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The Next Step in Reinventing the Van: First VAN.EA Prototypes Hit the Road

Stuttgart. Mercedes Benz Vans is advancing its electrification strategy with the next phase of VAN.EA (Mercedes-Benz Van Electric Architecture): Beginning in 2026, all newly developed vans from Mercedes-Benz will be based on the modular, flexible and scalable electric architecture. Marking a significant milestone, the first VAN.EA prototypes are now undergoing public road testing—a key step in the reinvention of the van.

VAN.EA allows for a clear distinction between privately positioned vans in the luxury segment and commercial vans within the premium segment. The privately positioned lineup will range from exclusive VIP shuttles to luxurious and spacious limousines tailored for customers with the highest demands.

In terms of technology, the new vans are equipped to meet a wide variety of customer requirements. Whether front wheel drive or all-wheel drive, all vehicles will feature the latest version of the Mercedes-Benz Operating System (MB.OS).

After a long-distance journey from Stuttgart to the North Cape in early June 2024 with a specially constructed vehicle for testing the chassis, electric powertrain, battery and high-voltage components, the current phase of testing focuses on the interaction of all components within the vehicle. The next major milestone will be winter testing in Sweden.

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