

WHITE WALL MICHELINS FROM LONGSTONE



Michelin 185HR14 MXV whitewall.

White wall versions of 13-inch Michelin X tyres like this are expected soon.

Dougal Cawley, boss of Longstone Tyres, who offer a five per cent discount and free carriage to Club Members, has sent news of new Michelin tyres, he says: "Michelin have started making some white wall tyres in sizes that are very much of interest to classic Mercedes owners.

We already have an 185HR14 MXV with a 20mm white wall band. For some time now we have been of the belief that for many

1960s Mercedes the 185HR14 MXV-P has been the best tyre. With these Michelin Collection tyres it is the carcass structure that improves the directional stability of old cars on our rubbishy rutted motorways and dual carriageways. I have always been a fan of Michelin but these MXV tyres really benefit a classic chassis. The black wall 185HR14 MXV-P has a slightly raised curbing band on the outside. This curbing band has been removed and a 20mm white wall band is built in at the factory. The extra cost of the white wall version is not much – black wall £190 plus VAT, white wall £236 plus VAT.

In the near future we are expecting some 13-inch white wall tyres from Michelin in the shape of the 6.40/7.00SR13 Michelin ZX. This tyre will have a 60mm white wall. Then we are also expecting Michelin to produce the 7.25SR13 X with an optional 70mm white wall".

From the 1950s to the 1980s Mercedes-Benz specified a wide range of tyres and these Michelins can meet many of these applications. Dougal says, "The Michelin X tread pattern came out in 1949 and was used right through into the 1980s. I think these Michelins are sensibly priced and of course the quality is, well, Michelin".

Longstone Tyres have plenty of Michelin and Mercedes-Benz fitment charts and references, plus many years of experience in the tyre business to make sure you get the best tyres for your classic Mercedes.

To get an idea of the fibre of the people you will be dealing with take a look at Longstone's You tube page, go to 'Cracking comedies' and watch 'Vintage Top Gear Episode 2' – an epic tale of a man and his Austin Chummy versus the world.

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MERCEDES-BENZ WINS FLEET MANUFACTURER AWARD



A250e.



GLB.

Mercedes-Benz has won the 'Fleet Manufacturer of the Year' title at this year's *Business Car* awards. The A250e has been named 'Best Plug-In Hybrid Car', while the GLB achieved 'Best Large SUV'.

Simon Harris, editor of *Business Car*, commented: "Offering fleets early access

to a wide range of RDE2-compliant diesels, as well as getting a number of new plug-in hybrid variants on the market in a crucial year, Mercedes-Benz has backed this up with a restructured fleet team set up to deliver increased true fleet sales. It's a worthy winner in 2020."

Tom Brennan, Head of Fleet for Mercedes-Benz Cars UK added: "This award from *Business Car* is a real testament to the hard work and dedication of our team, following the re-structure of our operations. Over the past year we have introduced a range of fleet-specific services aimed at better supporting our customers and it's great to see this being recognised, and with more changes set for 2021 we plan to serve our customers even better going forward."

The A250e plug-in hybrid was praised thanks to its all-electric range of 44 miles, BiK tax rate of six per cent and generous standard equipment. The GLB gained the judges approval thanks to its seven-seat practicality and range of RDE2-compliant engines. The A250e is priced from £32,980, while GLB starts from £36,930 for the GLB200.

'EXCLUSIVE EDITION' A-CLASS



Prices from £31,305.

A choice of A-Class 'Exclusive Editions' are now available, with prices starting from £31,305 for the A200 and £34,005 for the A200d. The A250 Exclusive Edition Plus costs £37,320, while the A220d is £38,095.

They are based on the AMG Line Executive equipment, which already comes as standard with the MBUX infotainment system, including 'Hey Mercedes' virtual assistant and a 10.25-inch high-resolution media

display. The Exclusive Edition adds Night Package, including privacy glass, 'edition' badging and floor mats, a black radiator grille, black upholstery in Artico man-made leather and Dinamica, with stitching in light grey. There also include 19-inch AMG multi-spoke wheels painted in titanium grey with a high-sheen finish, a panoramic sunroof and 64 colour ambient lighting.

The A220d and A250 Exclusive Edition Plus add designo mountain grey magno paint, a 10.25-inch digital instrument display, illuminated door sills, Keyless-go, a rear arm rest multibeam LED headlights with Adaptive Highbeam Assist, Augmented Navigation, an Advanced Sound System, front memory seats and 19-inch AMG cross-spoke alloy wheels painted in black.

