

# Mercedes Benz CLS-220 Shooting brake AMG-Line

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### This new CLS is a stunning car!!

This really does feel like a luxury car - so smooth and comfortable - how can this car only cost £350 a month?!

There are four and six cylinder diesel engines, and a monstrous V8 petrol. Both diesels accelerate smoothly and quickly, and feel well suited to the car. The standard seven-speed automatic gearbox always seems to know which ratio you want too. Our favourite is the six-cylinder diesel, which is badged 350 CDI, although the car I drove was the 220 and it was fine.

The diesel engine stays impressively hushed and smooth in all situations, and the silky gear-changes from the seven-speed automatic box also help make the Shooting Brake feel very cultured. Wind and road noise are both extremely well isolated, too, so this is a very capable long-distance cruiser.

The CLS may be based on the E-Class, but the driving experience is more advanced. More mature. More elegant and refined. The CLS cruises as well as you'd hope, with a continental gait that soaks up miles effortlessly. If possible, spec yours with full air suspension - as standard it features conventional steel springs up front and air cans at the back, which gives the ride a very slightly disjointed edge.

With nine airbags and lots of advanced features as standard, the CLS Shooting Brake is another very safe model from Mercedes.

All versions come with a stability programme to help you regain control of the car if it begins to skid, as well as the ability to automatically apply the brakes if



a collision with the vehicle in front is imminent.

A useful feature for those planning to do a lot of driving at night are the intelligent LED headlights, which can remain on high beam even when traffic is present thanks to a system that switches off any part of the beam that might dazzle other drivers.

The inside of this car is a really nice place to be - everything seems to work and be at your finger tips. The seats look and feel great; the back seats feel like leather arm chairs although I guess it could be a bit restricting only having 2 seats in the back for some families. It is a proper estate so the boot is fantastic and as it is a top of the range Mercedes, it has loads of gadgets which all work really well as you would expect - the nav and Bluetooth in particular are seamless. Overall you would be very happy with this as a family.



Score 8/10  
MPG = 51  
Top speed = 131 MPH  
0-60 = 8.9  
CO2 = 128  
On the road price £49,000  
(Lease price £358+vat over 3 years  
with 6 payments up front based on 10k  
miles a year)

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