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Mercedes-Benz builds new Pullman State Limousine



The armoured Pullman Limousine is based on the long version of the S 600 with a substantially extended wheelbase. The S 600 Guard Pullman sees the world's oldest car manufacturer continuing its long tradition of building large state carriages with factory-integrated special-protection features.

The very first Mercedes-Benz car to be factory-fitted with special protection, in 1928, was a long Pullman version of the W 08/460 Nürburg model. This was followed by the 770 K and in later years the famous 600 series.



The new Pullman Limousine is based on the flagship Mercedes Benz S 600 L Guard model. Power comes courtesy of a twelve-cylinder biturbo engine with a displacement of 5513 cc and a power output of 380kW/517 hp. The new State Limousine features a rear entrance with increased headroom. Behind the partition, there is space for four passengers in the rear compartment with luxurious face-to-face seats in the time-honoured Pullman tradition.



The Mercedes-Benz S 600 Guard Pullman offers its passengers the highest possible degree of protection against terrorist attacks. The Highest Protection specified for this car is equivalent to resistance level B6/B7, as tested and certified by state-approved organisations. Plus it meets further requirements that are not even stipulated by any standard, as tested by public and independent organisations. Its armour resists military-standard small-arms projectiles and provides protection against fragments from hand grenades and other explosive devices. Additional safety features include run-flat tyres, a self-sealing fuel tank and a fire-extinguishing system.

The first examples of the new Mercedes-Benz State Limousine are due to be delivered in late 2008.

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