

Media Information

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AUTOBEST: Opel Combo Life is "Best Buy Car of Europe 2019"

- International jury of journalists from 31 countries votes for Combo Life
- New Opel Combo Life impresses with best value for money, innovative driver assistance systems, high comfort and spaciousness

Rüsselsheim. The new <u>Opel Combo Life</u> has been elected "Best Buy Car of Europe 2019" by the authoritative <u>AUTOBEST</u> jury, which was particularly impressed by the car's excellent value for money. The Combo Life defeated five other brand new contenders for the title (Citroën C4 Cactus, Dacia Duster, Ford Focus, Kia Ceed, Toyota Corolla).

The jury of journalists from 31 European countries decided in favour of the Combo Life after the final round of test driving at the Vairano racetrack in Italy. The Opel offers ultramodern technologies such as adaptive cruise control, driver drowsiness alert, a 180degree rear view camera, head-up display and "Flank Guard" protection for the side bodywork. The Combo also combines the comfort and driving dynamics of a passenger car with the variability of a leisure activity vehicle. In their evaluation the jury members also focus on the cost of ownership, the availability of spare parts and the standards of dealer servicing. The winner of the "Best Buy Car of Europe 2019" award must deliver the best allround package, the fifth-generation Combo therefore proved unbeatable.

"We are thrilled with the decision of the 31 independent members of the AUTOBEST jury", said Opel CEO, Michael Lohscheller. "The Combo simply offers a lot of car for the money – the key to winning 'Best Buy Car of Europe'. The new Opel Combo Life is an all-round talent that can do almost anything. It plays a major role in our on-going product offensive that will see us launch eight new models in the next two years."

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Dan Vardie, founder and chairman of AUTOBEST: "We had a very tough competition between the finalists, a record number in the AUTOBEST history. The Opel/Vauxhall Combo Life, along with Citroën Berlingo and Peugeot Rifter – competing as one model, another first in our history – managed to impress the jury members and deserve the 'Best Buy Car of Europe' title. The winning models are simply an efficient solution for the European customer."

As "Best Buy Car of Europe 2019" the Combo Life continues a strong Opel tradition. In recent years, the Rüsselsheim-based carmaker was twice successful in the AUTOBEST Award. The Opel Corsa took the title outright in 2007 and 2015. AUTOBEST presents the "Best Buy Car of Europe" since 2000.

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