
1988 Mercedes-Benz SL

Lot sold	USD 9 332 - 13 331 GBP 7 000 - 10 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1988	Condition	Used
Chassis number	WDB1070412A0767	Location	
Number of seats	2	Fuel type	Petrol
Drivetrain	2wd	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	687		

Description

1988 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Convertible

Registration no. F231 NMO

Chassis no. WDB1070412A076742

Mercedes-Benz revived one of its most famous model designations of all time when it introduced the new 300 SL in 1985. However, on this occasion the newcomer was not a thinly disguised sports racer but the latest in a noble line of six-cylinder luxury Gran Turismos stretching back to the 230 SL of 1963. When the original Type 113 bodyshell finally bowed out on the 280 SL in 1971, it was replaced by the V8-engined Type 107, and there would not be a six-cylinder model in the range for a further nine years, an omission rectified in 1980 with the launch of the new 280 SL. The latter used the same twin-overhead-camshaft unit as the other '280' models, and with 185bhp on tap was good for a top speed of 127mph. When the 300 SL took over in 1985 it came with a single-cam engine that produced a mere 3 horsepower more at the top end, the main gains over the superseded smaller motor being a useful increase in torque and a marked reduction in fuel consumption.

This 300 SL Convertible is finished in cream with beige leather interior and has the automatic transmission option. Accompanying history consists of a file containing bills, receipts, and expired MoTs, testifying to regular maintenance throughout the car's life. Described by the vendor as in generally good condition, this desirable Mercedes-Benz soft-top is currently MoT'd and comes with a V5C Registration Certificate and its highly desirable hard top.

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