

CLASSIC DRIVER

Mercedes E-Class Estate UK prices announced

With just over a month to go before its UK debut, final details for the innovative new Mercedes-Benz E-Class Estate have been announced. Prices for the entry-level E 200 KOMPRESSOR Classic start at just £27,355 on the road. Packed full of new technology and extra standard equipment, the E-Class Estate includes the advanced Sensotronic Brake Control (SBC™) system, now fitted with two new convenience features as standard.



Launched in the UK on 19 June, the new E-Class

Estate costs an average of only 6.1 per cent more than the outgoing model, but represents significantly better value for money, thanks to more generous standard equipment and improved engines.

All models are fitted with a host of safety and convenience features as standard. There are six airbags, seat belts with pre-tensioners and force limiters, and a roll-over sensor to improve occupant protection if the vehicle inverts, by activating airbags in a sequence. To help keep the car on the straight and level is standard rear self-levelling suspension, based on the popular AirMATIC DC system. As well as maintaining a constant ride height, the car will handle in a similar fashion whether empty or fully-laden.



Advanced Sensotronic Brake Control (SBC™) now

comes with two new convenience functions as standard, SBC™ Hold and SBC™ Stop. SBC™ Hold relieves driver strain when performing tricky hill starts, when manoeuvring on steep slopes, or when stopped in traffic. This feature keeps the car stationary without the driver having to keep the brake pedal depressed.

SBC™ Stop is available with automatic transmission, which comes with cruise control and the licence-saving Speedtronic speed limiter package. SBC™ Stop helps relieve driver fatigue in traffic. Once the accelerator is released below a certain speed, the car automatically brakes itself to a complete stop without the need to press the brakes. The brakes are released once the driver accelerates.

Other standard features are similar to the Estate's Saloon stablemate. Detailed standard specification lists for the full E-Class Estate range are attached to this release.

On the road prices

- E 200 KOMPRESSOR 1796 cc, 163 hp £27,355
- E 240 2597 cc, 177 hp £30,535
- E 320 3199 cc, 224 hp £36,015

- E 500 4966 cc, 306 hp £44,375
- E 55 AMG 5439 cc, 476 hp TBA
- E 220 CDI 2148 cc, 150 hp £28,440
- E 270 CDI 2685 cc, 177 hp £29,920
- E 320 CDI 3222 cc, 204 hp £35,360

The on the road price includes road fund licence and the £485 additional costs necessary to put each new car on the road. Included are UK delivery (£395 including VAT), new vehicle registration fee (£25), number plates and a full tank of fuel. Customers can instead elect to collect their car from the factory in Germany for no extra cost.

Upgrading from the standard Classic specification to Elegance trim costs an additional £2,100; whilst Avantgarde is £2,600. The price differentials reflect the specification levels in each range. E 320, E 500 and E 320 CDI models are priced at Elegance trim level as standard: upgrading to Avantgarde will cost an additional £500.

Easy-Pack option prices

The new range is full of useful features as standard, including a family of Easy-Pack items designed to make life easier. However, a range of optional equipment is also available, to provide a bespoke vehicle for each customer's needs.

The new Fixing Kit, comprising an ingenious system of fixing elements and boot floor-mounted rails costs just £160 (inc. VAT). As well as being easy to use, the optional Fixing Kit will soon become an integral part of living with the car. A fully-powered tailgate is available on all models for £400 (inc. VAT). And the third row of rear-facing child seats, including a specially-strengthened rear end, costs from £630 - £790 (inc. VAT) depending on the cars' upholstery. Full option lists and prices are attached to the end of this release.

All new E-Class Estates bought from an authorised UK retailer include a three-year unlimited mileage warranty and mobilo-life, Mercedes-Benz's industry-leading 30-year anti-corrosion and breakdown package. Also standard is ASSYST PLUS, an advanced variable service interval system. ASSYST PLUS gives remaining time and distance before the next service is needed, and also details the type of work required. It also suggests a date for the next main inspection or emissions check.

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