

# Introducing in the car

Vehicle types	
hatchback	Fließhecklimousine, Kompaktwagen
saloon, sedan	Limousine
convertible	Cabrio
estate	Kombi
coupé	Coupé

Some factors people consider when buying a car		
resale value	the amount of money you get when you sell your car	Wiederverkaufswert
fuel consumption	how much petrol or diesel the car uses	Kraftstoffverbrauch
brand loyalty	when customers always buy their cars from the same manufacturer	Markentreue
price	the amount of money you pay when you buy a car	Fahrzeugpreis
performance	the car's capacity to go fast and accelerate quickly	Motorleistung
size	how big the car is	Fahrzeuggröße
interior features	items inside the car	Innenausstattung, Extras

1. Taking good care of your car can increase its **resale value**
- 2 A high quality CD player comes as **standard equipment** with this model.
- 3 I drive a car with a **diesel engine** because of the better fuel consumption
- 4 Manufacturers use **crash tests** to improve the safety of their cars.
- 5 Volkswagen improved Skoda's **brand image** after it took over the company.
- 6 This model has a **fuel consumption** of 3.3 litres per 100 km.
- 7 **Passenger airbags** are standard equipment throughout Europe.
8. This model has optional **leather seats** with black headrests.

The exterior			
bonnet/hood	Motorhaube	roof	Dach
boot/trunk	Kofferraum	door	Tür
door handle	Türgriff	petrol cap/flap	Tankklappe
front bumper	Stoßfänger vorn	rear bumper	Stoßfänger hinten
sill	Schweller	wheel arch	Radkasten
wing/fender	Kotflügel, Seitenwand	sunroof	Schiebe-/Sonnendach
wheel trim	Radkappe	tyre/tire	Reifen
windscreen/windshield	Windschutzscheibe	rear window	Heckscheibe
windscreen wiper	Scheibenwischer	side window	Seitenscheibe
aerial/antenna	Antenne	side mirror	Seitenspiegel
badge	Schriftzug	logo	Markenemblem
exhaust pipe	Auspuffrohr	number plate	Nummernschild
headlight	Scheinwerfer	tail light	Rücklicht
indicator/turn light	Blinker	fog light	Nebelscheinwerfer

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You open the **bonnet** to look at the engine  
 The **bumpers** absorb small impacts in an accident  
 Don't forget to remove the **aerial** from the roof before using the car wash  
 Can you put my suitcases in the **boot**, please?  
 When it starts raining, you need to switch on the **windscreen wiper**.  
 "What model is that?" "I don't know, I can't see the **badge** from here."  
 It is important to inflate the **tyres** to the correct pressure for better fuel consumption.  
 The Mercedes Star is a well-known **logo**.  
 Open the **sunroof** and let some sun and fresh air into the car.  
 I wish all drivers would use their **indicators** when they want to turn right or left.

- Steps for changing a tyre:**
1. Put the vehicle into gear (manual transmission) or park (automatic)
  2. Take the spare tyre (**Ersatzreifen**) out of the boot and make sure it is in a good condition.
  3. Find two rocks or large pieces of wood and put them in front of and behind the opposite wheel.
  4. Loosen the wheel bolts slightly.
  5. Use a jack (**Wagenheber**) to raise the vehicle.
  6. Loosen the wheel bolts more and remove them.
  7. Remove the tyre and put it under the vehicle, next to the jack.
  8. Fit the spare tyre and tighten (**anziehen**) the wheel bolts.
  9. Remove the old tyre from under the vehicle and lower the vehicle.
  10. Check again to make sure the wheel bolts are tight.

The interior			
sun visor	Sonnenblende	accelerator/gas pedal	Gaspedal
brake pedal	Bremspedal	clutch pedal	Kupplungspedal
ashtray	Aschenbecher	airbag	Airbag
car seat	Autositz	headrest	Kopfstütze
cigarette lighter	Zigarettenanzünder	cup holder	Getränkehalter
dashboard	Armaturenbrett	door handle	Türgriff
door tray	Türablage	gearstick/gear shift	Schalthebel
glove compartment/ - box	Handschuhfach	handbrake	Handbremse
hands-free telephone	Freisprechanlage	horn	Hupe
ignition	Zündschloß, Zündung	seat belt	Sicherheitsgurt
rear-view mirror	Innenrückspiegel	steering wheel	Lenkrad
pilot light	Kontrolllampe	lane change	Änderung der Fahrtrichtung
lever	Hebel	pressure point	Anschlag
rest position	Ruheposition	footwell	Fußraum
scale	Skala, Instrumente	to change down	herunterschalten
to change up	hochschalten	inadvertently	unbeabsichtigt

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It's so practical to have a cup holder near the steering wheel. I can take a drink whenever I want.  
 In a car with manual transmission, you need to press the clutch pedal when you want to change gear.  
 There's usually a cosmetic mirror on the passenger's sun visor.  
 I have leather car seats. It's not so cold for my hands in the winter and it gives you a good grip.  
 It's against the law to phone while driving so I've ordered a car with a hands-free-phone.  
 Could you have a look in the road atlas? It's in the glove box.  
 I don't need a ash tray as I don't smoke and I don't want anyone to smoke in my car.  
 Could you close the air vent? I'm getting a draught. **(Zug, Luftzug)**

The instruments		
coolant temperature gauge	warns you if the coolant system gets too hot	Kühlwassertemperaturanzeige
driver information system		Bordcomputer
engine oil temperature gauge	warns you if the engine lubrication system gets too hot	Öltemperaturanzeige
warning/indicator lights	informs you that you should check something	Warn-/Kontrollleuchten
fuel gauge	shows you how much petrol you have in the tank	Tankanzeige
rev counter	shows you how often the engine is turning over	Drehzahlmesser
speedometer	shows you how fast the car is travelling	Tachometer
voltmeter	indicates the voltage of the car's electrical system	Voltanzeige

- Open/close:**
- bonnet
  - boot
  - door
  - glove box

- Adjust**
- rear-view mirror
  - side mirror
  - steering wheel
  - seat height
  - seat belt
  - seat position
  - headrest

- Switch on/off**
- headlights
  - windscreen wipers
  - indicator
  - fog lights

- Check**
- tyre pressure
  - fuel
  - oil level