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## 1971 Mercedes-Benz SL Pagode - 280 SL

280 SL

Lot sold	<b>USD 0</b>	Condition	Used
Year of manufacture	1971	Location	
Lot number	113	Exterior colour	Black
		Car type	Other

### Description

- One of just 831 examples produced for the 1971 model year
- Attractive triple-black color combination
- 2.8-liter inline-six engine paired with automatic transmission
- Benefits from a nut-and-bolt restoration

The 280 SL roadsters are without a doubt at the very sweet spot of the classic Mercedes-Benz model range: They remain attainable, despite rapidly increasing values over recent years, and are extremely stylish, reliable, and competent enough to be used for pleasure on a frequent basis. The elegant and understated styling of these roadsters, penned by designer and artist Paul Bracq, made the model a desirable accessory for young Hollywood celebrities in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

This freshly restored, triple-black 1971 example offered here is one of just 831 produced for the model year. The car's stunning presentation is thanks to nut-and-bolt restoration which included a complete bare-metal respray and new interior. The interior trim and exterior brightwork have similarly been refinished and replated as needed, further enhancing the gleaming aesthetic of this attractive Mercedes-Benz. Furthermore, this 280 SL retains the correct-type Becker radio, and the dashboard is fitted with a period-style air conditioning unit.

The consignor states that the car's 2.8-liter engine received a full suite of fresh hoses, seals, and lines to replace the aging originals. Now perched upon a new set of Hankook narrow whitewall tires befitting a factory aesthetic, this attractive 280 SL is accompanied by a matching spare, tool roll, and several photos documenting the car's restoration.

This exceptional and recently restored 280 SL can be enjoyed at Mercedes-Benz concours events, where it is sure to be appreciated, or all-weather road trips travelling in supreme comfort. To view this car and others currently consigned to this auction, please visit the RM website at [rmsothebys.com/en/auctions/am21](https://rmsothebys.com/en/auctions/am21).

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