


# CLASSIC DRIVER



## 2005 Mercedes-Benz CLK - DTM AMG

DTM AMG

Estimate	<b>USD 325 000 - 375 000</b>	Condition	Used
Year of manufacture	2005	Location	
Lot number	129	Exterior colour	Other
		Car type	Other

### Description

To Be OFFERED AT AUCTION at RM Sothebys' Amelia Island event, 22 May 2021.

Estimate:

\$325,000 - \$375,000 USD

- One of just 100 examples built by HWA AG; originally delivered to Germany
- Imported to Texas and federalized in 2009
- Brilliant Silver Metallic over Anthracite
- Formerly of the Canepa Collection
- Under 1,600 miles indicated

The CLK DTM AMG is without doubt the most desirable of its C209-platform brethren. Built to celebrate Bernd Schneider's Deutsche Tourenwagen Masters championship win in 2003, the CLK DTM AMG was as close to his race car as customers could get while still being able to drive their new Mercedes-Benz on the road. In a fitting feat of subcontracting, each of the 180 DTM examples (100 coupes, 80 cabriolets) were specially assembled by HWA AG, the engine forge and motorsports division under AMG's corporate umbrella.

Powered by a 5.4-liter supercharged V-8 producing 582 horsepower and mated to a Mercedes-Benz SpeedShift 5G-Tronic automatic transmission, the CLK DTM AMG can sprint to a top speed of 200 mph with a 0-62 mph time of just four seconds. The hand-built powerplant screams towards redline with any depression of the accelerator past 40%; the coupe downshifts aggressively and rockets forward when spurred. The CLK DTM AMG is renowned from its sheer brutality—and smoking the rear tires is a common occurrence well into third gear.

The coupe's interior sits firmly at the intersection of performance and luxury. A pair of leather and Alcantara-trimmed bucket seats is fronted by a square, DTM-inspired steering wheel. The cabin is awash with Alcantara and no-nonsense carbon fiber paneling. Yet it still retains many of the amenities one would expect from a top-of-the-line Mercedes-Benz.

This CLK DTM offered here is clad in Brilliant Silver Metallic and, when completed by HWA AG, was delivered back to Mercedes-Benz for domestic retail. An emission placard affixed to the driver's door jamb denotes that it was imported into the United States in 2009 via Texas and federalized there by Wallace Environmental Testing Laboratories of Houston. This CLK DTM was subsequently retained within the renown Canepa Collection in Scotts Valley, California until 2015, from whence it was acquired by the consignor showing roughly 1,500 miles. Having covered about 100 miles over the past six years, this exceedingly rare and "nearly new" chassis is reportedly one of just five examples within North America. It is now accompanied by accoutrements including manuals, tool roll, jack, air compressor, battery tender, and first aid kit.

As the most extreme distillation of the C209 platform, the CLK DTM AMG is the closest a private individual can get to driving their own race-ready Touring Car.

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