
Mercedes-Benz CLK DTM AMG Cabriolet

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Mercedes-Benz AMG has started delivering open versions of the very limited edition CLK DTM. Early customers include ex-World Champion Mika Häkkinen and current GP star Juan Pablo Montoya - just the thing for driving around the streets of Monte Carlo on a summer's day.

The high demand for the CLK DTM AMG Coupé, which was also in a limited edition of 100 and was rapidly sold out, was the initial inspiration during the planning of the AMG Cabriolet that shares the same supercharged AMG eight-cylinder engine.

Compared to the 'production' engines in the SL55 for example the DTM version has modifications to the crankcase, pistons, cooling system, intake tract, supercharger and exhaust system. A 5439 cubic centimetres displacement provides the AMG V8 with a maximum performance of 582 hp at 6100 rpm, and the maximum torque of 800 Newton metres is available at 3500 rpm.

The 0 to 100 km/h (62 mph) sprint requires only 4.0 seconds and the maximum speed is 300 km/h (electronically limited). No other open-top four-seater series production car achieves this. Transmission is by means of the AMG SPEEDSHIFT five-speed automatic gearbox: the five gears are changed by a brief pull of the AMG shift paddles on the steering wheel.



The suspension and braking set-up of the car features the dramatically improved performance of its coupé cousin and inside, the interior of the CLK DTM AMG Cabriolet is characterised by a functional motor racing ambience. AMG sports bucket seats of ultra-light CRP with leather /Alcantara upholstery provide the occupants with lateral support, while the AMG sports steering wheel with its oval rim is covered in high-grip suede. The door linings, trim parts and other interior components are also of CRP. The redesigned centre console has a silver-coloured selector lever unit, starter button and four rocker switches for auxiliary functions.

Limited to a run of just 100 cars, the first CLK DTM AMG Cabriolets have started to be delivered to customers from May this year. The price in Germany is 277,820 euros (incl. 16% VAT) and the company advises prospective customers to not delay because the limited edition is almost sold out.

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