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## A four-star celebration: 1954 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL honours the champions of the world

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While high above Rio de Janeiro, Christ the Redeemer is softly illuminated in black, red and gold light in tribute to Germany’s momentous World Cup victory, this Mercedes-Benz 300 SL appears to have taken a less subtle approach...

At the German Mercedes-Benz restoration specialist Mechatronik, unusual classics are not uncommon. But a 300 SL in the national colours of Germany – that’s quite a sight, whether you like it or not. Fortunately the ‘paint’ on the Gullwing is merely a spray-on film that doesn’t affect the original bodywork and is easily removable.



The fact that this particular 300 SL was built in 1954, the year in which Germany won its first World Cup, is, of course, no coincidence. We wonder if any other high-end classics will follow suit?

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