

SLK-Class



Overview

Roadster fun in its purest form

Introduced in Summer 1996 and updated in February 2000, the SLK-Class offers three petrol engine variants - 2.0, 2.3 and 3.2 litres. Standard-fitted innovations include 6-speed transmission and Vario roof.

SLK stands for 'Sportlich, Leicht, Kurz' which means 'sporty, light and compact' - these are the characteristic features of the Mercedes-Benz SLK Roadster. This two-seater combines the exciting lines and fun of an open-top sports car with the technical sophistication and quality of today's Mercedes-Benz cars. The SLK includes airbags, ESP®, Brake Assist, sidebags, a six-speed transmission, plus inertia-reel seat belts with belt tensioners and belt force limiters. The standard safety equipment in the Roadster includes two robust roll-over bars, which provide optimum occupant protection in the event of a roll-over.

For the out-and-out performance thrill-seeker, the SLK 32 AMG is the ultimate choice! Its 354 hp engine powers the Roadster to 62.5 mph in just 5.2 seconds.

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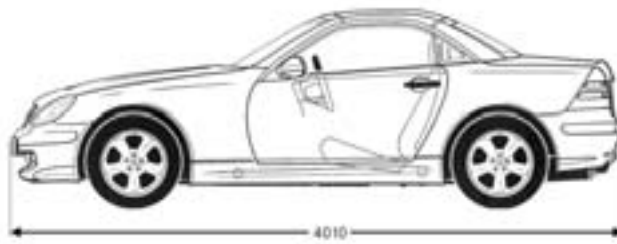
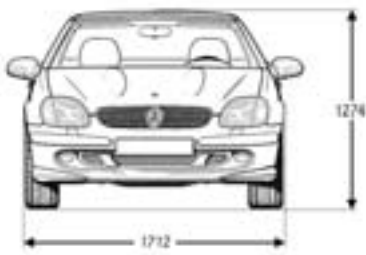
- The unique Vario steel roof was a world first for Mercedes-Benz and will convert the SLK into a weather-proof coupé in just 25 seconds.
- The ivory-coloured instrument dials are a reminder of the famous Mercedes SSKL roadsters of the late 1920s.
- The SLK has a Mercedes-Benz badge on the bonnet (rather than the three-pointed star), to highlight its sporting heritage.
- To make those wind-in-the-hair moments even more enjoyable, there's a wind deflector stored in a pocket behind the seats. Simply stretch it across the roll-over bar and enjoy the ride!
- The windscreen frame of the SLK is specially strengthened to provide protection in the event of a roll-over.
- Because of the unique design of the Vario roof, there is still 338 litres of luggage space available in the boot, even when the roof is down.
- To prove its reliability, a Vario roof was raised and lowered 20,000 times without showing any signs of damage. That's the equivalent of once a day for over 50 years!
- The standard-fit ESP system means you can always get the best out of the SLK. If there is any danger of skidding, the system will brake individual wheels - and even reduce engine power - to bring the vehicle under control.
- The AMG in SLK 32 AMG stands for Aufrecht Melcher Grossaspach, which is the name of the company that develops and builds AMG versions of Mercedes-Benz cars.
- Air pressure is important to an engine's performance. For every 100 metres above sea level, an engine may lose 1% of power.

Press

'The SLK remains the defining cabriolet in the £25,000 market, and is as desirable today as in 1996 when it arrived on the scene. A technical tour de force, the Mercedes has earned itself a reputation for unbeatable reliability and rock-solid residual values.' **Auto Express**

'The SLK is a climate-immune Mercedes-Benz that deserves far more than an admiring look, and needs a thorough investigation to reveal its triple personality of a Coupé, Roadster and high performance vehicle.' **Compass**

Technical Data



SLK-Class Standard Equipment

Selection

6-speed manual transmission with Speedtronic cruise control

Airbags and sidebags for the driver and passenger

Alarm system with immobiliser and interior protection

Alloy wheels

ABS, anti-lock braking with Brake Assist (BAS)

Electronic Stability Programme (ESP) with ASR

Electro-hydraulic vario roof

Leather trimmed steering wheel

Radio / cassette with four speakers

Remote central locking

Roll-over protection

Seat belt pre-tensioners and belt force limiters

Service indicator (ASSYST)

Sport seats

Wind deflector

Options - selection

5-speed automatic transmission with Tipfunction

Air conditioning - standard on SLK 230, SLK 320 and SLK 32 AMG

AMG bodystyling - standard on SLK 32 AMG

Auto dimming rear view mirror and driver's exterior mirror

Electric seats

Headlamp wash

Heated seats

Leather seating

Metallic paint

Xenon headlamps

Engines

	Cyls	cc	hp / rpm
SLK 200 Kompressor	4	1998	163 / 5300
SLK 230 Kompressor	4	2295	197 / 5500
SLK 320	V6	3199	218 / 5700
SLK 32 AMG	V6	3199	354 / 6100

Transmissions

6-speed manual transmission	standard
5-speed automatic transmission with Tipfunction	optional on all models

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