

Mercedes Benz E63 AMG Reviewed 14/01/15

I love this car you can go on holiday with the wife and kids to Cornwall in comfort and it's one of the quickest cars on the road!!



Contrary to what you may expect, the E63 AMG never had a 6.3-litre engine – the old car packed a naturally aspirated 6.2-litre V8. Now the powerplant has shrunk to 5.5 litres but sprouted a pair of turbochargers. It is the same V8 mill already found in the CLS63, S63 and CL63 AMG.

Top speed, like all AMG models, is limited to 155mph, although the Driver's Package option, which also gets the buyer a day of high-speed driver training, bumps it up to a limited 186mph.

Given the heroic performance, the new E63 is reasonably economical, too. Official figures suggest it'll return 28.8mpg on a mixture of city and motorway driving for an improvement of 4.5mpg over the old E63. In the real world, though, the figure is closer to 24mpg. Go for broke and it quickly dips below 20mpg.

The E63 stands out thanks to its complex detailing and neatly integrated aero features. Highlights include a bold F1-style front bumper insert finished



in black, subtly flared wheelarches, a low-key tailgate spoiler and 10-spoke, 19-inch alloy wheels. As with the standard E63, you get Mercedes' excellent all-LED headlights.

These brilliantly bright units have distinctive daytime running lights, plus they benefit from a cornering function and automatic high-beam control these are great make a real difference to your vision at night.

Inside, the E63 feels much more special than the Vauxhall, with a lovely Alcantara-trimmed steering wheel, metal gearshift paddles and a special stubby automatic shift lever giving the car a real motorsport-inspired ambience. It also features four additional switches and a rotary dial located on the right of the centre console. These control the car's gearbox shift modes, along with damper and stability control settings, and add to the race-bred atmosphere the seats are great and it has so much as standard it's a really luxury car.

Score 10/10

MPG = 28

Top speed = 155 MPH (Limited)

0-60 = 4.2

CO2 = 233

On the road price £74,000

(Lease price £650+vat over 2 years with 6 payments up front based on 10k miles a year)

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