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The next step on the way to reinventing the van: First VAN.EA prototypes ready to go

Mercedes-Benz Vans is implementing the next stage of its electrification strategy with VAN.EA: Starting 2026, all newly developed medium and large vans from Mercedes-Benz will be based on the modular, flexible and scalable electric architecture VAN.EA (Mercedes-Benz Van Electric Architecture). The first prototypes are now on public roads – a milestone on the way to reinventing the van.



VAN.EA allows for a clear differentiation between privately positioned vans in the luxury segment and commercial vans in the premium segment. In the privately positioned vans, the portfolio will range from family vans to exclusive VIP shuttles to luxurious and spacious limousines for customers with the highest demands.

With regard to installed technologies, the new vans meet a wide variety of customer requirements. Regardless of whether with front wheel drive or 4x4, all vehicles will be equipped with the latest version of the Mercedes-Benz Operating System (MB.OS), as well as a 800 volt charging system and a 22 kW AC charger.

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Following a long-distance journey from Stuttgart to the North Cape in early June 2024 with a specially constructed vehicle for testing the chassis, electric powertrain, battery and high-voltage components, the current tests focus on the interaction of all components in the overall vehicle. In winter, the next major milestone will be the cold testing in Sweden.

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Mercedes-Benz AG is part of the Mercedes-Benz Group AG with a total of around 166,000 employees worldwide and is responsible for the global business of Mercedes-Benz Cars and Mercedes-Benz Vans. Ola Källenius is Chairman of the Board of Management of Mercedes-Benz AG. The company focuses on the development, production and sales of passenger cars, vans and vehicle-related services. Furthermore, the company aspires to be the leader in the fields of electric mobility and vehicle software. The product portfolio comprises the Mercedes-Benz brand with Mercedes-AMG, Mercedes-Maybach and G-Class with their all-electric models as well as products of the smart brand. Mercedes-Benz AG is one of the world's largest manufacturers of luxury passenger cars. In 2023 it sold around two million passenger cars and 447,800 vans. In its two business segments, Mercedes-Benz AG is continually expanding its worldwide production network with more than 30 production sites on four continents, while gearing itself to meet the requirements of electric mobility. At the same time, the company is constructing and extending its global battery production network on three continents. As sustainability is the guiding principle of the Mercedes-Benz strategy and for the company itself, this means creating lasting value for all stakeholders: for customers, employees, investors, business partners and society as a whole. The basis for this is the sustainable business strategy of the Mercedes-Benz Group. The company thus takes responsibility for the economic, ecological and social effects of its business activities and looks at the entire value chain.