

Mercedes-Benz launches GL-Class: the most luxurious SUV in its segment in India

- Luxury taken to a new dimension: The GL 350CDI BlueEfficiency is equipped with off-road pro-engineering package, 7 G-TRONIC gearbox, 4Matic Permanent all-wheel drive, Electrically folding third row of seats, panoramic sunroof and a host of other features that make it the most luxurious and capable SUV in its segment in the country
- Powered by a three liter V6 diesel powerplant, the GL 350CDI BlueEfficiency delivers overwhelming performance: 510 Nm torque and offers an output of 165kW
- The GL is aggressively positioned with two variants: GL- Executive priced at Rs. 63.57 lakhs, GL-Luxury priced at Rs. 68.48 Lakhs (ex-Showroom Mumbai)

Pune: Mercedes-Benz India today launched the most premium SUV in Indian market- the New GL 350 CDI BlueEfficiency. Demonstrating excellent off-road capabilities and environmental compatibility, this seven-seater premium SUV offers excellent handling both on and off-road and pampers occupants with its extremely spacious accommodation and a host of luxury fitments.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Wilfried Aulbur, Managing Director and CEO, Mercedes-Benz India said “The GL-Class is clearly head-and-shoulders above competition and sets benchmarks in areas of luxury, safety and performance. It is built for ensuring extraordinary performance both on and off the road. In its segment the GL-Class is largest SUV and the only one that offers full size third row seats with independent with AC vents. Its on-road poise, muscular appeal and attractive 19” alloys coupled with a enhanced ground clearance of 307mm- the best in its segment, makes the GL-Class a very attractive proposition, while BlueEFFICIENCY tag is a statement of its environmental compatibility.”

Intelligent solutions to deliver optimum Performance & promote excellent safety:

With PRE-SAFE® preventive occupant protection system, a world first in this market segment, Mercedes-Benz GL-Class has raised safety to an even higher level. PRE-SAFE® utilises the sensors in the dynamic handling control systems and optimises the protective function of the passive safety components in potential accident situations. Also, crash-responsive head restraints for driver and front passenger support the head sooner in a rear-end impact, thus reducing the risk of injury.

Comfort, Safety & Dynamism on and off-road

4MATIC – the permanent four-wheel drive from Mercedes-Benz – provides the GL-Class with superior handling whatever the conditions. Together with the standard-fit AIRMATIC air suspension, the precise speed-sensitive power steering and the ADS Adaptive Damper System also fitted as standard, the imposing GL-Class (wheelbase 3075 mm) handles impressively. Special off-road features such as Downhill Speed Regulation (DSR), hill-start assist and off-road ABS assist the GL-Class driver off road. The Off-Road Pro engineering package, standard on all ECE models, means the GL-Class can also handle the most extreme off-road terrain. The modified AIRMATIC air suspension, designed specifically for demanding conditions, increases the ground clearance to a maximum of 307 millimetres where required, and raises the fording depth to 600 millimetres. A fixed panoramic sunroof over the third-row seats, which is equipped with a sunblind, also provides additional comfort and enhances the sense of spaciousness.

The GL-Class sets milestones with features like electrically folding 3rd seating row with special AC vents, COMAND APS with integrated 6-disc DVD changer and reversing camera and also comes with Rear seat entertainment system and infrared headphones from Mercedes-Benz accessories.

All occupants enjoy generous headroom and legroom, even in the third row, and easy access is assured thanks to the high roof edge and large door opening angle of up to 64°. The two individual third-row seats offer plenty of room in all directions. They can also be folded at the press of a button to create a flat loading surface. Also, the muscular styling of SUV ensures plenty of power and torque. The GL 350 CDI accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in 9.5 seconds, reaches a top speed of 210 km/h and consumes a mere 9.7 l per 100 km.

The New Mercedes GL-Class represents the dynamic and passionate genes of the Mercedes-Benz brand. The seven-seater luxury SUV's environmental compatibility is underscored by the Blue efficiency features optimizes efficiencies and fuel consumption. The GL350 CDI comes with the standard-fit with automatic climate thermotronic with DIRECT SELECT which incorporates an array of smart energy saving measures without compromising performance. The high quality materials and the high sheen chrome trim adorn the vehicle that is difficult to beat where size and flexibility are concerned. All in all, the new GL-Class is a vehicle that takes luxury to a new dimension.

Technical Specifications	GL 350 CDI BlueEFFICIENCY
Combustion process	Diesel
Drive type	All-wheel drive with Electronic Traction system (4ETS with ESP)
Number of cylinders / arrangement	V 6
Displacement (cc)	2987
Rated output (kW/hp @ rpm)	165 / 224 @ 3800
Rated torque (Nm @ rpm)	510 @ 1600 – 2800
Compression Ratio	17.7 :1
Bore x Stroke	83 x 92
Gear Ratios	
1st gear	4,38
2nd gear	2,86
3rd gear	1,92
4th gear	1,37
5th gear	1,00
6th gear	0,82
7th gear	0,73
1st reverse gear	3,42
2nd reverse gear	2,23
Live axle ratio	3,45

Chassis	GL 350 CDI BlueEFFICIENCY
Suspensions	Front: Double wishbone, air spring suspension Rear: 4-link suspension
Brakes: Front & Rear	Dual circuit system, ABS with Brake Assist (BAS)
Steering	Rack-opinion, power steering (speed sensitive), hydraulic

transmission	GL 350 CDI BlueEFFICIENCY
7G-TRONIC Transmission with touch-shift	⊙
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Dimensions & Wheels	GL 350 CDI BlueEFFICIENCY
L x W x H (mm)	5099 x 1920 x 1840
Ground clearance (max.)	307
Wheelbase (mm)	3075
Turning circle diameter (m)	12.1
Load capacity (litres)	620 – 2300
Fuel tank capacity / reserve (litres)	100/13
Permissible Gross vehicle weight	3150
Kerb weight	2450
Co-efficient of drag	0.37
Front & Rear tyres	275/55 R 19
Front and Rear Wheel	8.5 J x 19