Mercedes-Benz. Unlike any other.

SL 550  S L  600  SL 55 AMG

An unrivaled combination of power and panache.

They are, in their own way, time machines. Vehicles capable of transporting you to someplace very special. A time of glamour. Of entrances and even better exits. To the storied Mercedes-Benz sports cars of the 1950s and '60s. Automobiles on film, and ferociously stylish, they seemed most at home on a Hollywood back lot or cruising the Riviera. Yet while the 2008 SL-Class harkens back, it also rockets you directly to the here and now. A variety of engines—including the 510-horsepower SL 55 AMG V-8—along with racing-inspired handling features like Active Body Control and the engineering elegance of a retractable hardtop roof make these top-of-the-line two-seaters exhilarating performers.

The 2008 SL-Class. Time to drive the latest legends.
SL 550 shown in Iridium Silver metallic paint.
Please the eye. Cheat the wind. And make one heck of an entrance.

The award-winning SL-Class profile is so seductively engineered, its lines are copied for practice in design schools around the world. Its ground-hugging shape defines what a sports car should look like. Its details—the 3-ribbed, chrome-edged grille, vibrant polycarbonate-lens Xenon headlamps and spined mesh air ducts—are icons of automotive design. And if you want to make your SL’s hardtop disappear, the roof will fold itself into the trunk at the touch of a button on the center console or SmartKey remote.
The AMG Sport Package.
Details that are so much more than details.

Created by the performance gurus at Mercedes-AMG, the AMG Sport Package adds extra snarl to the SL 550 and SL 600 in the form of an AMG front air dam, side skirts and a rear valance treatment. The AMG makeover also includes a stunning set of 18”, staggered-width alloy wheels and F1-racing-inspired paddle shifters on the steering wheel. Everybody’s looking for an edge, but it’s rare to find one that cuts this cleanly.

SL 550 shown at right in Iridium Silver metallic paint with optional AMG Sport Package.
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Brute performance that’s anything but brutish.

It only takes 16 seconds to turn one of the world’s most beautiful coupes into one of the world’s most captivating roadsters. In all truth, the thrill of watching the SL’s retractable hardtop layer itself neatly into the trunk is rivaled only by the sheer fun of driving the SL, top up or down. The SL-Class formula: Endow high performance with Mercedes-Benz elegance. An SL is a virtuoso performer with thrilling acceleration and smooth, effortless power. It’s a true sports car engineered to make the best of every challenge and tame every road, but never in danger of dropping its composure—or disturbing yours.
Many engines, one choice: Power.

The SL-Class engines have a way of making a lasting impression. It’s impossible not to be mesmerized by the thundercrack of the SL550’s 5.5-liter V-8 and the liquid shifts of its 7-speed automatic transmission. Or the attraction of the SL600’s breathtaking flood of twin-turbo, V-12 torque — 612 lb-ft of pure force. And it’s hard to imagine anything as enticing as the sound of a 510-horsepower, supercharged V-8 as the SL55 AMG rockets its way from 0 to 60 mph in a staggering 4.4 seconds.
Not so much a conversation with the road as a duet.

It is the ride of your life. With the handling to match. Where other sports cars merely turn in and hang on, the SL tackles it and holds its line. It starts with a strong foundation: a multi-link suspension, staggered-width wheels and brakes so massive they could almost make time stand still. Then Mercedes-Benz adds handling innovations so revolutionary, they’ve actually been banned in racing because they give the driver an “unfair advantage.” These include our Electronic Stability Program and Active Body Control, which help resist and even counteract cornering forces. An unfair advantage on the track, maybe, but exactly what you need to stay in harmony with the road.
SL 600 shown at right in Capri Blue metallic paint.
Take comfort in over a century of craftsmanship.

In the SL-Class, the sound and feel of the finest leathers, hand-fitted throughout the cabin, welcome your touch and enliven the air. Sweeping accents of rich wood or AMG Carbon Fiber on the doors and center console are a treat for the eyes, just as the chronograph-style gauges capture the essence of classic design. Moving from Old World style to new worlds of music, the 8-speaker Bose® Cabin Surround™ digital audio system fills your ears with flawless sound — top up or down — via the standard 6-disc CD changer and SIRIUS Satellite Radio, which offers over 130 channels, including sports, news, real-time traffic and weather reports, and 69 commercial-free music stations. One top-down cruise is all it takes.

SL 550 shown with Black leather interior, optional Voice Control and optional Trim and Premium 1 Packages. Please see page 51 for Endnotes.
Some pleasures are best shared with one.

Your SL’s interior welcomes you and your passengers from the moment you settle into the glove-like fit of individually heated, 12-way power-adjustable seats. Available multicontour seats are equipped with triple lumbar supports, pneumatically adjustable side bolsters and a fatigue-relieving massage function.

The SL-Class also offers the ultimate comfort: Available Active Ventilated seats that use tiny fans within the seats to circulate cooling air through the perforated leather. If you like to stay cool, but your copilot likes heat, you’ll both appreciate the personal nature of the dual-zone automatic climate control system. And the optional Panorama Roof gives you both a wide-screen view of the sky when it’s too beautiful not to share, but too brisk out to lower the top.
Luxuries that quickly become necessities.

The power of an SL doesn’t just live under its hood. Without even lifting your grip from the multifunction steering wheel, you can control everything from the radio and multiple convenient vehicle settings. Your ally in this is the COMAND system, which integrates your SL’s DVD-based Navigation System, audio system, Hands-Free Communication System and, if you want, Bluetooth® interface. Simply put, COMAND makes sure that none of these devices gets in your way while you’re using one of the others. For example, if you take a call on your Bluetooth®-enabled phone, the radio will automatically be muted, or the CD paused. The SL’s practical power also includes conveniences like an Electronic Trunk Closer (optional on the SL 550 and SL 55 AMG) and the Easy-Pack system, which lets the folded roof tilt up for easier trunk access when the top is down.

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The 2008 SL-Class
SL 550

The SL 550 is a 382-horsepower celebration of design. The interior is swathed in leather and hand-polished Chestnut, Burl Walnut or Black Ash wood trim. Engineering triumphs like a 7-speed automatic transmission and Active Body Control represent the future of automotive technology. Meanwhile, the here and now is filled by the clarity of an 8-speaker Bose® Cabin Surround™ digital audio system featuring the revolutionary noise compensation of Bose® AudioPilot™. A 6-disc CD changer and SIRIUS Satellite Radio, boasting over 130 channels of sports, news, music and talk, are also standard. At the touch of a button, the SL 550 is a roadster when you crave the thrill of open-air driving or a secure coupe when you want just that. So any time you’re in the mood, drop the top and listen to the roar of an electrifying V-8.

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SL 550 shown in Pewter metallic paint with optional Panorama Roof and Premium Package.

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Sometimes you have to turn it up to 12. The SL 600 draws its strength from 12-biturbo cylinders. The V-12 turns on 510 horsepower and 612 lb-ft of torque. There may not be a more sensational way to go from 0 to 60 mph in a mere 4.4 seconds.

After all, you're relaxed in the lap of 12-way power Active Ventilated Seats with multicontour seats, enveloped by glove-soft Exclusive Leather and commanding the drive with a sumptuous wood/leather shift knob and steering wheel. The Active Body Control suspension is acutely tuned to sort out whatever the road throws at you with poise and precision. And the SL 600's Bi-Xenon headlamps look great by day and help you peer deeper into the night.

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How you build a supercar: Tease 510 horsepower out of a hand-built, 5.5-liter supercharged V-8. Link that power to a 5-speed automatic transmission with AMG SPEEDSHIFT™ that robs the air with a 4.4-second 0-to-60 mph time. Equip the car with racebred multipiston brake calipers on huge, perforated and internally ventilated discs. To optimize cornering, inject AMG programming into the Active Body Control suspension. Now, if you can do all this and still give it the everyday drivability of a luxury car, you’re on your way to building an SL 55 AMG. And for the total driving enthusiast, the AMG Performance Package endows this fearsome supercar with enhancements that will redline your adrenaline.

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Drivetrain

SL 55 AMG

Dimensions

Engine AMG-built SOHC 24-valve V-8
Power 510 hp @ 6,100 rpm
Torque 531 lb-ft @ 2,600–4,000 rpm
Displacement 5,439-cc
Compression 9.0:1
Transmission 5-speed automatic with AMG SPEEDSHIFT™

Acceleration 0–60 mph in 4.4 seconds.

Wheelbase 100.8”
Overall length 178.5”
Overall height 51.0”
Overall width 80.0”

The SL 55 AMG is draped with the aerodynamics and attitude of AMG bodywork, from the unmistakable, chromed-ribbed AMG grille to the four polished-chrome exhaust tips. 19” AMG 5-spoke alloy wheels and style to top polish. Once inside, you’ll revel in AMG sport seats, clad in perforated leather and relish the sweeping use of supple AMG Premium Leather, Alcantara and Carbon Fiber trim. The leather- and Alcantara-trimmed AMG steering wheel’s shift paddles deliver fingertip control of the AMG SPEEDSHIFT transmission. The AMG gauges keep you locked on the performance. Now you know exactly what it is to build, and better yet drive, a true supercar.

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Body structure

A range of precision safety elements work together to protect you and your passenger in the event of a collision. While High-Strength/Low-Alloy steel in important areas of the vehicle forms an exceptionally rigid barrier, advanced front and rear crumple zones deform progressively to help absorb the energy of an impact. A front bulkhead also helps channel some of the forces of a frontal impact under, over and around the cabin.

Electronic Stability Program (ESP®)

This advance continually monitors your vehicle’s motion to help keep you going in your intended direction. If it detects wheelspin, severe understeer (plowing) or oversteer (fish-tailing), ESP can brake individual wheels and reduce engine power to correct those problems and help bring your vehicle under control. It significantly helps you control your vehicle during accident-avoidance maneuvers.

Brake Assist (BAS)

Research shows that drivers seldom apply the brakes hard enough, soon enough in emergency situations. BAS monitors pedal application speed to sense emergency braking and deliver maximum stopping power.

Side-impact protection

Reinforced doors, side sills and floorpan are part of an integrated safety design that also includes high-strength seat struts and head/thorax air bags. All of these systems work together to help protect occupants during side impacts.

Seat belts

Equipped with Emergency Tensioning Devices (ETDs) and adaptive belt force limiters, seat belts are arguably our most important passive safety feature. If a collision exceeds a preset threshold, the ETDs instantly remove slack from the seat belts. Belt force limiters allow a slight amount of give in the seat belts and reduce the peak seat-belt forces on the occupant.

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AMG 5.5-liter, supercharged V-8 engine

This hand-assembled AMG 5.5-liter intercooled supercharged V-8 engine gives the SL 55 AMG the competitive advantage. It sprints from 0 to 60 in just 4.4 seconds, thanks to its 5,439-cc V-8 with 510 horsepower of supercharged might and 531 lb-ft of tarmac-twisting torque. Competition-proven materials and techniques, from its forged aluminum pistons to its precision-balanced crankshaft and ultra-efficient liquid-to-air intercooler, are at the heart of the SL 55 AMG.

5.5-liter V-8 engine

One of our most advanced engines generates 382 horsepower and 391 lb-ft of torque, with an amazing 75% of peak torque available at just 1,000 rpm. To help reduce engine weight and increase durability, the engine block is made of cast aluminum with a solid bedplate, an ideal construction for performance. Indeed, the engine’s smooth, immediate power delivery whisks the SL 550 from 0 to 60 mph in 5.3 seconds.

7-speed automatic transmission

The Mercedes-Benz SL 55 AMG is the only car in its class to have a driver-adaptive 7-speed automatic transmission as standard equipment. A wide range of closely spaced gears delivers the ideal gear ratio for virtually every driving condition, which means smoother shifting and immediate response for acceleration and passing, and improved fuel efficiency on the highway.

5-speed automatic transmission

The Mercedes-Benz SL 600 is the only car in its class to have a driver-adaptive 5-speed automatic transmission as standard equipment. A wide range of closely spaced gears delivers the ideal gear ratio for virtually every driving condition, which means smoother shifting and immediate response for acceleration and passing, and improved fuel efficiency on the highway.

Bi-turbo V-12 engine

The SL 600 rules the high numbers – 510 horsepower and an astounding 612 lb-ft of peak torque between 1,800–3,500 rpm – because its powerplant waves known with elusiveness. The staggering low-end torque stems from two compact turbochargers which, with an optimized turbine, nearly eliminate “turbo lag.” And two liquid-to-air intercoolers yield a charge for more powerful combustion – and more powerful performance.

5-speed automatic transmission with AMG SPEEDSHIFT™

A heavily modified, driver-adaptive 5-speed automatic transmission found only in the SL 55 AMG. AMG SPEEDSHIFT™ performs gear changes up to 35% faster than our standard 5-speed automatic, can automatically perform double-downshifts under heavy braking, will hold a specific gear through hard cornering and automatically selects the optimum gear to ensure maximum acceleration when overtaking. With paddle shifting, the driver controls all gear changes.
SL 550
18" 5-spoke light-alloy wheels
These staggered-width wheels come equipped with 255/40 R18 high-performance tires in front and 285/35 R18 in back, which accentuate the breathtaking lines of the SL 550.

SL 600
18" tapered 5-spoke light-alloy wheels
These wheels come equipped with 255/40 R18 high-performance tires in front and 285/35 R18 in back, which are the perfect complement to the SL 600.

Vehicle-speed-sensitive steering
At lower speeds, the vehicle-speed-sensitive power rack-and-pinion steering delivers more power assist for easy handling. At higher speeds, the amount of power is adjusted for improved road feel and control.

Agility
Multilink sport suspension
The 4-wheel multilink suspension is key to the exceptional poise and control of the SL-Class. The 5-arm rear multilink design—a Mercedes-Benz innovation—controls rear-wheel movement with outstanding precision. For more dynamic handling, the front axle assembly, front suspension and steering gear are all preassembled along with the engine and transmission on an extraordinarily rigid steel subframe.

Active Body Control (ABC)
Arguably the most advanced suspension system in production, ABC provides an excellent balance of ride comfort and handling while virtually eliminating bodyroll during cornering. A series of sensors and electronically controlled high-pressure hydraulic actuators counteract the effects of roll, vibration, pitch, dive and squat. And to help adjust ride quality and responsiveness, the driver can select either Sport or Comfort mode via a button next to the shift knob.

Brakes
All SL-Class models offer perforated and ventilated front disc brakes that provide powerful stopping control. The automatic Brake Drying feature is designed to increase stopping performance in wet conditions by intermittently pressing the brake pads against the rotors when the windshield wipers are in use to remove moisture from the rotors. The Predictive Brake Priming feature helps reduce stopping time in emergencies. If you quickly remove your foot from the accelerator, the system moves the brake pads closer to the rotors to prepare for rapid braking.

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Design an SL-Class all your own

Choose from a variety of metallic and non-metallic exterior paints. Then add your favorite available upholstery color and material choices.

To keep your vehicle’s exterior looking its best for a long time, Mercedes-Benz uses nanotechnology—specifically, microscopic ceramic nano-particles. Each ceramic nano-particle is tens of thousands of times thinner than a human hair, but when joined together they are incredibly durable. When the clearcoat is applied, the nano-particles float around freely in the liquid paint. The resulting finish offers considerably greater and longer-lasting resistance to fine scratches—such as those caused by car washes and environmental factors—than conventional paint finishes, for an enduring deep gloss. And with this many choices, there’s bound to be a design combination for you.

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**designo Espresso Edition**

The warm sophistication of designo Espresso Black metallic paint sets the stage for an engaging performance palette. The finish environment is a Charcoal interior finished with soft designo Sand Nappa leather hand-fitted to the seats, harmonious Natural Maple wood trim on the dashboard, console, doors and steering wheel. A sleek Alcantara headliner tops the cabin, while front-door packages feature the signature designo metallic finish. This shot of espresso delivers a rush of luxury that’s practically addictive.

**designo Mystic White Edition**

Shimmering designo Mystic White metallic paint presents an irresistible invitation to the world of elegant style. Since you’re inside, supple Porcelain Nappa leather, applied by hand throughout the cabin, welcomes your touch. Hand-finished Natural Maple wood trim on the doors, console, steering wheel and overhead assist handles to stunning effect. designo floor mats trimmed in Black leather treat every guest to a final touch of indulgence.

**designo Graphite Edition**

Dressed in designo Graphite metallic paint, the SL-Class is the definition of quiet sophistication. A world of sumptuous designo Corteccia Nappa leather and rich brown Natural Maple wood trim. The unmistakable designo metallic plate adorns the front-seat backrests. Sensual delights include wood and Black leather on the steering wheel and shift knob and the softness of plush Black designo floor mats exquisitely edged in leather.

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Electronic Trunk Closer

This feature allows the owner to fully open and close the trunk via a switch on the driver’s interior door panel. You can also close the trunk lid by pressing a button on its underside or open it with the SmartKey remote.

Standard SL 600. Optional SL 550 and SL 55 AMG.

Dual-zone climate control

The driver and passenger can select their own level of heating or cooling thanks to individual controls for each on the dashboard. When set to the Auto position, this system can monitor sunlight intensity and seat occupancy, determining which side of the car requires greater cooling and adjusting the temperature and airflow accordingly. An electrostatic part and pollen filter helps remove various pollutants from the air, while the smog-sensing recirculation function can automatically sense smog or exhaust and switch the climate control to recirculation. Tunnel mode offers one-touch closing (and reopening) of all windows and cabin air intake via the air-recirculation button.

Standard all models.

Panorama Roof

The Panorama Roof extends from the windshield to the rear window to give you a view of the sky without putting the top down. The roof comes with a retractable mesh sunshade, which helps eliminate glare and keep the cabin cooler on sunny days.

Optional all models.

Amenities

Power retractable hardtop

When it comes to putting the top down, the SL-Class is the fastest hardtop convertible around. Simply use the control switch on the center console or SmartKey remote, and the SL-Class goes from coupe to roadster in just 16 seconds—faster than any other retractable hardtop in production. When raised, this innovative top makes the SL-Class as beautiful a coupe as it is a roadster. In other words, a joy to drive all year round.

Standard all models.

Heated power seats

Both of the SL’s deeply contoured seats offer 12-way power adjustment plus pneumatically adjustable lumbar support, 3-position memory and two levels of heating. The driver’s seat memory also stores settings for the power lift-glassizing windows and available interior storage spaces.

Standard all models.

Multicontour seats with massage function

The multicontour seats provide the ultimate in seating ergonomics and comfort. Triple lumbar supports as well as pneumatically adjustable side bolsters and shoulder supports allow you to customize the fit of your seat and offer body-hugging support in sharp turns. The massage function helps fight fatigue by stimulating muscles throughout the back.


Active Ventilated Seats

Three levels of ventilation are available for the SL’s seats. Active Ventilated Seats are designed to keep you cool during warmer months by gently circulating air through perforations in the seat and backrest, which helps eliminate perspiration buildup. Using both the ventilation and heating features simultaneously can help you keep warm and dry on cold and rainy days.

Standard SL 600. Optional SL 550 and SL 55 AMG.

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COMAND system  
This single-disc system uses GPS satellites to map the route to your location and help find points of interest along the way, including restaurants, hotels, ATMs and Mercedes-Benz dealerships. Maps and other visual aides appear on-screen; voice instructions play through the audio system. Be sure to ask your dealer about our available NavUpdate discs to keep your maps and Points Of Interest current.

Hands-Free Communication System  
Make calls, receive calls and even access select phone books—through the COMAND system in one of two easy ways. Using an approved compatible phone, you can connect to the Hands-Free Communication System via a range of accessories: a hands-free device that plugs into your vehicle's external antenna, while the Bluetooth interface services your needs wirelessly. When your Bluetooth-compatible phone is synched up to the system, just leave your phone in your pocket and enjoy both conversations over the sound system.

Audio system  
When parking, obstacles that might be outside your field of vision when parking in tight spaces.

Distronic Adaptive Cruise Control  
This remarkable advance monitors the vehicle ahead and adjusts your speed to maintain a safe gap between vehicles. If you decelerate to a speed lower than 6 mph, the system is de-activated.

SIRIUS Satellite Radio  
Enjoy a complimentary three-month subscription to SIRIUS with over 150 channels, including 16 channels of sports, news, talk, entertainment, traffic, weather and data. SIRIUS is also home to 100% commercial-free music channels, featuring over 69 music channels nationwide. Live play-by-play broadcasts of the biggest sports — NFL, NASCAR, NBA and more from over 150 college football games — round out what’s sure to be one of your favorite cabin appointments.

Mercedes-Benz Extended Run-Flat Tires  
For an added measure of security and confidence, Mercedes-Benz Extended Run-Flat Tires allow you to stop the vehicle ahead and adjust your speed to maintain a safe gap between vehicles. If you decelerate to a speed lower than 6 mph, the system is de-activated.

Keyless Go  
A leap in ease and efficiency, this option lets you open your vehicle’s doors or the trunk while leaving your vehicle’s SmartKey in your pocket. To start the vehicle, simply step on the brake pedal and push the start button located in the gearshift lever. You can also start the vehicle by inserting the SmartKey in the ignition. Standard (SL 550 and SL 600 AMG).

Mercedes-Benz Extended Roadside Assistance  
For added protection of your vehicle, your vehicle’s extended roadside assistance is available for a period of three years or a maximum of 60,000 miles. For service, contact your dealer at 1-800-367-2267.

Voice Control  
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Standard all models.

Optional all models.

Optional or included with a package.

Not available.

Please see page 51 for details.
Refine the unmatched panache of the SL-Class to match your personal preferences. Mercedes-Benz dealers offer an inviting array of SL accessories, from distinctive alloy wheels to arresting chrome accents. Each of the following components is also designed, engineered and tested to meeting Mercedes-Benz standards for a high level of quality. To ask your dealer for the SL-Class Accessories Brochure to see our full line of appearance, utility and car care accessories. The SL will always be an eye-catching roadster. Now it can also be a reflection of your individual style.

Multi-Handset Interface (MHI) cradle and Bluetooth® interface
In conjunction with your SL Roadster’s pre-wired Hands-Free Communication System, the MHI cradle helps you enjoy the benefits of hands-free calling while charging your Mercedes-Benz-approved phone. Consider the Bluetooth interface module, which allows you to make and receive calls, and even access select phone books, without taking your phone out of your pocket.

Illuminated doorsills
Light up your SL-Class with radiant style every time you open the door, courtesy of arresting doorsills made of brushed stainless steel. Available in sets of two, they sparkle with white Mercedes-Benz lettering and illuminated inlays.

Accessory aluminum-alloy wheels
Engineered to the highest standards, each of our accessory wheels puts a unique spin on your SL Roadster, from an 18” 9-spoke design in sterling silver® to a 19” high-gloss-polish 5-spoke style®.

All-season floor mats
Keep the carpet of your SL-Class in top shape despite virtually any weather condition. Deep channels in the floor mats trap large amounts of water, mud and melting snow. Easy to clean, they come in sets of two and are available in Black, Grey or Beige.

Dust cover
Protect your SL-Class from dust, dirt and scratches in enclosed spaces such as garages. The outside of the cover is made from breathable, durable synthetic material and the inside from a soft flannel-style fabric. The Mercedes-Benz star on the head and the pale silver color ensure that your roadster always has a refined look, even when covered.

Rear shelf bag
This large-capacity bag with leather straps is custom-designed to fit perfectly on the rear shelf of your SL. Made of leather and nylon, 32” x 13” x 12” deep features a nylon main compartment, dual pockets for easy access and two convenient gussets. For a sleeker line, the zip collar extends beyond the end of the bag and features magentically to the sides.

Trunk nets
Stow belongings, packages and other items even more securely thanks to nylon nets that are as durable as they are versatile. These convenient accessories also maximize storage capacity, as they’re designed for the trunk floor, rear and sides alike.

Chrome accents
Add a final touch to the distinctive look of your SL-Class with exterior matte chrome mirror housings, two per set. This complements the range of coordinating exterior refinements. Help protect your finish from scratches and add yet another touch of style with a set of two chrome door-handles inserts.

Accessories
Please see page 51 for Endnotes.
### ENGINE

**Engine size and type**
- SL 550: 5,461-cc DOHC 32-valve V-8
- SL 600: 5,513-cc bi-turbo SOHC 36-valve V-12
- SL 55 AMG: 5,439-cc AMG-built supercharged SOHC 24-valve V-8

**Construction**
- Aluminum-alloy cylinder block.

**Net power**
- SL 550: 382 hp @ 6,000 rpm
- SL 600: 510 hp @ 5,000 rpm
- SL 55 AMG: 510 hp @ 6,100 rpm

**Net torque**
- SL 550: 391 lb-ft @ 2,800–4,800 rpm
- SL 600: 612 lb-ft @ 1,800–3,500 rpm
- SL 55 AMG: 531 lb-ft @ 2,600–4,000 rpm

**Compression ratio**
- 10.7:1

**Fuel tank (capacity — reserve)**
- 21.1 gal — 2.6 gal

### DRIVEWHEELS

**Transmission**
- 7-speed automatic.
- Electronically controlled driver-adaptive shifting.

**Drive configuration**
- Rear-wheel drive.

### TRACTION/STABILITY

**Electronic Stability Program (ESP)®**
- Standard

### PERFORMANCE

**0–60 acceleration**
- 5.3 seconds

**Top speed**
- 130 mph

**Top speed, with AMG Sport Package**
- 130 mph

### SHOCKS, SUSPENSION, AND STABILITY

**Suspension configuration**
- Front: Independent 4-link.
- Rear: Independent 5-arm multilink.

**Active Body Control (ABC)®**
- Standard.
- AMG-modified.

**Steering**
- Rack-and-pinion with vehicle-speed-sensitive power assist.
- Turning circle: 36.2 ft curb-to-curb.

### WHEELS/TIRES

**Wheels**
- 18" 5-twin-spoke, 8.5x18 front — 9.5x18 rear.
- 18" 5-spoke, 8.5x18 front — 9.5x18 rear.
- 19" AMG 5-spoke, 8.5x19 front — 9.5x19 rear.
- 18" AMG 5-twin-spoke, 8.5x18 front — 9.5x18 rear.

**Tires**
- 255/40 R18 front — 285/35 R18 rear, high-performance.
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### BRAKES

**Brake system**
- Four-circuit electrohydraulic.

**Brake discs — calipers, front**
- 13.0" perforated and internally ventilated — 4-piston fixed.
- 14.2" perforated and internally ventilated — AMG 6-piston fixed.
- 13.0" perforated and internally ventilated — AMG 4-piston fixed.

**Brake discs — calipers, rear**
- 11.8" solid — single-piston floating.
- 13.0" internally ventilated — 4-piston fixed.

**Electrohydraulic braking system with automatic Brake Drying and Predictive Brake Priming®**
- Standard.

**Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) and Brake Assist (BAS)**
- Standard.

### EXTERIOR DIMENSIONS

**Exterior dimensions**
- **Length:** 178.5 in
- **Width:** 80.0 in
- **Height:** 51.0 in
- **Wheelbase:** 100.8 in

**Cargo capacity, top up**
- 10.2 cu ft

**Cargo capacity, top down**
- 7.2 cu ft

### SPECIFICATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

Please see page 51 for Endnotes.
12-way power-adjustable front seats with pneumatically adjustable lumbar support and memory function.

Driver-selectable light-sensing headlamps can be set via the Auto-Dimming Mirror.

Easy-Pack System tilts up folded roof at the touch of a button for easier access to boot.

Dual-zone climate control with individual driver and passenger controls.

Electrohydraulic retractable aluminum hardtop, operated via console switch, offers maximum access to trunk for more space-efficient storage of labeled top in trunk.

Xenon High-Intensity Discharge (HID) low-beam headlamps with automatic level control, halogen high beams, clear high-impact polycarbonate lenses and heated headlamp washers.

Automatic illumination of displays and controls based on ambient lighting.

Dual multifunction displays in speedometer and tachometer faces with mesh air diffuser.

Electronic Trunk Closer allows driver to open and close the trunk with a gentle push.

Sun sensor helps compensate for the effects of direct sunlight on the interior.

Humidity/dehumidification sensor reduces window fogging during humid weather and helps prevent overdrying of cooled air.

Tire Pressure Monitoring System alerts the driver to a loss of pressure.

Carbon Fiber trim on console and doors.

Rearview mirror with automatic dimming feature.

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Hand-fitted perforated AMG Premium Leather seating surfaces.

Electronic cruise control.

Driver-prammable settings for instrument cluster and lighting, steering column and outside mirror positions.

Technology Options and Packages:

- Touch Shift gear selector and Shift mode.
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- Vehicle reminder and message indicator.
- Maintenance System (see below) and gear position display.
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- Electronic Stability Program.

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SmartKey uses an electronic code to unlock the gearshift and ignition.

DVD-based Navigation System with a map database for the contiguous USA.

Dual-stage front air bags (adaptive for the passenger) are standard.

Espresso Edition

Emergency trunk release, located inside trunk and illuminated for 60 minutes after trunk lid is closed.

Cockpit Management and Data (COMAND) system.

Night security illumination uses the car’s exterior lights to help illuminate a return path after parking. Driver-programmable intervals allow lights to stay on for 15 seconds or not at all.

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Hands-Free Communication System.

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