

Mercedes-Benz C-Class gets a nip and tuck – by Liana Reiners

Mercedes-Benz has announced a major design update for the C-Class saloon and estate. The update also includes nine new safety assistance systems and new, more efficient engines. Two specification lines are available, namely ELEGANCE and AVANTGARDE.

As far as the exterior is concerned, the front bumper of the C-Class now has a more expressive and dynamic contour. The shape of the radiator grille is more prominently supported by the bumper and the central air intake opens out upwards in a V-shape, forming a visual base unit for the radiator grille. Pronounced side sections on the bumper extend from the sporty V-shape at the centre and blend into the feature lines along the vehicle flanks,



creating a link with the sides. The side air inlets in the bumper are positioned low down, giving the car a more road-hugging appearance.



A main focus of the design work in the interior was the restyling of the dashboard. This redesigning also involved enhancing the trim.

All the engine variants in the C-Class line-up are now classed as BlueEFFICIENCY units, showing that they are particularly efficient and environmentally compatible in their use of fuel. In addition, the overall ratio of all new powertrain variants has been optimised for fuel economy.

One of the highlights is the introduction of the new V6 petrol engine with its innovative and highly efficient BlueDIRECT process in the C 350 BlueEFFICIENCY.

Prices for the updated C-Class saloon range are:

C 180 BlueEFFICIENCY	R359 000
C 200 BlueEFFICIENCY	R379 000
C 200 CDI BlueEFFICIENCY	R380 000
C 250 BlueEFFICIENCY	R469 000
C 250 CDI BlueEFFICIENCY	R470 000
C 350 BlueEFFICIENCY	R520 000
C 350 CDI BlueEFFICIENCY	R520 000

Prices for the C-Class Estate are:

C 180 T BlueEFFICIENCY	R368 000
C 200 T BlueEFFICIENCY	R388 100
C 200 CDI T BlueEFFICIENCY	R389 300
C 250 T BlueEFFICIENCY	R478 600
C 250 T CDI BlueEFFICIENCY	R479 600
C 350 T BlueEFFICIENCY	R530 000

