

What's the Difference: Mercedes-Benz A-Class vs Audi A3

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Compact luxury sport sedans like the Mercedes-Benz A-Class and Audi A3 are a blast to drive and offer high levels of luxury, technology, and safety equipment.

Thanks to four doors and a rear seat with a good amount of headroom and legroom, the A-Class can do everything from taking you and three friends to a Waco Pirates game or packing up for a trip to Mother Neff State Park. Popular models include the A 220 and the all-wheel drive A 220 4MATIC® which makes poor weather driving easy and adds extra cornering grip to the mix. Coupe-like style makes the A-Class stand out on the road, especially when equipped with AMG® details.

Mercedes-Benz is discontinuing the A-class after the 2022 model year, but there are plenty of Certified Pre-Owned models on the automotive market.

Audi's A3 offers a similar compact four-door design and front-wheel drive as standard, but an optional quattro® all-wheel drive drivetrain is available. Styling features Audi's signature sportback design, and there are plenty of sporty details throughout that make the A3 an attractive sedan.

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Features	Mercedes-Benz A-Class	Audi A3
Fuel Economy	24 MPG City - 35 MPG Highway	28 MPG City - 38 MPG Highway
Engine	2.0L inline-4 turbo	2.0 L 4-cylinder
Drivetrain	FWD or AWD	FWD or AWD
Seating Capacity	5	5
Cargo Capacity	8.6 cu ft	10.9 cu ft

Reliability and Quality

The Mercedes-Benz A-Class is an extremely high-quality and reliable compact luxury sedan that J.D. Power rates 82/100 which bests the 77/100 rating for the Audi A3.

Inside, you'll find premium materials at every touch point and features like power front seats with three-position memory, optional sport seats, a leather-wrapped steering wheel, keyless entry and start, dual-zone automatic climate control, and much more. Audi also offers a high-quality interior with premium materials, such as standard leather upholstery, eight-way power heated front seats, a large panoramic sunroof, tri-zone automatic climate control, and push-button start.

Performance and Efficiency

Under the hood of the sporty Mercedes A-Class, you'll find a 188-horsepower turbocharged 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine that offers fuel efficiency ratings of 24 city / 35 highway MPG*. Instead of a traditional automatic transmission, the A-Class opts for a 7-speed dual-clutch gearbox that provides lightning-fast shifts. Thanks to a fully-independent suspension and features like Direct-Steer and DYNAMIC SELECT, the A-class moves down the road with authority and offers a spirited driving demeanor.

Audi's A3 is no slouch and offers a 201-horsepower turbo, TFSI engine, and a 7-speed S tronic® transmission with manual mode. Fuel economy is an impressive 28 city / 38 highway MPG* and Audi Drive Select takes full advantage of the A3's sport-focused, fully-independent suspension to offer driving thrills.

Safety and Driving Assistance

A core tenet of the Mercedes-Benz experience is safety in a variety of conditions, and the A-class delivers on this promise.

In addition to multiple standard airbags and brake assist, the A-Class offers several technology-driven safety features such as Surround View System for easy parking, ATTENTION ASSIST® that vibrates the driver seat if you aren't paying attention, Crosswind Assist, Speed Limit Assist, and Blind Spot Assist.

Audi also offers plenty of safety equipment with features like side assist with rear cross-traffic assist, lane keeping assist, adaptive cruise control with lane guidance, Audi pre sense® front, and a clever lane departure warning system.

Infotainment and Technology

Mercedes-Benz offers a compelling blend of technology in the A-Class. A seven-inch Mercedes-Benz User Experience (MBUX) infotainment system is front and center and has voice Control with Natural Language Understanding and a touchpad controller for easy navigation. Apple CarPlay® and Android Auto™ are standard. Options include augmented video for navigation, a 10.25-inch digital instrument cluster display, and an auto-dimming rear-view mirror.

In the A3, drivers will be treated to a 10.1-inch touchscreen with optional Virtual Cockpit Plus which allows drivers to fully customize the gauge display. Audi connect® works with the MMI® touch display to make everything from navigation to placing a phone call extremely easy.

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