

The Mercedes Benz S Class: automobile comfort of the highest standard

S-Class: Epitome of automobile comfort

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USPA NEWS - S-Class “ the pinnacle of automotive engineering. A living legend that’s never gone out of fashion: ever since the beginnings of automotive history, the top models from Mercedes-Benz have been the most well-known and renowned embodiments of the fine art of automotive engineering.

The history of the Mercedes-Benz S-Class shows that automobile comfort is far more than just a luxurious ambiance, size and performance. In fact it is far more the intelligent support of the driver and passengers through innovative technical solutions providing answers to current questions and requirements which contribute to the holistic comfort of a vehicle. Added to that is the highest quality of material, design and production. The sum of these factors provides for a perfect mobile location.

The Mercedes-Benz S-Class and its predecessor model series have always stood for precisely this to a particularly high degree. Even the Mercedes-Simplex 60 hp from 1903 documents this high standard of comfort. Emil Jellinek, successful businessman and father of the Mercedes brand’s eponym had a long-distance saloon mounted on the chassis of the new top model of the Stuttgart brand for his own personal use. The comfort of the vehicle is not only reflected in the engine output of 60 hp (44 kW) which at the time was a superior achievement, but also in the spacious passenger compartment in which the occupants sat on comfortable seats upholstered with the very finest brocade.

The S-Class’ complete ancestral line begins after the Second World War. Initially it was the two Mercedes-Benz models 220 (W 187) and 300 (W 186), both presented in 1951, that again set standards with regard to comfort in the luxury segment. At the same time the S-Class continued the tradition of luxurious vehicles from the Mercedes-Benz brand and its predecessor brands. This continuity illustrates how well the engineers of each period have recognised and fulfilled the comfort requirements of customers.

An examination of the definition of comfort

The human perception of comfort is made up of various factors such as a feeling of safety, good driving characteristics, sufficient performance, a high degree of ergonomics, and an impression of excellent quality. Furthermore, reduced fatigue, the interior climate, and clarity with regard to the operation of increasingly complex vehicle systems influence the perception of comfort. Ride comfort, that is the harmony between the moving automobile and the road, is a particularly strong constant in Mercedes-Benz vehicles. (Source: Daimler Global Media)

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