


CLASSIC DRIVER



1972 Mercedes-Benz SLC - 350

350

Lot sold	USD 16 661 - 20 708 EUR 14 000 - 17 400 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1972	Interior colour	Black
Gearbox	Automatic	Condition	Used
Chassis number	10702312000588	Location	
Number of seats	4	Fuel type	Petrol
Number of doors	2	Exterior colour	Silver
Performance	200 PS / 148 kW / 198 BHP	Car type	Coupé
Drivetrain	2wd		
Lot number	5		

Description

- First model year
- Eight-cylinder engine
- Interior and equipment preserved in original condition

Engine: 3.5-litre, V8

Power: 200 break horsepower

Other data: automatic gearbox, rear-wheel drive

Legal condition: imported to Poland, customs duty exempt

The Mercedes-Benz SLC went on sale in 1972 as an evolution of the R107- -generation SL. The new model was intended to be a full-size two-door with enough cabin space for four passengers. It is 36 centimeter longer than the open-top version. Visually, both cars bear close resemblance to the W116- gen S class limousine. Distinctive feature of the SLC are blinds on the rear windows. This elegant

technical solution allowed designers to shorten the rear window, which dips into the rear fender when open, creating a harmonious empty space between A and C pillars. Thanks to a more rigid and solid body compared to the SL, the SLC was a successful rally car, winning a number of important trophies. Interestingly, rally versions were fitted with three-speed automatic gearboxes, which were the only transmissions able to transfer the monstrous torque of five-litre V8 engines to the rear wheels. The R107 coupe was manufactured through 1981, whereas the open-top was made until 1989, with SLCs only accounting for a third of the whole production volume. From a collector's perspective then, the SLC is the more exotic and the more collectible model. The SLC was replaced by the C126, known as the SEC.

The Mercedes-Benz SLC offered at the September event is the first model year - 1972. Compared to later examples it is distinguished by a few styling touches, such as steering wheel garnished with chrome inserts. The car was originally sold in Germany, but in August 1987 was exported to Sweden where it was regularly driven until this year. Its Swedish owner was a member of Mercedes 107 owners' club. The car was well taken care of - marked windows and rear-view mirrors, a rare sight in Scandinavia back then, might serve as an evidence to support that claim. The car was brought to Poland in such good condition, that it needed no restoration or major repairs, just a thorough inspection and brushing up were enough. The car was resprayed in Sweden by the previous owner. Its current Polish owner decided to change carpets on the inside. While he was at it, he documented the state of the floor. On top of that, the underbody was protected against rust from the outside. Mechanically, the car was inspected and had all vital fluids changed. Leather upholstery was cleaned and preserved, the paintwork polished. Equipment is complete, including the Becker stereo from the period. Smooth running V8 engine and comfortable, supple suspension make the car hugely rewarding to drive, which will be especially appreciated by drivers who enjoy lengthy, recreational drives.

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