


# CLASSIC DRIVER



## 2003 Mercedes-Benz 500 SL

Lot sold	<b>USD 0</b> GBP 0 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	2003	Condition	Used
Mileage	52 435 mi / 84 386 km	Location	
Gearbox	Automatic	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	402	Car type	Other

### Description

"The fifth generation SL was in production between 2002 and 2008 and featured the all-new retractable hardtop - an important feature for those British showers! Mercedes-Benz followers were impressed with the stability of the car with the hardtop in place and the ease at which they could remove it. Such was its success, the SL is still one of the leading cars in the Mercedes-Benz range. This car features the very capable 5.0 Litre 302bhp V8 powerplant mated to a standard automatic gearbox. The R230 also features the ABC (active body control) which offers the balance of comfort and handling. The complex system uses accumulators and hydraulic fluids to regulate the firmness and heights of the suspension.

Purchased on 10th February 2003, this one owner example is now offered as part of a deceased estate. It is presented in metallic blue coachwork with magnolia leather interior and has been laid up since 2015 but has been recently recommissioned. Offered without an MoT test certificate items that will require attention include the hydraulic suspension which has a leak thus the front passenger side of the vehicle drops when not running and the Battery Stabilization Control Unit requires replacing. This is an automatic, petrol example which cost £73,615 when new and included £6,400 of optional extras including AMG body kit, AMG alloy wheels, comfort seats, Bose soundsystem, wood and

leather steering wheel and walnut wood gearshift. Accompanied by a good history file with many MoT certificates and further documents, this is a car that, with a little TLC, would be a well specified low mileage example of the ever popular R230 SL.

Guide Price £4,000 - £8,000 Interested parties should note that this car has been in storage for a prolonged period and recently recommissioned however the ESP warning light is currently active on the dashboard. This car requires a new battery stabilisation unit and has a fault to the air suspension that will need fixing. This example is offered without an MoT and we advised it should be trailed from the auction site.

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