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[Mercedes-AMG GT breaks cover to go 911-hunting](#)

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Mercedes has revealed the SLS's long-awaited pseudo-successor, to be known as the Mercedes-AMG GT – and it's poised to scare the wits out of Porsche et al...

As the second series-production model from [Mercedes-Benz's](#) AMG division in Affalterbach, the GT will retain the same front-engined, rear-wheel-drive layout of its predecessor – but little else. The new car will be powered by a 4.0-litre twin-turbo V8 (the turbos unusually mounted within the cylinder banks), have a lightweight aluminium body structure and, more importantly for most, be significantly cheaper than the recently discontinued [Mercedes-Benz SLS](#). You'll have to do without those heavy Gullwing doors, though.

Crowded market



Available initially in 503bhp GT S form, then shortly afterwards in 'standard' 456bhp GT guise – bumpers, tailpipes and wheels being the differentiators – the new car will go on sale early next year. But it not only has the [Porsche 911 Turbo](#) and [Jaguar F-type R](#) to contend with, but also a new [Audi R8](#) and whatever [Aston Martin](#) and [McLaren](#) have in the pipeline.

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