


CLASSIC DRIVER



1971 Mercedes-Benz SL Pagode - 280 SL

280 SL

Lot sold	USD 78 345 - 90 398 EUR 65 000 - 75 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1971	Interior colour	Brown
Mileage	175 000 km / 108 740 mi	Condition	Used
Gearbox	Automatic	Location	
Chassis number	11304412022443	Fuel type	Petrol
Number of seats	2	Exterior colour	Beige
Number of doors	2	Car type	Convertible / Roadster
Drivetrain	2wd		
Interior type	Leather		
Lot number	73		

Description

Serial number 11304412022443
Beautiful state of presentation
Important invoice file
With hood and hard-top
French title

This Mercedes-Benz 280SL Pagoda was put into service on February 26th, 1971, in the United States. We know that it belonged to Mr. David Copner for 7 years, he notably had it repainted in 1978. We find its trace in 1981, then becoming the property of Mr. Wendelburg, in Indianapolis, the copy of the bank check of the period tells us that it was acquired for about \$ 17,000. The Pagoda displayed

68,000 miles. It underwent a partial restoration, in terms of mechanical and bodywork between 1985 and 1986 and was then registered 280SL. The Pagoda followed the Wendelburg couple until the late 1990s, after they moved to Georgia. In 2013, we find out that the car was in Germany when it was acquired by a French owner. It was acquired in 2014 by its current owner, with around 6,000 miles on the clock, for a total of 106,000 miles, making around 170,000 kilometers. Today it displays 175,000. The bodywork restored during the 1980s (according to the invoices in our possession) still presents very well, the paintwork is beautiful, well stretched and shiny despite very slight defects of the time. The alignments are good and we did not detect any sign of shock. The hard-top, originally in body color, was repainted in chocolate brown and the soft top inside was redone in alpaca to match the hard-top. However, the latter has rarely been taken out of its location in recent years and requires a slight renovation to take place without problem. The interior has been partially restored in the past and offers a beautiful presentation. The brown leather is of good quality, and does not show any noticeable defect. At the wheel, the car behaves well, its running gear does not reveal any noticeable defect and the engine seems to be in good shape. The automatic gearbox works correctly but an overhaul should be expected before long journeys.

It is thus a beautiful 280SL Pagoda convertible that we are presenting for sale today, a car pampered for much of its life by a meticulous owner from whom there are still many invoices, and which is today in a beautiful state of presentation! Above all, it is a version with soft top and hard-top which automatic gearbox makes driving a vintage car particularly accessible!

File available on request.

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