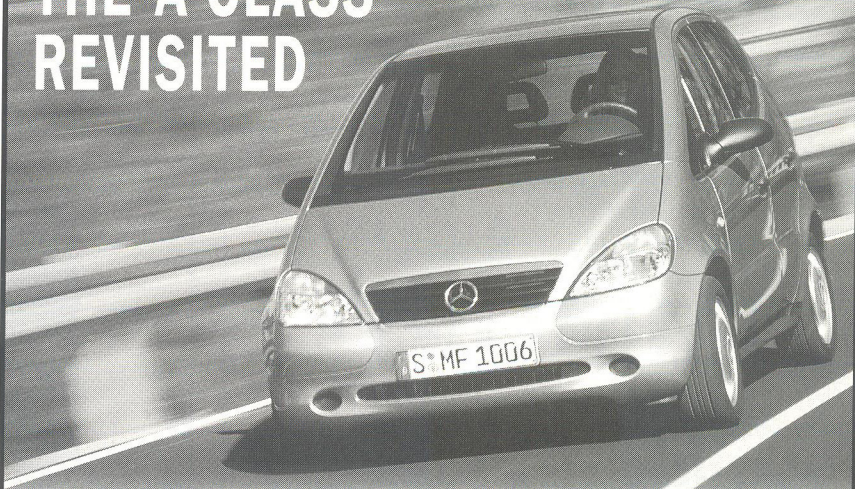


THE A-CLASS REVISITED



Those of you who read our November issue (under the old Plug-In title) may remember that we featured the revolutionary A-Class Mercedes on our front cover and on the inside pages enthused over its concept, its build quality and its wacky looks. Weeks later, this innovative model made the news big-time as someone had rolled one during zig-zag 'moose avoidance' tests at high speed in Sweden. Of course, if you play around with tyre pressures or fit tyres which don't match, roadholding can be seriously compromised, can it not? Since then, Mercedes' testers have put a number of competitors' cars through

the same high-speed zig-zag test, managing to roll a few of them, although the company is not saying which cars rolled and which passed this extreme test. At the same speed, the A-Class did *not* tip-over. Motorsport enthusiasts will know that even double world-champion Michael Schumacher goes over the limit on occasion and has been known to roll. But we stick to what we originally stated about the A-Class: "It has good acceleration, first class roadholding, a super driving position, is comfortable and spacious." Try one when you arrange your test of the SLK.