



The GLC Coupe from Mercedes

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IN this issue we lead with a vehicle brand which has evolved over the years. It has transitioned and has certainly cemented its mark across all segments. One vehicle which drives through the pages in this issue of the Motor Trend is the new GLC Coupé.

This new kid on the block full of iconic models makes quite an impression as the sports car among the Mercedes Benz SUVs. A standard-fit sports suspension as well as more direct sports steering, dynamic select and 4MATIC permanent all-wheel drive with 9G-TRONIC nine-speed automatic transmission combine effortlessly superior ride comfort with decidedly sporty agility.

When I had a chat about the new additions with Louissa Crossley Evans I could not help it but be captivated by this young woman knowledge and love of the brand.

She took me step by step on what they at Zimoco have achieved over the years and the product offering that has seen the light and rewritten the history of the brand with the many success stories. The GLC on the other hand is set to not only turn heads but strongly compete for its rightful position as an all round contender, 100 percent SUV & 100 percent Sports car.

The GLC comes with optional two suspension variants with continuously adjustable damping: the new dynamic body control with steel springing as well as the air body control multi-chamber air suspension. The distinct sportiness and dynamism is enriched with the high safety and state-of-the-art assistance systems so characteristic of the brand.

The combination of multifunctional SUV and dynamic coupé world neatly fuses emotion with intelligence.

With an exterior length of 4,73 metres, a height of 1.60 metres and a wheelbase of 2,87 metres, the GLC Coupé is dynamic and compact in appearance. This makes the coupé almost eight centimetres longer and some four centimetres lower than the multi-talented GLC, with which it shares its basic architecture. The GLC Coupé owes its distinct character to a characteristically coupé-esque, single-louvre diamond radiator grille and a restyled, dropping roof-line. The A pillar is less steeply raked, while the continuation of the roof outline is lower, terminating in the elegantly flowing, muscular tail end characteristic of a coupé.

The striking features of the front end are its dominant, steeply raked diamond radiator grille with a single louvre and integral star, short overhang and SUV inspired chromed under-guard.

The innovative headlamp concept, optionally in LED High Performance technology, sports the now characteristic Mercedes-Benz light signature. A striking injection of sports car genes is provided by the large lateral air inlets.

A clear due to the vehicle's distinctive SUV heritage is given by the optionally available side running boards. Flush with the outer edge of the body, wide wheels up to a size of 50,8 centimetres (20 inches) together with ample ground clearance underpin the GLC Coupé's sporty, dynamic ambitions on unpaved tracks and unsurfaced roads.

The styling of the tail end gives added emphasis to the vehicle's coupé genes. With its pronounced shoulders, muscular bumper design with integral exhaust tailpipe trims and under-guard in the form of a diffuser, the wide tail end of the GLC Coupé underlines the vehicle's athletic looks. This enables the coupé to hug the road.

Narrow, split tail lights, a centrally positioned brand star and a sharp spoiler lip reflect a design that made its debut with the S-Class Coupé and which all Mercedes-Benz coupé models have since followed. Relocated to the lower section of the bumper, the number plate as well as the characteristic form of the rear window with its rounded upper area, are among the further stylistic features. The rear window dispenses with a wiper, as the airflow does not break away until after the spoiler lip, which means that water is unable to strike the rear window. Like the headlamps, the night design of the LED tail lights sports the hallmark light signature of Mercedes-Benz.

However sporty and aesthetically appealing, the dynamic GLC Coupé also impresses with some practical features too. With a capacity of 491 to 1 400 litres, the load compartment leads this market segment. The availability of space in both front and rear puts the GLC Coupé on a par with the GLC in terms of comfort. Entrance height, shoulder room, elbow room and legroom are all identical.

In keeping with the Mercedes-Benz tradition, the body forms the foundation for exemplary crash safety. A high-strength safety passenger compartment forms the core of this concept. It is surrounded by specifically designed and crash-tested deformation zones, which ensure the best possible occupant safety by virtue of optimised force paths and a combination of die-cast aluminium components and ultra-high-strength materials.

In addition to three-point safety belts with pyrotechnical and reversible belt tensioning and belt-force limitation for driver, front passenger and those in the outer rear seats, numerous airbags serve to protect the vehicle's occupants in an accident. These include combined thorax/pelvis side bags for driver and front passenger and an optimised window bag extending over both seat rows, optional side bags for the outer rear seats and a driver knee bag.

So if its safety, reliability and class you are after, then this is you perfect fit. Visit ZIMOCO dealership and get to test drive and buy one.



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