

Mercedes-Benz A200 W177

2018-present · 1.3L M282 turbocharged petrol (163 hp) · 7G-DCT

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Est. annual maintenance cost: €700-1,400

Date _____ Mileage _____ Price _____ Seller _____

What matters most: The M282 engine is solid. The 7G-DCT gearbox is the main concern. Ask whether its oil has ever been changed, even though Mercedes calls it a lifetime fill.

BEFORE THE VIEWING

Service history and DCT oil changes

Ask for full service records before visiting. The key detail: has the 7G-DCT gearbox oil ever been changed? Mercedes calls it a lifetime fill, but specialists recommend every 60,000 km.

Open recall status

Contact a Mercedes-Benz dealer with the VIN to check for open recalls. Safety-relevant items include airbag cover and fuel injector seal recalls on 2018-2019 cars.

MOT and previous ownership

Request the MOT history and number of previous owners. Short ownership periods on a premium compact can point to recurring problems the seller wants to move on from.

AT THE CAR

Tyres and exterior condition

Check tread depth and sidewall date codes on all four tyres (common size: 205/60 R16). Front tyres wear faster on this front-wheel-drive car. Look for uneven wear that could point to alignment issues.

Cold start and engine listen

Start the engine completely cold. The M282 1.3 turbo should idle smoothly within a few seconds. Any ticking or rattling in the first 30 seconds is worth noting for further inspection.

MBUX screen and electronics

Turn on the MBUX system, try the touchscreen, and test the reversing camera. Then switch the car off and restart it. Early 2018-2019 cars are more prone to screen blackouts and freezes.

Water ingress check (all footwells)

Lift the floor mats in all four footwells and feel for dampness. Cars with the panoramic sunroof can develop blocked drain tubes. A musty smell or damp carpet can point to ongoing water entry.

DURING THE DRIVE

DCT gearbox in slow traffic

Drive in stop-and-go traffic for at least 10 minutes. Feel for juddering when pulling away from a standstill, delayed gear engagement, or harsh shifts between 1st and 2nd gear.

Hill start behaviour

Try a hill start from standstill if possible. The 7G-DCT can shudder or hesitate on inclines. Smooth engagement is a good sign. Any vibration through the pedals is worth investigating.

Engine temperature and cabin heating

Watch the temperature gauge reach normal operating range within 10 minutes. If it stays low or fluctuates, the electronic thermostat may be failing (common between 60,000 and 100,000 km).

NOTES

THIS CAR AT A GLANCE

Premium compact hatchback, built since 2018. The Renault-developed M282 engine is generally reliable. Main concerns are the 7G-DCT gearbox and MBUX electronics.

KNOWN WEAK POINTS

7G-DCT clutch wear

Judder and hesitation at low speeds

€1,200-3,000

MBUX screen failure

Blackouts, freezes, unresponsive

€300-2,500

Sunroof water ingress

Blocked drains, damp footwells

€150-800

Thermostat housing

Erratic temp gauge, poor heating

€350-700

12V battery drain

Flat in 3-5 days when parked

€200-450

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