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This "Smart Car" built by Mercedes-Benz sends out an eye-catching advertisement not only for Urban Body Laser but also for environmental consciousness.

That's the way Janiece Fiege, owner of Urban Laser in Vancouver, Columbia, Canada, sees it.

"So many people ask me about it," she said. "It's cute and makes it a good way to show people that they don't have to have big trucks in a city."

It also makes her smile when she fills up the tank with diesel for \$20 - enough fuel to get her around for a

Smart cars get about 40 mpg in the city and about 60 mph on the highway. In the United States, only gas of the car are available.

Fiege has found that the car is spacious enough for a "serious Costco run." She can also fit four people in only two legally, of course.

She describes the car as "super safe," thanks to special reinforcement and air bags.

It's also a convenient car to get around in and easy to park. Sometimes, in a tight parking space, Fiege even parks sideways.

Fiege paid a total of \$21,000, including taxes, for the car. Because it's a convertible, she paid more for it than she would have paid for a standard version.

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