
1954 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing

Lot sold	USD 1 162 287 - 1 367 397 GBP 850 000 - 1 000 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1954	Condition	Used
Mileage	57 km / 36 mi	Location	
Chassis number	1980404500118	Fuel type	Petrol
Number of seats	2	Exterior colour	Other
Drivetrain	2wd	Car type	Other
Lot number	220	Engine number	1989804500132
		Exterior brand colour	Red

Description

Supplied new on 27th December 1954 to Hoffman of New York originally finished in Mercedes 'Racing Silver' Early car featuring the highly desirable 'belly pans'. Sports camshaft upgrade. Electronic power steering (removable) Imported from Arizona in 1989 finished in Fire Engine Red. First UK owner was Lotus Team Manager, Peter Warr The gearbox and brakes have recently been overhauled. Stainless steel exhaust. Four new tyres in 2018 Most importantly, the injection pump was completely rebuilt by HK Engineering in Germany two years ago Comprehensive history file (John Surtees Engineering, Ron Waghorn, Tommy Johnston, Omega Motorsport) A plethora of parts invoices from Keinle, HK Engineering and Classic Mercedes UK Ready to be enjoyed this summer. A rare opportunity into the privileged world of Gullwing ownership Voted "Sports car of the century" in 1999, the 300SL Gullwing is an iconic Mercedes-Benz coupe that was first produced in 1954. Only 1,400 cars were ever made and early cars, such as the car offered here, are highly desirable to collectors and enthusiasts alike. We are privileged to offer this car fresh to market from the same private ownership as the 300SL Roadster that we sold at the Silverstone Classic in 2018. When supplied new on 27th December 1954 to Hoffman of New York, the car was originally finished in Mercedes 'Racing Silver'. It is an early car and features the highly desirable full 'belly pans' and has also been fitted with a sports camshaft upgrade and, more recently, electronic power steering which can be removed if required. The first UK owner was the famous Lotus Team Manager, the late Peter Warr, who imported the car, which was

now finished in striking American fire-engine red, from Arizona in 1989 and subsequently enjoyed the car until it was purchased by our vendor in August 1993. The comprehensive history file shows the thorough and diligent maintenance of the car during his tenure with a number of well known 300SL Specialists, including John Surtees Engineering, marque expert Ron Waghorn, marque expert Tommy Johnston and, more latterly, Neil Corns of Omega Motorsport. The plethora of parts invoices are from Keinle, HK Engineering and Classic Mercedes UK but, most important of all, the injection pump was completely overhauled and rebuilt by HK Engineering in Germany just two years ago. Both the gearbox and brakes have also been recently overhauled, including both the brake drums and master cylinders. The car has benefitted from regular use and has been on many European motor tours to exotic places such as Spain, Portugal, Italy, France and Monaco, as well as competing on the Ecurie Ecosse Scottish Tours no less than 12 times! It has clearly been loved and cherished by our enthusiastic vendor who is now ready to let the car enjoy the next chapter of its life. Fitted with a stainless steel exhaust, and four new tyres in 2018, the car is offered ready to be used and enjoyed this summer and provides a rare opportunity into the privileged world of Gullwing ownership.

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