

# CLASSIC DRIVER



## 1955 Mercedes-Benz SL 190 - "PERFECTION EXISTS" Mille Miglia Eligible

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Price	<b>USD 236 399</b> EUR 195 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1955	Interior colour	Brown
Gearbox	Manual	Condition	Restored
Number of seats	2	Location	
Number of doors	2	Fuel type	Petrol
		Exterior colour	Black
		Car type	Convertible / Roadster

### Description

- Restored by 1 of the best 190SL restoration companies in the world
- A car with a beautiful history
- The slogan of the restoration company is "PERFECTION EXISTS"
- Restored to original specifications including color combination
- Complete with restoration invoices and restoration pictures

Following the success of the 300 SL Coupe and Roadster, Mercedes-Benz's U.S. importer, Max Hoffman, suggested that a similarly styled, less costly alternative might be successful.

The resulting car was the 190 SL, and it featured styling that was derived from the Mercedes Gullwing, which many enthusiast adored but only few could afford.

The car proved to be popular with the public at the 1954 New York Auto Show, and it remained in strong demand throughout its nine-year production run.

Hoffman built on the racing-oriented 300 SL's curvaceous shape, which allowed for both the hardtop coupe and the subsequent roadsters to share a design language that was unique to the Stuttgart automaker in the early 1950s. Both the six-cylinder 300 SL and four-cylinder 190 SL models were marketed, but the less expensive latter version vastly outsold its "big brother," proving that Hoffman's knack for success was unparalleled among automobile importers. Both the 190 SL and the 300 SL were very similar aesthetically.

The 190 SL was powered by a 1.9-liter inline four-cylinder with twin Solex carburetors, and it boasted 120 horsepower, to reach a top speed of over 105 mph.

Unlike the 300 SL, which was born and bred on the race track, the 190 SL was best suited for touring, as it featured copious amounts of luggage space, despite having a convertible top. Top-down cruising was effortless, and both the driver and passenger could arrive.

#### ABOUT THIS SPECIFIC EXAMPLE

This specific Mercedes 190SL is one of a kind as she is restored on a very high level. Some years ago this example has been restored at Classic Car Venlo.

A company which is very well known in the Mercedes 190SL world.

A company with 30 years of experience and a company whereby every single part is restored in-house.

From dismantling to painting, from engine rebuilt toward the restoration or renewing of the full interior.

The company is well known because they do not want to restore a car with compromises. Every single part has to be as perfect as possible and that becomes immediately clear when people take a close look to this 190SL.

The quality is impressive, very impressive.

We were able to buy this 190SL from the gentlemen who gave the order to restore the car. This gentlemen gave the order to restore the Mercedes in it's original glory. In the color combination and in the specification it left the factory.

A Mercedes Benz datacard is with the car and confirms the paint code 040 which is black.

The numbers which are mentioned for the engine are still matching in the car.

An impressie photo documentation about the restoration of the car is coming with the car in the form of a book.

The pictures can be send to you via e-mail and clarify immediately the unique condition of this car.

The history of the car is nice. The car was found by a gentlemen named Roland. A 190SL lover who was stopped in 2003 by a Mr. Roy when he was driving his 190 SL in Ontario Canada. Mr. Roy had a black 190SL (this car) in his garage since 1972. Mr. Roy bought the 190SL in 1970 and put it in his mother's garage with the intention to restore the car.

After taking the engine out of the car the project stopped. Roy got married and had a family and forgot about the car for 37 years!

When the mother of Roy passed away he wanted to sell her house but it meant that the car had to leave before.

This wasn't an easy exercise because the garage door had to be cut open. The bottom of the door had been imbedded in asphalt over years of repaving the driveway.

When the car was bought in 2009 the car had only 85.000 miles on the clock. Since the restoration the Mercedes has driven approximately 7.000 kilometers.

#### CONDITION EXTERIOR

As a consequence of the professional approach and experience of the restoration company, the Mercedes is in an excellent overall order. It will be very hard to find a nicer example.

The color combination is absolutely one of the nicest we have ever seen on a Mercedes 190 SL.

The panel gaps and fit are perfectly throughout, and the paint remains free from any blemishes.

The quality of the paint is extremely good, with no signs of use of the car. It seems that the car actually never drove since it was finished from restoration.

This unique condition also has to do with the fact that the car received a full polish treatment from both the top of the car as well as the bottom by Stipt Polish Point. Please take a look via this link what the result of the polish treatment was:

<https://www.stiptpolishpoint.nl/transformatie-mercedes-benz-190-sl>

As can be seen on the above mentioned website this car is exterior wise in an extremely amazing condition.

The chrome is as new without any damages or pitting.

The glass is excellent/new throughout as well, and a new top of the correct canvas has been installed at the time of the restoration.

When the car is driving in bad weather conditions the soft top can be easily mounted and off-course the soft top is also in a brand new condition.

#### CONDITION INTERIOR

The interior is extremely nice as well and perfectly period correct restored.

Even the clock on the passenger side of the dashboard is totally restored and in perfect working order.

The chrome surroundings of the meters and knobs is as new. The painted dashboard is excellent and the inner doors are beautifully covered with the same leather as on the seats.

The carpets are like the rest of the interior in as new condition and in the period correct material. Also in the boot the 190 SL is looking exactly as she should be.

#### ENGINE BAY

We can be rather short about the engine bay.

The engine bay is amazing.

Every part has been perfectly restored and the engine bay looks like new or maybe even more beautiful as new.

#### DRIVING EXPERIENCE

When the key of the Mercedes is turned, the engine starts easily and it become immediately clear that the engine is running very strong.

This is off-course normal as the entire technical part of the car has been redone/rebuilt as well.

Both engine and gearbox have been fully rebuilt and the rear axle has been slightly modified to decrease the revs on the motorway.

If one drives this 190SL it is clear that these cars are made on an absolute excellent German way and due to the amazing restoration it is a superb car to drive around with and to look at.

To make the driving even more comfortable, the Mercedes is fitted with a modern EZ powersteering and a slightly smaller steering wheel.

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