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1960 Mercedes-Benz SL 190

Lot sold	USD 0 GBP 0 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1960	Condition	Used
Mileage	99 980 mi / 160 903 km	Location	
Lot number	200	Exterior colour	Other
		Car type	Other

Description

"The Mercedes-Benz 190 SL, together with the 300 SL, made history at the New York International Motor Sports Show in February 1954, they were the first new production Mercedes-Benz to be unveiled outside of Germany. The impression given by the 190 SL, alongside the bigger 300 SL, was neat, sporty and with dashing lines. Despite opinions, the statistics tell their own tale as between May 1955 and February 1963, 25,881 of these cars were produced, it was a huge success for Mercedes-Benz. Its engine boasted four inline cylinders with a chain driven overhead camshaft and two Solex carburettors delivering a respectable 108bhp for that era. The lines were exquisite and it was universally acclaimed for its design and performance.

This lovely 190 SL has been in the same family since 1969, it is presented in blue with contrasting deep red leather trim and striking newly chromed bumpers, as with all 190's, it is achingly beautiful. Having led a very interesting existence, this car which is an original UK supplied example and was purchased by our vendors father in 1969 from the first owner, a village vicar. Ex US navy officer posted in the UK, Mr. Schneider owned the car and used it liberally until the 90s when, convinced he would be returning to the US and wanting to bring the car with him, he decided to convert the car to lefthand drive. To do this he purchased a lefthand drive body from Europe in April 1996, an invoice for which can be found in the history file. He then part exchanged the original body before fully restoring the car to the condition you see today. In 2014, a full inspection was completed by the

DVLA with the help of the Mercedes-Benz Owners Club, this 190 was then issued with a new registration number and the chassis number of 3971612402. This was all documented and contained within a comprehensive history file which also includes countless invoices, correspondence and previous MoT test certificates.

The car presents extremely well and in what can be considered one of the very best colour combinations. Accompanied by such a well-documented history, this is a great example of a truly classic car of the period, this most elegant of sporting tourers simply awaits its next custodian who, we are certain, will not be disappointed."

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