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1965 Mercedes-Benz SL Pagode

- Lot sold
USD 0
GBP 0 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1965
- **Mileage** 37 680 mi / 60 641 km
- **Gearbox** Automatic
- **Lot number** 228
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- **Drive** RHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
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Description

"DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL, THIS LOT HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THE AUCTION

By 1955, Mercedes-Benz Chief Engineer, Prof. Fritz Nallinger and his team, held no illusions regarding the 190SL's lack of performance and, in 1960, he eventually proposed to develop a completely new 220SL design based on technology from the W112. This led to the W113 platform, with an improved fuel-injected 2.3 litre M127, inline-six engine and the distinctive 'pagoda' hardtop roof called the 230SL. It made a remarkable debut at the prestigious Geneva Motor Show in March 1963, where Nallinger introduced it as follows, 'It was our aim to create a very safe and fast sports car with high performance, which despite its sports characteristics, provides a very high degree of travelling comfort.' The 250SL was basically a one-year model, introduced at the 1967 Geneva Motor Show. The 2.8 litre 280SL was introduced in 1967 and continued in production largely unchanged through to 1971.

Registered in 1967, this UK supplied right hand drive example is presented in red coachwork over a beige leather interior and looks superb. The paintwork is very good, and the interior is well, showing little sign of age. The beige hood has recently been replaced and is excellent with no noticeable blemishes and the factory hardtop is in very good order. An original automatic, UK supplied example the Pagoda is offered with many old MoT test certificates dating back to 1988, various sundry bills, a Mercedes-Benz handbook, two keys and its UK V5 registration document. Original right hand drive examples are hard to come by and this 230SL, in its current condition, is certainly one not to be missed."

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