
1955 Mercedes-Benz Adenauer

Lot sold	USD 0 EUR 0 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1955	Condition	Restored
Lot number	176	Location	
		Exterior colour	Other
		Car type	Convertible / Roadster

Description

French Title

Chassis # 5500515

Engine # 5500537

- In an incredible original state, beautifully preserved
- Only two previous owners in California
- Extremely rare model, the cabriolet D, only 66 made
- No reserve

For Mercedes, the post-war years were challenging and the brand was dedicated primarily to middle class cars. To reconnect with its pre-war status when its flagship model was the 540 K, Mercedes unveiled in 1951 its 300, a large limousine with a brilliant six -cylinder overhead cam engine, which would serve as a basis for the future automotive legend, the 300 SL. A ceremonial car essentially, it will be referred to as the "Adenauer" in tribute to the German chancellor who used it regularly. Available in several body styles, including on with a pillar-less side opening saloon, the model evolved into versions b, c and d till 1962. The version 300b, which is what interests us here, with its 125bhp engine had enough power to propel the heavy car to a top speed of 160 km/h in enviable comfort.

The car we offer here had known until 2013 just two owners from new, both part of the same family, the father and then, his son. The latter had the Mercedes since 1978, 36 years in the same hands! In

2013, it was purchased by an important French collector. The car has had always been before in the dry California climate, and it is devoid of corrosion and has an impeccable base. After remaining stored dry for 20 years, this car has benefited from a renovation work done by Burlingame Motors, for a total of US \$ 15,000. The body, which has been repainted once, has a beautiful patina and shows few traces of minor repairs. Inside, the red leather upholstery has its original patina and shows some cracks and the wooden dashboard is intact, although slightly tarnished. The driving system and accessories are in beautiful condition, and the car is equipped with a timer unit and the odometer shows about 66,000 miles (106,220km). The hood has been redesigned using the lining of origin, and the tyres are new. One trial showed good running condition with a smooth engine.

This Mercedes 300B comes accompanied with its books and its service history, with the first few pages stamped. Thus, we discover that the first service took place on June 4, 1956. It also has a rare kit of spare parts, the box containing the head gasket replacement and a kit of original tools.

This is a very rare model as only 125 examples of the convertibles B and D have been made, based on the Mercedes 300b, from March 1954 to July 1955, and less than half were convertible D. With four places in this convertible and its special six-cylinder engine and its rare state of preservation, this car will offer to its new owner all the charm and quality of a high-end Mercedes from the 1950s.

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