


CLASSIC DRIVER



2006 Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren

Lot sold	USD 200 000 - 240 000	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	2006	Condition	Used
Lot number	20	Location	
		Exterior colour	Other
		Car type	Other

Description

Following great success with its road-going F1 supercar, McLaren sought to expand its foray into sports car production. In 1999, Mercedes-Benz and McLaren collaborated on the Vision SLR concept car, which was unveiled at the North American International Auto Show in January 1999. The resounding and passionate reaction from the automotive press and car enthusiasts convinced the fabled automakers to bring the car to market. The production Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren was unveiled to the general public on November 17, 2003.

Mercedes-Benz supplied the hand-built AMG supercharged V-8 engines to TAG McLaren's new state-of-the-art facility in Woking, UK, where they were installed in the SLR's Formula 1-inspired carbon fiber tub. McLaren relied heavily on lessons learned from their world championship-winning chassis architecture to develop the SLR's electronically adaptive suspension. Stopping was handled by a Sensotronic brake-by-wire disc braking system utilizing carbon ceramic rotors developed by Mercedes-Benz and Bosch. With carbon fiber reinforced plastic body panels to reduce weight and active aerodynamics to balance downforce and aid in braking, the overall performance of the SLR was staggering. Intriguingly, the car still delivered the luxury and creature comforts one would expect in a Mercedes-Benz automobile.

With the SLR's 617 hp supercharged and intercooled V-8, Car and Driver magazine achieved a 0-60 time of 3.4 seconds and a standing 1/4 mile of 11.2 seconds at 130 mph on its way to a top speed of 207 mph. The car pulled 1.13 g on the skid pad and its electrohydraulic carbon ceramic brakes could

stop it from 60-0 in just 103 feet. Mercedes-Benz and McLaren had achieved a lofty goal: a strikingly beautiful and usable grand tourer, fully capable of world-class supercar performance.

The 2006 SLR McLaren offered here is one of just 141 examples believed delivered in the US that year and is finished in classic Crystal Laurite Silver over a black leather interior. According to an accompanying CARFAX Vehicle History Report, it was sold new in September 2005 by Estate Motors in Golden Bridge, New York and registered in Sisters, Oregon. It was serviced by Southern California dealerships for the subsequent 10 years and then sold to the consignor in 2015. Carefully stored and driven sparingly in recent years, the SLR has accumulated just 168 miles since 2015, with a current mileage of 7,016. While service invoices and manuals do not accompany the car, a log from Mercedes showing regular visits from new through 2015 is included.

Ready for a new caretaker, this dynamic hybrid of advanced German and British engineering is sure to continue to impress with its prodigious performance, presence, and panache.

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