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New Mercedes GL unveiled in New York

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Management from Gaydon and Crewe will be taking a close interest in the all-new GL. Mercedes' over-large SUV has never been a sales success in Europe, so the market's reaction to a new-generation version, will be an interesting one for the makers of the new Range Rover and Bentley 4x4.

In its customary, superlative-laden press material on the new car, Mercedes promises "S-Class ride comfort with pioneering driving dynamics - on the road and off it."

It's clear, though, that the latest GL 7-seater is a limousine in all but name, with four-wheel-drive capability for North American winters.

Expect to see a fleet of all-black GLs at music awards ceremonies worldwide, then.





Two versions will be available at launch, a 258bhp 'GL 350' V6 diesel (actually 2,987cc) and a 408bhp 'GL 500', with a 4,663cc petrol V8.





The car will be available in the UK later this year. Reports on 1st April that the Stuttgart company had developed an innovative photochromatic solution to embedding a green, Transport for London Public Carriage Office mini-cab sticker in the windscreen were neither confirmed nor denied by Mercedes.

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