

German Tuner Brabus Turns Up Heat On 2014 Mercedes S-class

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The 2014 Mercedes-Benz S-class is one of the most hotly anticipated luxury vehicles this year. With the disappearance of Maybach in 2012, Daimler has been able to leverage the Mercedes-Benz S-class to the pantheon of luxury automobiles.

The 2014 Mercedes-Benz S-class is packed with numerous new luxuries and sophisticated technologies that is necessary to fill Maybach's void.

Brabus, a German tuning company that has gained a reputation of taking pedestrian Mercedes' cars and SUVs and turning them into high-powered sports cars, has just released their upgrades for the new car.

Brabus starts by offering three unique upgrades to the S-class that can take the V-8 engine to 730 horsepower. The B50, B63, and B63S are the upgrades offered exclusively for the S500 and S63 AMG models of the S-class.

The B50 adds 65 horsepower to the S500s twin-turbocharged 4.7-liter V-8 engine. The car can accelerate from 0 to 60 mph in 4.2 seconds with a top speed of 186 mph.

The B63 and B63S model upgrades are designed for Mercedes' already tuned AMG models.

Both package upgrades are for Mercedes' twin-turbocharged 5.5-liter V-8 engine.

The B63 package creates 650 horsepower and 737 lb-ft of torque.

The B63S package is Brabus' ultimate performance package. Adding two new Brabus-built turbochargers is just the start. Cars with the B63S package receive a low-temperature water radiator, a free flowing exhaust system, and new engine management mapping.

The B63S package creates 730 horsepower and 785 lb-ft) of torque, which is available between 1,750 and 5,000 rpm. Top speed is limited to 202 mph.

A unique offering with the B50, B63, and B63S packages is the ability for the driver to select exhaust tone with the push of a button on the steering wheel. Two modes are offered; "Coming Home" for discrete entrances and "Sport" for the throatiest of sounds.

Brabus does more than create powerful engines; they also take considerable time to perfect aerodynamics. Brabus offers an elegant body conversion kit that is functional while differentiating the Brabus model from other non-Brabus S-classes. The body conversion kit is cast in high-quality carbon fibers and PUR plastics.

To further differentiate the Brabus offerings are unique Brabus Monoblock alloy wheels offered in 19, 20, or 21 inches in diameter. The largest tire and wheel combination is the Brabus "Platinum Edition" Monoblock VI or Monoblock F cross-spoke wheels. They come in 9.5x21 for the front and 10.5x21 for the rear. They can fit tires from Continental, Pirelli, and YOKOHAMA.

Handling was also a concern for Brabus as they have developed a special module that lowers the ride height 0.6 in. of S-class vehicles equipped with AIRMATIC or Active Body Control suspensions.

There is also a host of interior upgrades available as well. They include, but are not limited to Brabus scuff plates, upgraded fine-leather interiors crated from Mastik leather and Alcantara. Upgrade Packages can also come with an exclusive Brabus multimedia system to complete the new packages.

Brabus has not released pricing details or release date for its upgrade packages, but the packages are said to be available before Mercedes' AMG-tuned versions of the vehicle.