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1953 Mercedes-Benz 300

Lot sold	USD 50 472 - 75 708 GBP 40 000 - 60 000 (listed)	Lenkung	Links
Baujahr	1953	Zustand	Gebraucht
Chassisnummer	300R186.0110 1707/53	Standort	
Zahl der Sitze	2	Kraftstoff	Benzin
Antrieb	Zweirad	Außenfarbe	Sonstige
Losnummer	689		

Beschreibung

1953 Mercedes-Benz 300 Saloon

Registration no. OBK 781

Chassis no. 300R186.0110 1707/53

This rare, right-hand drive Mercedes-Benz 300 saloon was exported new to Australia. In 2003 the 'Adenauer' was purchased by its first UK owner, who registered it with a cherished number ('OBK 781') that it still carries today. Although the car had been repainted and some refurbishment carried out, the engine and electrical system both required attention. After obtaining a quotation in the region of £6,000 for a rewire, the owner decided to dispose of the car, which was consigned to auction, reaching a new home in the North West of England, possibly during 2007.

The necessary remedial work appeared not to have progressed to any appreciable extent when the immediately preceding owner came across the car in 2009. He struck a deal with the owner and after a 'false start' with another specialist, the vehicle was transferred to Martyn Marrocco of Malton, a respected Mercedes-Benz restorer. A complete rewire had already been carried out to an excellent standard, and Marrocco revisited all the previous mechanical and cosmetic work, stripping the engine for a second time to check it and rectify anything not up to his standards. The chassis and bodywork was checked and, although mostly sound and in good condition structurally, was repaired where necessary and then completely repainted. Brightwork was re-chromed and the woodwork refinished. New tyres were sourced from USA. Seat belts were installed front and rear, which entailed strengthening the 'B' posts and reinforcing the mounting points for the rears. A Becker radio was fitted, complete with iPod input, while other upgrades include a brake booster, windscreen wash/wipe, rear view mirrors, and a leather interior.

Completed in July 2013, the restoration is recorded on a CD-ROM of photographs contained within the

accompanying documents file together with numerous receipts for parts, restoration, rewiring, etc (close inspection recommended). The current vendor purchased the Mercedes at Bonhams' Harrogate sale in November 2013 (Lot 451). A wonderful opportunity to acquire a rare right-hand drive example of Mercedes-Benz's much sought after 1950s flagship at a most affordable price.

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