

# Whatever you are moving... move it in a Mixto



One of the most versatile models in the Mercedes-Benz van line-up has been a huge success in Europe, particularly in the United Kingdom, and is now available on the New Zealand market.

The Vito Mixto is designed to be a typically hard working Mercedes-Benz van during the week and comfortable family transport – with more luggage space than usual – during the weekend. However its versatility also suits it for many other applications, such as a working vehicle that at times has to accommodate a crew of five adults or for adventure tourism where the tour party is small but a lot of sporting equipment has to be carried. It will also enable a family of five to load a complete set of camping equipment inside the van and still be able to tow a trailer of up to 2000kg.

And because it is a member of the Vito family the Mixto is available with two wheelbase lengths, three overall body lengths, two roof heights, four

engine ratings, a choice of five-speed automatic or six-speed manual transmissions and a huge range of factory options.

The main component of the Mixto package is a pair of seats, one for two occupants and a single seat, immediately behind the cab. These three seats can be flipped forward behind the front seats, when they occupy only around 400mm of load floor space. They can also be removed completely, a task that can be handled by one person.

“Of course it’s possible to get seats fitted to a Vito van by a local supplier, but they’re not the same as the factory seats, which all come as standard with three-point inertia reel seatbelts,” says Brian Carr, National Sales Manager for Mercedes-Benz Light Commercial Vehicles.

The new Mixto package also includes windows in the sliding doors each side of the vehicle and full interior lining in fitted plastic mouldings similar to those used in the up-market Viano people mover.

The Mixto has heating and cooling ducts to the rear compartment, along with separate speakers for the radio and CD player.

“People who haven’t experienced a modern van like the Vito don’t always appreciate how much like a passenger car they are to drive,” says Brian. “The steering, ride and handling are in the same league and there are all the same safety systems, such as adaptive stability control.”



While the Vito is the only working van in New Zealand to meet the ANCAP Five Star safety rating when fitted with curtain airbags, the Mixto version offers additional passenger safety as sliding doors both sides enable children to always exit at the safest point.

With the rear seats in place the Mixto is still capable of handling real van duties with load compartment lengths up to 1853mm and volumes from 2.63-3.95 cubic metres. With the rear seats removed load volumes range up to 6.49 cubic metres. Payload ratings are from 805kg to 935kg.

A 2.15-litre four cylinder and a 3.0-litre V6 diesel engine are available for the Mixto, offering ratings from 70kW (95hp) to a potent 150kW (204hp).

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