

In the following please find the release of the Mercedes-Benz Cars concerning worldwide vehicles sales in May 2009:

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Mercedes-Benz posts 11 percent sales increase in Germany

- **Mercedes-Benz Cars sells 97,300 vehicles**
- **E-Class once again market leader in Germany in May**
- **S-Class is Number One worldwide – successful launch of S 400 HYBRID**
- **Record sales for Mercedes-Benz in China**

Stuttgart - In May, Mercedes-Benz Cars delivered 97,300 Mercedes-Benz, AMG, smart, and Maybach brand vehicles (May 2008: 111,100) to customers worldwide (minus 12 percent). The Mercedes-Benz brand sold 86,300 passenger vehicles worldwide (minus 12 percent) in May (May 2008: 98,100 units). Despite the fact that many markets are still in a difficult situation, Mercedes-Benz succeeded in markedly improving sales compared to the previous month (April 2009: 80,700). Factors that contributed to this improvement included the successful market launch of the new E-Class and the positive sales development in Germany and the Asia-Pacific region.

In Germany, Mercedes-Benz sold 25,600 vehicles in May (May 2008: 23,100) and increased sales by 11 percent. In addition to the boost from the new E-Class, the A- and B-Class also contributed to the

growth in sales. Around 5,300 customers bought an A-Class vehicle in Germany in May (May 2008: 3,400), representing an increase of 54 percent. Deliveries of B-Class vehicles rose by 27 percent to 3,900 units (May 2008: 3,000). Sales in the A- and B-Class segment totaled 18,900 units worldwide, remaining largely unchanged from the same month last year (May 2008: 19,000). The smart fortwo posted a sales increase of 26 percent in Germany with 3,200 units sold in May (May 2008: 2,600). Since the beginning of the year, customers have bought 50,100 units of the innovative two-seater worldwide (January-May 2008: 55,500, minus 10 percent). The smart fortwo is now in the third year of its lifecycle. Mercedes-Benz in May was able to gain market shares in key Western European markets, such as Spain, France and the UK.

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“The new E-Class has met with an outstanding customer response,” says Dr. Klaus Maier, Executive Vice President Sales and Marketing Mercedes-Benz Cars. “We expect sales to receive a further boost in the coming months from the introduction of the new E-Class to other important markets such as China and the U.S., as well as from the launch of the new E-Class coupe and the face lifted S-Class.” As was the case in April, the first month after the vehicle’s launch, the new E-Class was once again the market leader in Germany in May. “The new S 400 HYBRID has also gotten off to a great start,” says Maier. “In fact, around 15 percent of S-Class customers have opted for the hybrid version even before it officially hits showrooms on June 26.” In May, the S-Class was once again the world’s best-selling luxury sedan.

In China, Mercedes-Benz posted another sales record in May. At 5,200 units (May 2008: 3,300), vehicle sales were up by 59 percent. As a result, Mercedes-Benz continues to grow fastest. In Brazil, sales of Mercedes-Benz have risen by 39 percent since the beginning of the year, to 1,900 units (January–May 2008: 1,300). Mercedes-Benz continues to surge ahead in Canada as well. In the first five months of the year, the brand posted record sales of 9,400 units (January–May 2008: 8,100), representing an increase of 17 percent.

Retail Sales Mercedes-Benz Cars in May 2009

	May 2009	May 2008	Change in %*	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	Change in %*
Mercedes-Benz	86,300	98,100	- 12.1 %	383,000	493,200	- 22.3 %
of which: A-/B-Class	18,900	19,000	- 0.7 %	86,700	110,300	- 21.4 %
C-/CLK-/SLK-Class	31,600	41,100	- 23.2 %	143,100	195,900	- 27.0 %
E-Class/CLS-Class	15,800	16,000	- 1.4 %	62,600	79,600	- 21.3 %
S-/CL/SL-Class/ SLR/Maybach	5,200	9,000	- 42.5 %	25,000	41,200	- 39.4 %
ML-/R-/GLK-/GL-/G-Class	14,800	13,000	+ 14.4 %	65,600	66,200	- 0.8 %
smart	11,000	13,000	- 14.9 %	50,100	55,600	- 9.9 %
Mercedes-Benz Cars	97,300	111,100	- 12.4 %	433,100	548,800	- 21.1 %
Western Europe (incl. Germany)	59,000	63,200	- 6.7 %	253,700	325,600	- 22.1 %
of which: Germany	28,800	25,700	+ 12.2 %	114,600	135,200	- 15.3 %
NAFTA	19,300	27,700	- 30.5 %	89,900	121,000	- 25.7 %
of which: USA	16,300	24,500	- 33.4 %	77,400	108,600	- 28.7 %
Asia/Pacific	12,900	12,000	+ 7.8 %	59,700	63,100	- 5.4 %
of which: Japan	1,700	2,500	- 31.8 %	10,900	16,400	- 33.5 %
of which: China	5,500	3,300	+ 67.5 %	22,900	16,400	+ 39.3 %

* Changes are related to exact numbers

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