



Mercedes-Benz SLK 55 AMG Black Series

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Mercedes-Benz introduced its Black Series back in 2006 with this little Hot Rod. AMG is to Mercedes what Shelby is to Ford and the Black Series is the equivalent in that analogy to the KR.

Whoever thinks of the SLK as just a hairdressers car does not know about the SLK Black. Mercedes have both increased power and lightened the car with numerous Carbon Fibre panels, including the fixed roof. The SLK Black is no longer a convertible.

The 5.5 litre V8 gets 400 hp (294 kW) and 520 Nm of torque via a modified air intake, freer flowing AMG sports air filters, new headers and a new valve-timing scheme and make the eight-cylinder unit that helps responsiveness to accelerator pedal movements. Zero to 60 for the SLK

Black comes in at 4.5 seconds

Visually there is a redesigned front apron with larger openings to supply a transmission-oil cooler and the steering-oil cooler. There are new side vents made of carbon for ventilation for the engine-oil coolers. The front wings are wider and made of reinforced plastic with ultra-light carbon-fibre composite material and feature black outlined air outlets. The non-retractable hardtop of the two-seater is also made of carbon-fibre composites, and the black central section has visible carbon-fibre. The elimination of the vario roof and the associated hydraulics gives a lower centre of gravity and significant weight reduction.

The SLK 55 AMG Black Series sits on ultra-light, forged AMG aluminium wheels in the sizes 8.5 x 19 and 9.5 x

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- 5439 cc 331.9 in³
- 298.3 kw 394 bhp
- 520 nm 383.5 ft lbs
- 74.5 bhp / litre
- 0.265 bhp / kg
- 0-60 mph 4.5 s

19. and is stopped by large composite brake discs (360 x 32 millimeters) and six-piston fixed calipers at the front axle.

A rare beast and one that would catch some of the hairdressers driving Porsches by surprise.

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Year	2006	
Built by	AMG	
ENGINE		
Configuration	90 Degree AMG V8	
Layout	Front Longitudinal	
Induction	Naturally aspirated	
Valvetrain	3 valves / cylinder, DOHC	
Displacement	5439 cc	331.9 in ³
Bore	97 mm	3.82 in
Stroke	92 mm	3.62 in
Compression	11.0:1	
Power	298 kw @ 5750 rpm	394 bhp
Torque	520 nm @ 3750 rpm	383.5 ft lbs
BHP/Liter	72.5 bhp / liter	
Power to weight	0.265 bhp / kg	

BODY

Unitary steel		
Weight	1495 kg	3296 lbs
Length	4087 mm	160.9 in
Width	1793 mm	70.6 in
Height	1270 mm	50.0 in
Wheelbase	2431 mm	95.7 in
Front track	xx	
Rear track	xx	

DRIVE

Rear Wheel Drive

Transmission	7-Speedshift 7G-Tronic
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SUSPENSION

Front	McPherson Struts Coil Springs, Gas Pressure Shock Absorbers, Anti-Roll Bar
Rear	multi-link, coil springs, gas-filled shock absorbers, anti-roll bar

PERFORMANCE

Top Speed	155 mph (limited)
0-60 mph	4.5 s

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