



Dear Mercedes-Benz Enthusiasts

The February edition of Cargossip keeps you informed with a sneak preview of the new Mercedes-Benz E-Class Estate, the smart cdi – also called 'CO₂ world champion' and more information about the a fuel-cell-powered roadster, built by Daimler trainees.

News Flash

• Sneak Preview – New E-Class Estate

The E-Class Estate is the flexible estate in the upper medium-size category. Effortless superiority, success and prestige are the attributes which define its character. The front of the Estate radiates the effortless superiority typical of the E-Class. The defining features are the steeply angled radiator grille that makes the arrow-shaped bonnet appear particularly long, the upright, dominant radiator grille, the distinctive form of the headlamp units, muscular-looking wings with prominently flared wheel arches as well as a front bumper which creates a marked sense of breadth. The defining features of the Estate's characteristic side design are the long profile with its pronounced wedge shape, the unmistakable, taut roof line, the elegant roof rails, the steep, downward-tapering D pillar, the beltline and the structuring line which rise towards the rear of the vehicle and the distinctively contoured rear wings. The E-Class Estate comes with one of the following four exhaust tailpipe designs, depending on the engine



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and specification: single pipe / not visible, single pipe / visible, twin-pipe / oval, twin-pipe / rectangular. The load compartment of the E-Class Estate is just as sophisticated and elegant in design as the rest of the interior. With the EASY-PACK quickfold the seats are automatically folded down by pulling the handles in the C and D-pillars, the backrests can be folded in such a way that the compartment floor is almost completely level. Seat cushions do not need to be folded and the backrests are easily folded back into position by hand. The EASY-PACK load compartment cover screens the load from the sun's rays as well as prying eyes. The load compartment volume behind the second row of seats is 695 litres, with a folding load compartment floor that creates an additional 132 litres of stowage space under the load compartment floor. An optional third seat row in the load compartment turns the S212 into something of a "7-seater". The folding seats, which are positioned with their backs to the direction of travel, can accommodate two children up to a height of 1.4 metres and a weight of 50 kg. Safety considerations are taken care of by head restraints and three-point seatbelts. Automatic opening and closing of the tailgate is equipped as standard for the first time in the E-Class Estate (S212). The opening angle of the tailgate can be individually programmed in order to provide our customers with the greatest possible flexibility, the tailgate opens fully when delivered from the works. It then reaches a height of 2.06 metres. For more information contact your closest Mercedes-Benz East Rand dealer.

- **smart is the past and the present CO₂ champion**

The smart fortwo cdi is maintaining its top position among the most environmentally friendly cars with a combustion engine. The smart fortwo cdi now emits just 86 g/km of CO₂ – less than all its competitors. A high level of environmental friendliness is an innate characteristic of the successful smart fortwo cult car. The diesel model - the smart fortwo cdi – always underlined this claim with carbon dioxide emissions of just 88 grams per kilometre, the lowest figure worldwide for cars with a combustion engine. Now the smart fortwo is setting a new record with emissions of just 86 g/km or consumption of 3.3 litres of diesel per 100 kilometres in the manual "softip" mode which means that it keeps its title of CO₂ champion. The smart engineers have been able to improve the smart fortwo cdi's fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions in the course of continuous further development. The measures included an improvement in the vehicle's aerodynamics. A reduction in ride height by seven millimetres, for example, resulted in improved rolling resistance characteristics. The smart cdi is only available in Europe. The next level of sustainable drives is ready to go: the smart fortwo electric drive has already been proving itself in everyday use in London for three years. Series production of 1000 vehicles started in November 2009. From 2012 the dream of motoring with no local emissions will become a reality for everyone. The South African CO₂ champion is the smart mhd, micro hybrid, with emission of 103g/km or a consumption of 4.4 litres per 100 km. For more information contact your closest Mercedes-Benz East Rand dealer.



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- **Daimler trainees have built a fuel-cell-powered roadster**
As part of an unprecedented, cross-disciplinary project, Daimler trainees have built a fuel-cell-powered roadster at the Mercedes-Benz plant in Sindelfingen, Germany. For around one year, more than 150 apprentices and students worked on the design, development, assembly and completion of the F-CELL Roadster. The creativity these young people have shown in this assignment is truly impressive. According to Günther Fleig, Board of Management member with responsibility for Human Resources, and Director of Labour Relations, the vehicle provides a link between the very latest technologies and the history of automotive engineering. As a feature reminiscent of the Benz Patent Motor Wagon of 1886, the car is equipped with large, spoked wheels. The F-CELL Roadster also has styling features from a wide range of automotive eras. These include carbon-fibre seat bases with hand-stitched leather upholstery and a striking glass-fibre front end that takes its lead from Formula 1 racing cars. The car is steered using drive-by-wire technology, a conventional steering wheel giving way to a joystick. It is powered by an emission-free fuel-cell system installed in the rear. With an output of 1.2 kW, the F-CELL Roadster is capable of a top speed of 25 km/h with an operating range of up to 350 km.



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Kind Regards
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