
1982 Mercedes-Benz SL

Lot sold	USD 39 994 - 53 325 GBP 30 000 - 40 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1982	Condition	Used
Chassis number	WDB107042- 20011362	Location	
Number of seats	2	Fuel type	Petrol
Drivetrain	2wd	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	650		

Description

1982 Mercedes-Benz 280 SL Convertible

Registration no. 193 ELW

Chassis no. WDB107042-20011362

In 1971 Mercedes-Benz launched a new range of convertible sports cars to replace the much loved Pagoda. Longer and wider than its predecessor the new W107 chassis featured front and rear crumple zones to meet the latest crash protection standards and was, inevitably, heavier. Like its forebears the newcomer was more sports-tourer than outright sports car and came equipped with all-independent suspension. At first fitted with 3.5 and 4.5 litre V8 engines Mercedes nimbly responded to the 1973 oil crisis by introducing a 2.8 litre model in October 1974. Its straight six twin-cam engine with Bosch electronic fuel injection produced 185 DIN horsepower at 5800 rpm, providing a very respectable top speed of 118 mph. When fitted with a manual five speed gearbox 0-60 mph was reached in around 9.5 seconds, with the car being restrained by four wheel hydraulic disc brakes. Badged as the 280SL the model offered a delightful combination of styling, comfort, economy, and relative ease of maintenance when compared to its more complicated V8 siblings, and some 25,500 units were produced until it was replaced in 1985.

This 280SL was manufactured in June 1982 and is understood to have covered only 54,000 miles over its subsequent 37 years. In original condition throughout this right hand drive car is finished in

white with a tan leather and cloth interior and comes fully equipped with manual gearbox, power steering, electric windows, stereo, central locking, ABS braking, alloy wheels, alarm system and factory-fitted rear children's seats. The soft top and factory hard top provide comfortable protection from the vagaries of the weather, and the car boasts the cherished registration number 193 ELW which has been valued at £25,000.

In single ownership for many years, and commensurate with its comparatively low mileage, this 280SL is stated to be in very good condition overall, including engine, chassis and bodywork, complemented by a good interior. The car comes with comprehensive documentation including factory manual, service history and UK V5. With an MOT valid until July 2020 this stylish roadster is fully ready to be enjoyed by its new owner.

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