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Standard

Tested model
Mercedes-Benz CLE 220 d - Coupé, LHD

Body type
Coupé

Kerb weight
1870 kg

Class
Small Family Car

Rating applies to
all CLE Coupés

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VERDICT

The passenger compartment of the Mercedes-Benz CLE Coupé remained stable in the frontal offset test. Dummy readings indicated good protection of the knees and femurs of both the driver and the front seat passenger.

Mercedes-Benz showed that a similar level of protection would be provided to occupants of different sizes and to those sitting in different positions.

Protection was good for all critical body areas of the front passenger. Analysis of the deceleration of the impact trolley during the test, and analysis of the deformable barrier after the test, revealed that the Mercedes-Benz CLE Coupé would be a moderately benign impact partner in a frontal collision. In the full-width rigid barrier test, protection was good for all critical body regions of the rear passenger and at least adequate for the driver. In both the side barrier test and the more severe side pole impact, good protection was provided to all critical body areas and the Mercedes-Benz CLE Coupé scored maximum points in this part of the assessment. Control of excursion (the extent to which a body is thrown to the other side of the vehicle when it is hit from the far side) was found to be adequate. The Mercedes-Benz CLE Coupé has a countermeasure to mitigate against occupant-to-occupant injuries in such

impacts. The airbag performed well in Euro NCAP's tests with dummy readings indicating good protection for both the driver and passenger. Tests on the front seats and head restraints demonstrated good protection against whiplash injuries in the event of a rear-end collision. A geometric analysis of the rear seats also indicated good whiplash protection. The car has an advanced eCall system which alerts the emergency services in the event of a crash, and a system to prevent secondary impacts after the car has been in a collision. Mercedes-Benz demonstrated that the doors would be openable to allow occupants to escape in the event of vehicle submergence. In both the frontal offset and the side barrier tests, protection of all critical body areas was good for both the 6 and 10 year dummies, and the Mercedes-Benz CLE Coupé scored maximum points in this part of the assessment. The Mercedes-Benz CLE Coupé senses when a child restraint has been put in the front passenger seat and automatically disables the airbag. The system works robustly for various occupant and restraint system types, and was rewarded. The Mercedes-Benz CLE Coupé is equipped with an indirect 'child presence detection' system, which issues a warning when it recognises

that a child or infant may have been left in the car. Indirect systems are no longer rewarded by Euro NCAP. All of the child restraint types for which the Mercedes-Benz CLE Coupé is designed could be properly installed and accommodated in the car.

The Mercedes-Benz CLE Coupé has an 'active' bonnet. Sensors in the bumper detect when a pedestrian has been struck and actuators lift the bonnet surface to provide more space to the hard structures underneath. Mercedes-Benz showed that the system worked robustly over a range of speeds and for different statures. Accordingly, the car was tested with the bonnet in the raised, deployed position. Protection of the head of a struck pedestrian or cyclist was largely good or adequate, with poor results recorded only on the stiff windscreen pillars and at the base of the screen. Protection of the pelvis, the femur and the knee and tibia was good at all test locations, and the CLE Coupé scored maximum points in these areas of the assessment. The autonomous emergency braking system of the Mercedes-Benz CLE Coupé responds to vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists, as well as to other vehicles. In tests of its response to pedestrians the system performed well, including protection for those to

the rear of the car. The system also performed well in tests of its reaction to cyclists. A system to protect against 'dooring', where a door is opened into the path of a cyclist approaching from behind, is available as an option and is not included in this assessment. The system's response to motorcyclists was good.

Overall, the performance of the autonomous emergency braking (AEB) system was good in tests of its reaction to other vehicles. A seatbelt reminder system is fitted as standard to the front and rear seats. The car has an indirect driver status monitoring system as standard, detecting driver fatigue and some types of distraction. The lane

support system gently corrects the vehicle's path if it is drifting out of lane and also intervenes in some more critical situations. The speed assistance system identifies the local speed limit. The driver can choose to allow the limiter to be set automatically by the system.



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93%

Details



Child Occupant

89%

Details



Vulnerable Road Users

87%

Details



Safety Assist

83%

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Marginal

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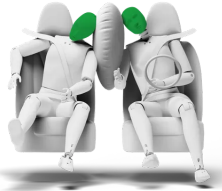
Frontal impact

14.2 / 16 Pts

Mobile Progressive Deformable Barrier	Full Width Rigid Barrier
	

Lateral impact

16 / 16 Pts

Side Mobile Barrier	Side Pole
	
Far-Side Excursion	Occupant Interaction
	

Rear impact

4 / 4 Pts

Rear Seat	Front Seat
	

Rescue and Extrication

3.2 / 4 Pts

Rescue Sheet	Available, ISO compliant ⓘ
Advanced eCall	Available
Multi-collision brake	Available
Submergence check	Partially Compliant

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Crash Test Performance based on 6 & 10 year old children

24 / 24 Pts

Frontal Impact - 16 Pts

Restraint for 6 year old child: Mercedes-Benz KIDFIX M i-Size
Restraint for 10 year old child: Mercedes-Benz KIDFIX M i-Size

Lateral Impact - 8 Pts

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Restraint for 10 year old child: Mercedes-Benz KIDFIX M i-Size

Safety Features

8 / 13 Pts

Equipment	Front passenger	Row 2 outboard	Row 2 center	Row 3 outboard
Isofix	×	×	–	–
i-Size	×	✓	–	–
Top tether	×	✓	–	–
Integrated CRS	×	×	–	–
Child Presence Detection	×	✓	–	–

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Child seat installation check		12 / 12 Pts	
i-Size	Isofix		
			
Seatbelt Attached	Legend		
		● Easy ● Difficult ● Safety critical ✗ Not allowed ⊘ Airbag ON A rearward-facing child restraint should never be installed in the front passenger seat when the airbag is enabled	



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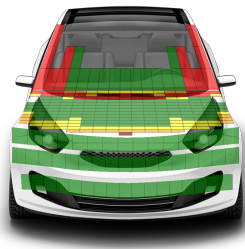
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VRU Impact Protection

32 / 36 Pts



Pedestrian & Cyclist Head	14 Pts
Pelvis	4.5 Pts
Femur	4.5 Pts
Knee & Tibia	9 Pts

VRU Impact Mitigation

23.4 / 27 Pts

System Name	Brake Assist
Type	Auto-Brake with Forward Collision Warning
Operational From	7 km/h

AEB Pedestrian

■ 7.7 / 9 Pts

Scenario	Day time	Night time
Car reversing into adult or child	■	—
Adult crossing a road into which a car is turning	■	—
Adult crossing the road	■	■
Child running from behind parked vehicles	■	■
Adult along the roadside	■	■

AEB Cyclist

■ 8 / 8 Pts

Scenario	Day time
Approaching cyclist crossing from behind parked vehicles	■
Turning across path of an oncoming cyclist	■
Approaching a crossing cyclist	■
Approaching a cyclist along the roadside	■

Cyclist Dooring Prevention

■ 0 / 1 Pts

Scenario	Day time
Dooring a passing cyclist	, driver door only

AEB Motorcyclist

■ 5.7 / 6 Pts

Scenario	Autobrake function only	Driver reacts to warning
Approaching a stationary motorcyclist	■	■
Approaching a braking motorcyclist	■	■
Turn across the path of an oncoming motorcyclist	■	—

Lane Support Motorcyclist

2 / 3 Pts

Scenario	Day time
Changing lane across the path of an oncoming motorcyclist	
Changing lane across the path of an overtaking motorcyclist	



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Speed Assistance 2.5 / 3 Pts	
System Name	Speed Limit Assist
Speed Limit Info Function	Camera & Map, subsigns supported
Speed Control Function	Intelligent ACC (accurate to 5km/h)

Occupant Status Monitoring 1.4 / 3 Pts			
Seatbelt Reminder 1 / 1 Pts			
Warning	Driver Seat	Front Passenger(s)	Rear Passenger(s)
Visual	✓	✓	✓
Audible	✓	✓	✓
Occupant Detection	–	✓	✓
Driver Monitoring 0.4 / 2 Pts			
System Name	Attention Assist		
Type	Indirect monitoring		
Operational From	60 km/h		
Fatigue	Drowsiness		
Distraction	–		

Lane Support ■ 2.3 / 3 Pts	
System Name	Active Lane Keeping Assist
System Type	LKA and ELK
Min Speed (Operational From)	45 km/h
Performance	
Emergency Lane Keeping	■
Lane Keep Assist	■
Human Machine Interface	■

AEB Car-to-Car ■ 9 / 9 Pts		
System Name	Active Brake Assist	
Type	Autonomous emergency braking and forward collision warning	
Operational From	7 km/h	
Sensor Used	Camera and radar	
Scenario	Autobrake function only	Driver reacts to warning
Approaching a car crossing a junction	■	■
Approaching a car head-on	■	—
Turning across the path of an oncoming car	■	—
Approaching a stationary car	■	—
Approaching a slower moving car	■	—
Approaching a braking car	■	—

Safety equipment

Frontal crash protection			
	Driver	Passenger	Rear
Front Airbag	✓	✓	—
Belt Pretensioner	✓	✓	✓
Belt Loadlimiter	✓	✓	✓
Knee Airbag	✓	✗	—

Lateral crash protection			
	Driver	Passenger	Rear
Side Head Airbag	✓	✓	✓
Side Chest Airbag	✓	✓	✓
Side Pelvis Airbag	✓	✓	✓
Centre Airbag	✓	✗	–

Child protection		
	Passenger	Rear
Isofix	✗	✓
i-Size	✗	✓
Integrated Child Seat	✗	✗
Airbag Cut-Off Switch	✓	–
Child Presence Detection	✗	✓

Safety assist			
	Driver	Passenger	Rear
Seatbelt Reminder	✓	✓	✓

Other safety systems	
Active bonnet	✓
AEB vulnerable road users	✓
AEB pedestrian - reverse	✓
Cyclist dooring prevention	○
AEB motorcyclist	✓
AEB car-to-car	✓
Speed assistance	✓
Lane assist system	✓
Fatigue detection	✓
Distraction detection	✓

Note: other equipment may be available on the vehicle but was not considered in the test year

✓ Fitted to the vehicle as standard ○ Fitted to the vehicle as part of the safety pack ○ Not fitted to the test vehicle but available as option or as part of the safety pack ✗ Not available

– Not applicable

Annual reviews and facelifts				
Date	Event	Outcome		
2025-11-19	Rating Published	2025	★★★★★	✓
2026-09-02	Variant added	2025	★★★★★	✓

Variants of model range				
Body type	Variant description	Drivetrain	Rating applies LHD	Rating applies RHD
door Coupe	Petrol - CLE 180	4x2	✓	✓
door Cabriolet	Petrol - CLE 300 4MATIC	4x4	✓	✓
door Cabriolet	Petrol - CLE 200 4MATIC	4x4	✓	✓
door Cabriolet	Petrol - CLE 450 4MATIC (R6)	4x4	✓	✓
door Cabriolet	Diesel - CLE 220 d	4x2	✓	✓
door Coupe	Petrol - CLE 200	4x2	✓	✓
door Coupe	Petrol - CLE 300 4MATIC	4x4	✓	✓
door Coupe	Petrol - CLE 200 4MATIC	4x4	✓	✓
door Coupe	Petrol - CLE 450 4MATIC	4x4	✓	✓
door Coupe	PHEV - CLE 300 e	4x2	✓	✓
door Coupe	Diesel - CLE 220 d *	4x2	✓	✓
door Cabriolet	Petrol - CLE 180	4x2	✓	✓
door Cabriolet	Petrol - CLE 200	4x2	✓	✓

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