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Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG



Mercedes-Benz has released the first details - including some 'disguised' pictures more usually associated with magazine spy shots - of its new super-sports car, the Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG.

The new model was, unusually, developed 'in-house' by Mercedes' performance brand AMG. This, therefore, is no ordinary Mercedes-Benz with a tuned engine and modified underpinnings. It can instead be thought of as a genuine AMG car...



The aluminium spaceframe body will have - gulp - gullwing doors, with an AMG 6.3-litre V8 front-mid-mounted engine developing 563bhp. Other technical details so far released include dry-sump lubrication, seven-speed dual-clutch transmission and aluminium double-wishbone suspension. Meanwhile, Mercedes is promising front/rear weight distribution of 48:52 - with, of course, a satisfyingly low centre of gravity.



By having an aluminium chassis and body, the new 'Gullwing' enjoys significant weight-saving benefits, with kerb weight kept down to 1620kg – all of which helps to achieve 0-62mph in a mere 3.8 seconds. Or so it's predicted. Vehicle testing is still on-going and won't be complete until the end of 2009. The reinterpretation of the legendary Gullwing is then scheduled for launch in Spring 2010.



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