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## 2010 Mercedes-Benz GLK350W 4Matic

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mium compact SUV from this German manufacturer. tional. This 4-door wagon shares its platform with the Mercedes-Benz C-Class premium compact car. A single GLK350 trim level is available with rearwheel drive or the company's 4Matic all-wheel drive.

GLK350 is powered by a 3.5-258 pound-feet of torque. A seven-speed automatic transmission with comfort, sport every bump and road imper-

airbags and side curtain lite radio. The Multimedia The 2010 Mercedes-Benz airbags. A rearview camera, GLK-Class is the first pre- parking sensors and TeleAid emergency telematics are op-

The interior overall look was lacking in appearance. It has an entry level appeal not the luxury style of Mercedes-Benz. The standard equipment includes 19inch wheels, cruise control, The 2010 Mercedes automatic headlamps, eightway power front seats, MB liter V6 good for 268 hp and Tex premium vinyl upholstery, dual-zone automatic climate control, a power tilt and telescoping steering coland manual settings is stan- umn, Bluetooth and an eightdard. It's most notable driv- speaker stereo with a CD ing characteristic is the rock- player and an auxiliary ausolid feel of its chassis and dio jack. The Premium 1 unibody construction over package adds a panoramic sunroof, a power tailgate, fection. The GLK comes rain-sensing wipers, autostandard with stability control, dimming mirrors, driver seat antilock disc brakes with memory settings, a 115-volt brake assist, front-seat side household outlet and satel-

package adds a hard-drive navigation system, the COMAND interface, a rearview camera, and a surround-sound system with 11 speakers, in-dash six-CD changer (available as standalone) and 6 GB of digital music storage.. Other options include front and rear parking sensors, xenon headlights, leather upholstery, heated front seats, running boards, an iPod interface and a rear-seat entertainment system with dual front-headrest-mounted dis-

The GLK350W leaves me with mixed feelings. It has the precise and handling of a Mercedes- Benz, but from the side view of this view lacks the premium style. It does not stand out as a Mercedes the look of it was just lacking throughout the vehicle.



Vehicle Specifications: 3.5L V6 24-Valve gasoline engine; Seven speed driver adaptive automatic transmission; 15 city mpg, 20 highway mpg; MSRP \$45,685.

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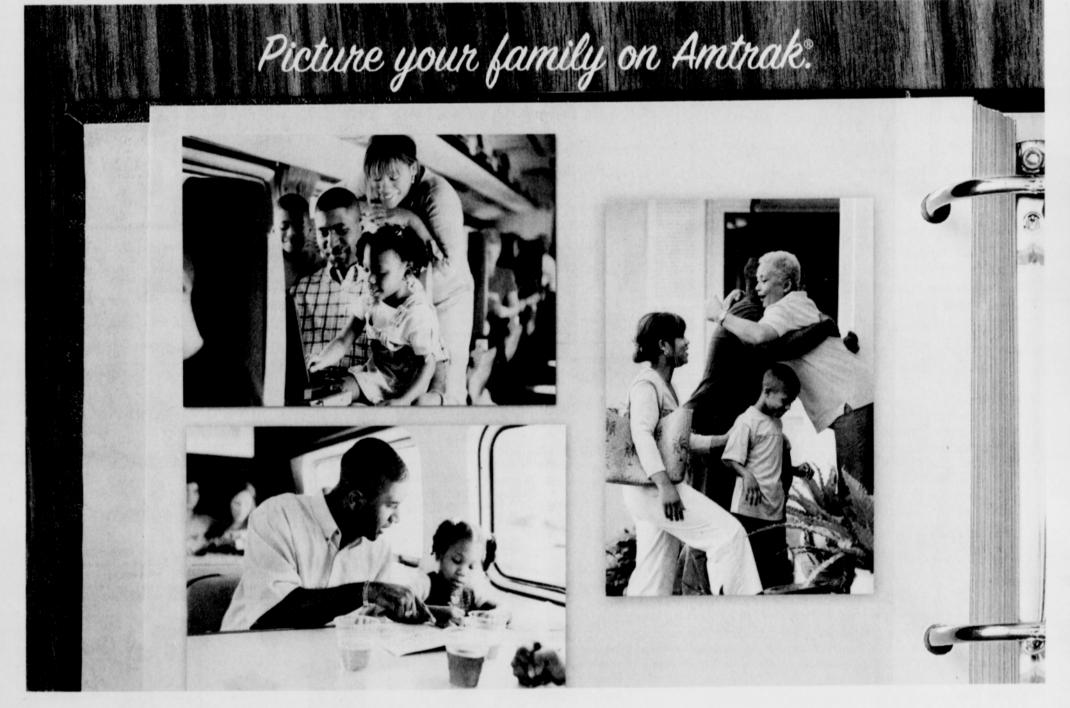
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