



2011[61] Mercedes-BENZ CLS350 CDI Turbo-DIESEL COUPÉ 265-BHP 620-Nm CDI FaceLIFT 4Door Coupé 7-G TRONIC AUTO One Owner. F/MB/S/H. 7400 warranted miles. Finished in Designo PALLADIUM Silver - Metallic [792U] with lavishly sumptuous contrasting Black Anthracite soft Leather. This brutal yet beautiful, lively and sybaritic phantom-in-motion with a unique style with elegance is the true and undisputed Sindelfingen stealthy coupé of all time. It has a distinct image of exclusiveness that goes far beyond the imagination. Socrates once said; "Opinion is nothing more than ignorance masquerading as knowledge". How right he was. The Mercedes-Benz CLS350 CDI Turbo-DIESEL is such an impressive vehicle with slinky looks of a coupé coupled with the practicality of a four-door saloon that even cynical motoring journalists start reaching for their Advanced Superlatives Handbook. When it was new, this magnificent piece of engineering creation with its 3.0 litre Turbo diesel and built-in extras believed to have cost well over £50K and is arguably one of the most luxurious coupés - bar none. It combines awesome power with velvet-like refinement, provides ride comfort that is in the magic carpet class and offers more standard equipment than you would find in a top 7 star hotel. It seems almost churlish to mention such standard fitments as air-conditioning, automatic transmission and remote central locking when it has creature comforts that extend to seats with air-conditioning, heating, ventilating and massaging, three memory settings together with steering wheel and the mirrors all automatically moving to your pre-set requirements as soon as you sit in your driving seat. Find an open stretch of motorway, floor the throttle-pedal of this sleek torquey Turbo-DIESEL and you'll soon know what it means to 'TURBO-BOOST' the time/space continuum. There's a miniscule pause and a gentle jerking sensation as the seven-speed gearbox kicks down and the turbo spools up of this powerful and torquey prime red meat as she roars like the Minotaur gargling rocks. And then this gorgeous coupé launches itself at the horizon with a single, seamless blast of forward thrust. Any doubt that this sleek and elegant design flamboyance can obliterate time with acceleration dissipates the moment you watch the speedo arc gracefully past 150 mph, it would send the CLS on to speeds beyond imagination.... I guess that's what happens when Sindelfingen decide to stuff a V6-OM642 DIESEL Power Plant with Turbo-CHARGER and Inter-COOLER developing 265 horses and 620 Nm of brutal torque under the bonnet of such a car. Even in these horsepower mad times, it's enough shove to put Mercedes' 3.0-litre V6-powered mental coupé with engine increased performance[MO14] with Exhaust Gas cleaning with Euro-5 Technology, resulting in a sprint from 0 to 60mph in around 6.0 seconds. The list of high cost extras in this car is extensive and includes COMAND [NTG4] Satellite NAVIGATION system, Reverse & Forward Night Vision Parking Aid Colour Cameras, 4 Seat pack, New 18" 5-Twin Spoke DESIGNO AMG Sports Anthracite Alloys, Wide Colour Screen DVD Movies and built-in Bluetooth Telephone System via COMAND, ParkTRONIC SYSTEM with Front Rear & Side Sensors and displays, Surround Sound system, MultiMEDIA interface with Digital TV and Digital Radio, Multi-Function Leather Steering Wheel, Speed-TRONIC Cruise Control ~ TEMPOMAT with Tiptronic Gear Shifting, Electronic Stability Programme (ESP) with ASR, Mercedes-Benz aerodynamic Facelift CLS Sports Chrome GRILL, Designo Chrome Side Air vent flutings on front side wings, Tinted glass, Interior Motion Sensors, Designo Badging internally and externally with DESIGNO Styling MB Floor MATS, so the list of extras goes on and on. With superior build integrity, masses of airbags, features such as traction control, anti-lock brakes and Mercedes-Benz' own Brake Assist system it is hard to imagine being in any safer form of transport. In driving terms, this Mercedes-Benz is absolutely impeccable. This crescent-shaped, warp-drive-enabled übercraft from the 25th century is a technological masterpiece pure and simple. With her aggressively sneering bending headlights and a shark-like lower grille she portrays such an aggressive stance that she is impossible to ignore by anyone especially as they see her approach them at speed in their rear view mirror..The interior ambience is exclusive and is further enhanced with 4-Seat Pack in lavishly sumptuous soft perforated with multi electronic control and memory settings, well laid-out controls and a generally imperious air. With the use of choice wood trim and top grade supple leather trim, Mercedes-Benz has successfully created a drawing-room feel like no other. This, when coupled to impeccable German efficiency and pure functionality, is the creation of the superlative CLS350 CDI Turbo-DIESEL 4 Door Coupé. An incredible car with an unbeatable value. That is the ingenious of SINDELINGEN in living form, which is what makes an everyday reality of this Beauty with Driving Excellence. Why not be part of this incredibly enjoyable driving experience, and be part of Mercedes-Benz's world of luxury.

SPECIFICATION

MAKE:	Mercedes-BENZ
MODEL:	CLS350 CDI BlueEFFICIENCY Turbo-DIESEL, Coupé, 7-G TRONIC Automatic.
Registration NUMBER:	LM61 XEN
Date of First Registration:	31 st October 2011
COLOUR [Body / Interior]:	PALLADIUM Silver Metallic [792U] / Anthracite Black Soft Leather [201A]
Number of Cylinders & TYPE:	2987 cc v6 24 Valve, DOHC Turbo Diesel [OM642]
Horse POWER / Torque:	265-BHP @ 3800 rpm/ 620-Nm @2400 rpm
Vin / Chassis No:	WDD2183232A003798
Engine NUMBER:	642853 41 092332
Fuel TYPE:	DIESEL Fuel OIL [SHELL v-Power Diesel ONLY]
Oil TYPE:	CASTROL Edge TurboDiesel [SAE 0W-30; MB229.31/ MB229.51]

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1. Exterior

The original CLS was one of the first 'four-door coupes' and inspired rivals such as the Audi A7 and BMW 6 Series Gran Coupe and VW Passat. Even with the extra competition – the CLS still reigns as the supreme champion in style, elegance build quality and technological advancements. This second-generation model with stunning looks is by far the most elegant of all coupe's to grace the blacktop. It has the now-familiar Sporty Mercedes front end, with a grille inspired by the SLS AMG's and giving it real presence on the road. At the same time, the flared wheelarches and the creases in the body that run towards the tapering rear give it a sense of sportiness and elegance. Beyond that, AMG Sport models have a unique bodykit, 19-inch AMG wheels and full-LED headlights.

2. Interior

Just as the exterior is full-on Mercedes in every respect with high build quality and plethora of high tech innovations, so is the interior of the CLS. The car is totally distinctive as well as addictive, and there's no faulting the build quality or the choice of materials. The dials are easy to read, all controls easy to operate and the COMAND system is intuitive

3. Practicality

The ambition of the CLS is to combine sleek coupe looks with the practicality of a four-door saloon, and it is successful. In the front, there's plenty of room for a couple of six-foot adults, with plenty of adjustment on the driver's seat and steering wheel to ensure a good driving position. The car has been designed as a luxurious four-seater, but the two rear seats have enough room for a couple of six-footers and the divider between the seats has some handy storage. To cap it all, the boot will hold more than 500 litres of space.

4. Ride and handling

Despite the sporty looks, the CLS is still an executive car at heart: treat it as a civilised grand tourer and it hits the spot perfectly. It responds best to being ushered along at a brisk pace rather than being taken by the scruff of the neck and hurled through the bends. In fact, the handling is very secure, and the ride on the firm side.

5. Performance

Most buyers may go for one of the two diesel engines, and that makes perfect sense if you want to be frugal on your fuel consumption. Even the most basic four-cylinder 250 CDI gives more than enough pace, although the extra performance and refinement of the six-cylinder 350 CDI are undeniably the better alternative. In both, the strong low-rev pull really suits the car's nature and makes the petrol-engined 350 seem less appealing, as it needs working harder to generate the same pace – although it's certainly quick enough, hitting 62mph in just over six seconds when you use the engine to its full potential. If that still isn't enough, there's always the CLS 63 AMG, which is the best part of two seconds quicker to 60mph and will leave no one feeling short-changed for pace.

6. Running costs

One of the attractions of the CLS is that it can return very decent economy: the 250 CDI averages more than 50mpg on the official cycle – and will do that on a long run in the real world. Even the **350 CDI** averages more than **45mpg** and the 350 more than 40.0mpg. On the other hand, this style doesn't come cheap: a CLS is much more expensive to buy than an E-Class with the same engine.

7. Reliability

Mercedes has been criticised in the past for dropping its standards when it comes to quality. However, the CLS is one of the cars that proves that the company is back to its best: it feels extremely well built from high-quality materials and finishes.

8. Safety

The CLS has one of the most extensive range of safety equipment fitted as standard. This includes Neck-Pro anti-whiplash head restraints, Attention Assist (which warns the driver if they are falling asleep at the wheel) and the Pre-Safe system, which will take precautionary action if it decides that an accident is imminent. Beyond that, the options' list is similarly extensive, including the Driving Assistance Package, which includes adaptive cruise control, Active Lane-Keeping Assist and Active Blind Spot Assist.

9. Equipment

The CLS is an expensive car, but it comes with a suitably lavish array of standard equipment. Every model comes with alloy wheels, automatic transmission, parking sensors, climate control, metallic paint, leather upholstery, Bluetooth connectivity, DAB radio and SAT-NAV. On top of this, **AMG Sport** cars add larger alloys, sports suspension, the '**intelligent**' light system, and a **smarter look inside and out**. Among the options are air suspension, an electric sunroof and upgraded infotainment systems.

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10. Why buy?

Style will be the biggest attraction for the CLS, but the good news is that there are no great sacrifices to be made: it drives well and is surprisingly practical for something with such sleek lines. An excellent choice in every respect.

- **Performance**

Our favourite version of the CLS comes with a punchy 3-litre, V6 diesel engine and offers ballistic pace, but we completely understand if you want to spend less and go for the more frugal 4 cylinder diesel. The V6 petrol feels a little breathless, but the turbocharged 4.7 and 5.5 V8 petrols are seriously quick.

- **Ride & Handling**

CLS buyers can choose from three suspension set-ups: air suspension; steel springs with adaptive dampers; and a Sport option that brings firmer steel springs and dampers. Even the standard steel springs leave you with a pretty firm low-speed ride. Buyers after comfort need the air set-up, which delivers a slushy, luxury car waft. Whichever you choose, the steering is light and effortless for parking, yet precise and reassuring at higher speeds.

- **Refinement**

The CLS is good at shutting out road noise and the engines stay silky smooth, no matter how hard you work them. The interiors are well designed with top notch leather and wood trimmings.

- **Buying & Owning**

Deep pockets are a must, because the CLS costs thousands more than an equivalent E-Class. What's more, resale values are likely to be as strong. All the DIESEL engines are pretty frugal – the four-cylinder diesel gives the best fuel economy and lowest emissions of the bunch.

- **Quality & Reliability**

Many of the fittings - such as the steering column-mounted gear selector, the stainless steel air vents and the clock in the dash - are from Mercedes' flagship S-Class limousine. Mercedes performed well in the 2011 JD Power survey, finishing 6th out of 28 manufacturers.

- **Safety & Security**

Top notch - Every CLS has nine airbags, stability control and a system that monitors your driving behaviour for signs of fatigue. What's more, Active Lane-Keeping Assist and a blind spot warning system are available as options. Deadlocks, an alarm and locking wheel nuts help guard against theft.