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The U.S. market model won't get the carbon fiber seats, but instead, AMG Performance seats. The center console buttons have mechanical pressure points so they can be operated while wearing racing gloves.

Dark Side Racer

THE 2021 MERCEDES-AMG GT BLACK SERIES

Mercedes-AMG has long dabbled in the dark performance car arts and the 2021 GT Black Series is their latest racing car concoction. The street-legal vehicle draws heavily on the brand's current competition-ready AMG GT3 and boasts the most powerful V8 ever offered by Mercedes-AMG. Under its long and multi-vented carbon fiber hood is a 4.0-liter biturbo, cranking out 720 horsepower and 590 lb-ft of torque. Those brave enough to unleash it in a straight line will hit 60 mph in a blistering 3.1 seconds. If they keep their foot down, 124 mph will arrive in just 9 seconds. Should they still leave it pressed, they'll rocket to the car's top speed of 202 mph.

All that power gets to the massive rear wheels through a 7-speed dual clutch transmission, which

rightfully so has been given increased cooling functionality.

Keeping the vehicle grounded and stable during those high speeds are lots of aerodynamics, alterations, and improvements. These include a larger radiator air inlet, wheel arch coolers, and wider side sill panels. There's also a manually adjustable carbon-fiber front splitter. Dropped into 'Race' mode, it accelerates the air flow on the underbody, creating a 'Venturi effect' and sucking the car even closer to the road. At the rear, there's no missing the new bumper and massive rear wing. Add all the elements up and there's downforce created of over 882 lbs at 155 mph.

Other go-fast touches include ceramic brakes and a coil-over suspension with damping designed to excel in a wide range of racetrack types.



Inside the cabin there's a flat-bottomed steering wheel and exclusive nappa leather highlighted with orange or silver topstitching.

Look for the new GT Black Series to arrive in early 2021. [U](#)



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