


CLASSIC DRIVER

1971 Mercedes-Benz SL Pagode

- Lot sold
USD 0
- **Year of manufacture** 1971
- **Lot number** 005
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- **Drive** LHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
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Description

Nicknamed “Pagoda” because of the unique concave design of its removable hardtop, the Mercedes-Benz W113 generation debuted in 1963 as a successor to the iconic 300 SL Roadster. Compared to the curvaceous 300 SL, the Pagoda had more compact dimensions, as well as a linear design that gave it a crisp and modern look. Each of the model’s iterations - the 230, 250, and 280 SL - proved to be immensely popular across both the US and Europe, and have since come to be regarded among the first modern generation classics from Mercedes-Benz. More a grand touring machine than a hard-edged sports car, the 280 SL was praised for its effortless performance, confident handling, sporting yet comfortable ride, and undeniable good looks.

Particularly striking in its sophisticated and seldom-seen hue of Dark Red (DB 542), this Pagoda is complemented by a Cognac MB-Tex interior as it was originally built, and it is smartly accessorized by a color-matched hardtop and new tan folding soft top. Additional features include the highly sought-after four-speed manual gearbox, Becker Mexico radio, and US-spec front and rear bumper guards. The 280 SL is accompanied by a copy of the factory data card, an owner’s manual, and receipts that show regular maintenance as well as paint and bodywork performed in 2008 and more recent interior work. With just 55,840 miles shown at the time of cataloguing, this handsome and sporting Pagoda is poised to provide its next owner with plenty of enjoyment.

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