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Mercedes-Benz CLS Shooting Brake Arrives 2012



The CLS Shooting Brake, the four-door, slope-backed coupé first shown as a concept at Auto China in April, will go into production from 2012. It will be built at the Mercedes plant in Sindelfingen, on the same production line as the CLS and E-Class saloon.

The **CLS Shooting Brake** has the proportions of a coupé – a long bonnet, narrow-look windows with frameless side windows, and that characteristic roof sloping back towards the rear. According to Mercedes, "It is only when taking a second look that it becomes clear that the **Shooting Brake** actually has four doors and a large rear lid. The model features some astonishing proportions which at the same time are clearly reminiscent of another design icon – the CLS."

Dr. Dieter Zetsche, **Head of Mercedes-Benz Cars**, claims that **Mercedes** established a new vehicle segment in 2004 with the launch of the four-door **Coupé CLS**: "170,000 customers around the globe show how enthusiastically this car has been received by the market. The decision to build the **CLS Shooting Brake** underscores the leading role of **Mercedes-Benz** in regards to innovative passenger car concepts and design – and that is exactly what the customers expect from us."



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