

ams+ MERCEDES AMG CLE 53

# Only the base AMG offers a six-cylinder

Mercedes is also launching the CLE family as a 53 AMG version. It scores with a double-charged in-line six-cylinder and 449 hp.

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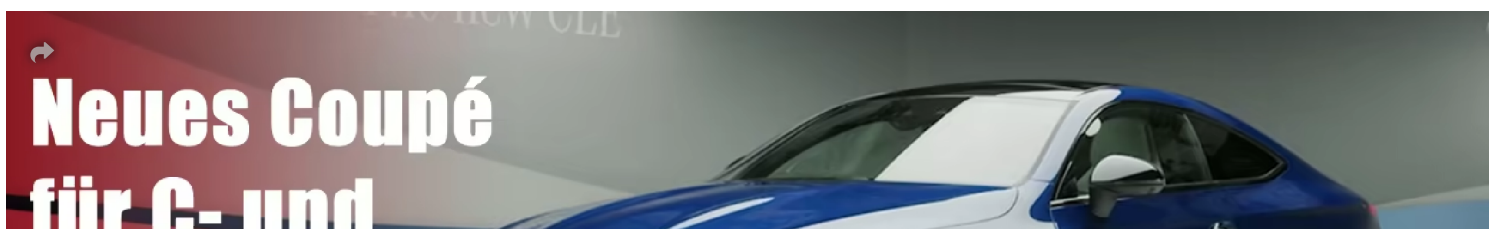
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In the new CLE family, [Mercedes](#) has brought together the two-door models of the E and C-Class. Mercedes is also crowning the new series with AMG versions. The CLE will be available as the AMG CLE 53 and the AMG CLE 63. The Swabians have now unveiled the former as a coupé.





The Mercedes CLE is the new coupé for the C and E classes

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### Two more cylinders in the CLE 53

When it comes to AMG engines, Mercedes is playing a little upside down. In the [top model CLE 63](#), the four-cylinder performance hybrid known from the C-Class works with up to 680 hp. The base AMG CLE 53 offers less power, but a presumably more prestigious in-line six-cylinder. The CLE 53 4-Matic+ combines the 449 hp three-liter six-cylinder with double charging with an exhaust gas turbocharger and an electric additional compressor as well as a 48-volt ISG system that delivers up to 23 additional hp and a maximum of 205 additional Nm. The maximum 560 Nm drive concept can also be found in the Mercedes S 500 4-Matic. With overboost you can even achieve up to 600 Nm for a short time. Gear changes are carried out by the well-known AMG Speedshift nine-speed automatic transmission. The fully variable 4Matic+ all-wheel drive ensures power transmission to all four wheels. The 53 sprints from zero to 100 km/h in 4.2 seconds, and the top speed is limited to 250 km/h. The limit is optionally increased to 270 km/h.

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Steel suspension and adaptive damping together with rear-axle steering characterize the chassis of the [CLE 53](#). Three damper characteristics can be preselected using a switch.

### As an AMG with thick fender cheeks

As a representative of the AMG group, the CLE 53 goes its own way visually. The sporty look is ensured by an AMG-specific radiator cowl, a newly shaped front apron with larger air inlets and a new rear apron that harmoniously integrates the round double tailpipe

trims. The rear lights are connected to each other by a dark red design element. There is a small spoiler on the trunk lid. What is particularly striking are the flared wheel arches, which give the AMG CLE 58 millimeters more track width at the front and 78 millimeters at the rear. There are 19-inch AMG wheels underneath; if desired, there are counterparts in 20-inch format. Behind these sits the AMG high-performance brake system with four-piston calipers and 370 discs at the front and 360 discs and single-piston calipers at the rear. The optional AMG appearance package sets even sportier accents. It includes additional flics on the front and rear apron, a more pronounced spoiler lip on the trunk lid and a diffuser board between the tailpipe trims. For further individualization, two AMG Night and Carbon packages are available.



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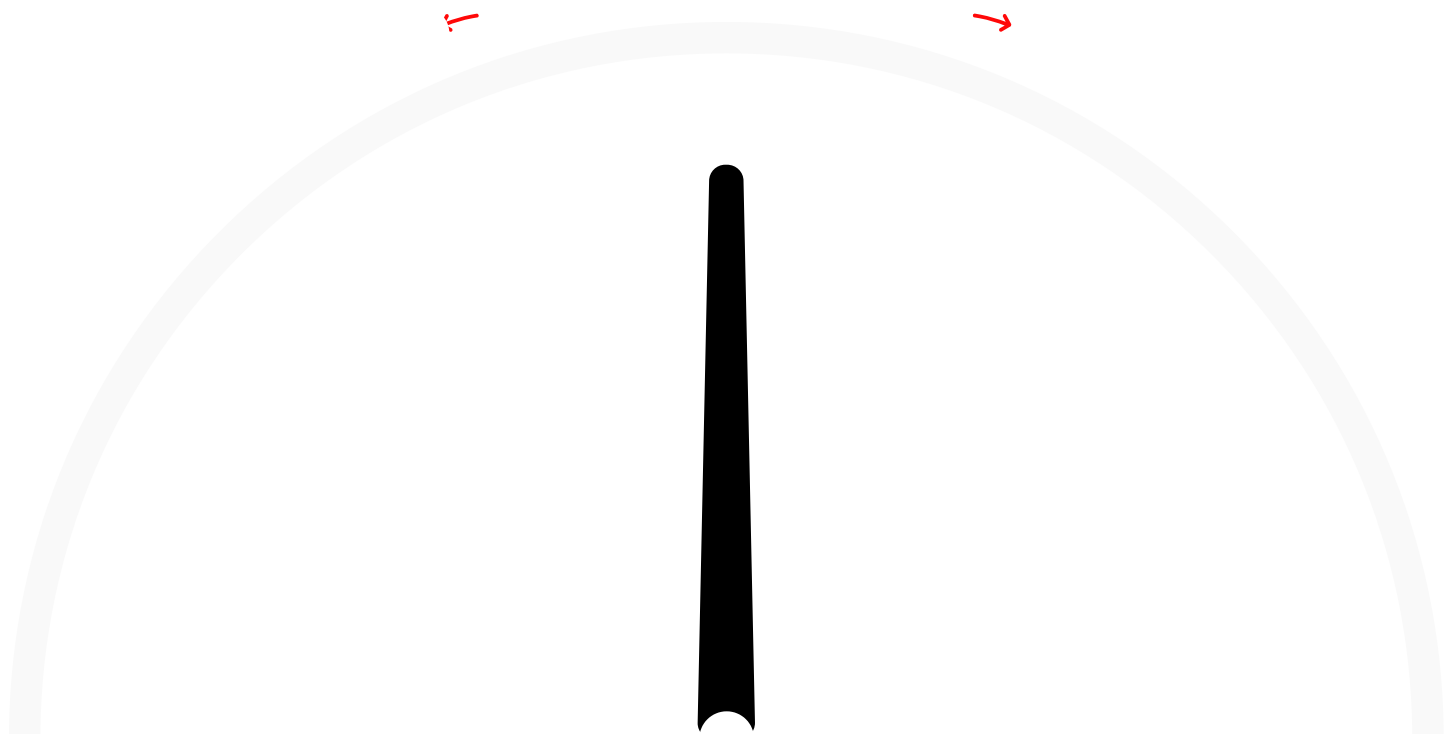
Inside, the sports steering wheel and integral seats with imitation leather covers welcome the drivers. Genuine leather and sports seats are available at an additional cost. Other interior features include red seat belts and shiny carbon trim elements. AMG also implements self-developed driving programs. Otherwise, the model benefits from the latest MBUX system as well as improved voice control and the assistance systems known from the S-Class. The screen graphics and menu designs are AMG-specific.

Mercedes has not yet announced prices or a market launch date for the CLE 53 4Matic+ Coupé. But it is clear that the CLE convertible will also come with this specification.

## Opinion poll

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## Conclusion

Mercedes is not only launching the new CLE class, an amalgamation of the coupé and convertible models from the E and C series, but is also giving the models the typical AMG trim. In addition to the brute top version in the '63 CLE, there is also a less powerful version with the '53 badge. However, it relies on a six-cylinder, while the 63 has to make do with a four-cylinder.

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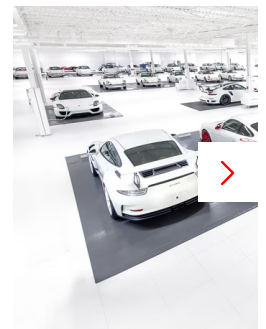


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