6-month trial, all SiriusXM services are sold separately, and the plan you choose will automatically renew and bill at then-current rates until you call 1-866-635-2349 to cancel. See SiriusXM Customer Agreement for complete terms, www.siriusxm.com. Sirius U.S. Satellite service available only to those at least 18 years of age in the 48 contiguous United States, DC and Puerto Rico (with coverage limitations).
- 14 All iPod® devices are sold separately. Feature not compatible with iPod Shuffle. See dealer for details.
- 15 While the navigation system provides directional assistance, the driver must remain focused on safe driving behavior, including paying attention to traffic and street signs. The driver should utilize the system's audio cues while driving and should only consult the map or visual displays once the vehicle has been stopped in a safe place. Maps do not cover all areas or all routes within an area.
- 16 Rear view camera does not audibly notify driver of nearby objects and is not a substitute for actively checking around the vehicle for any obstacles or people. Images displayed may be limited to camera field of view, weather, lighting conditions and the presence of dirt, ice or snow on the camera.
- 17 Roadside Assistance repairs may involve charges for parts, service and towing. Vehicle must be accessible from main roads. Depending on the circumstance, these services may be provided by an outside provider, courtesy of Mercedes-Benz Roadside Assistance. Restricted roadways, acts of nature and vehicle accessibility may limit our ability to provide services to you. For full details, eligibility requirements, and limitations/exclusions of Sign and Drive services, as well as the Roadside Assistance Program, please see your dealer.
- 18 mbrace is compatible with select Apple iPhone® models running iOS 4.2 or later. Please visit MBUSA.com/mbrace for more information.
- 19 GL 350 BlueTEC models are not provided with a spare tire.
- 20 Extra-cost option.



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