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## 1954 Mercedes-Benz W196 'Streamliner' Formula 1 Child's Car

- Lot sold  
USD 15 794 - 21 058  
EUR 15 000 - 20 000 (listed)

### Location

- Le Zoute, 09 October

### Description

This stunning evocation of Mercedes-Benz's outstandingly successful W196 'Streamliner' Formula 1 car is sure to delight the junior enthusiast. The W196 was introduced for the 1954 Formula 1 season, making its first appearance - in 'Streamliner' form with sports car-type enclosed-wheel bodywork - at the high-speed Reims circuit in France. Driven principally by Juan Manuel Fangio and Stirling Moss, the W196 won nine of 12 races entered and captured the only two world championships that it contested (1954 and 1955) with Fangio taking the drivers' title on both occasions. The Streamliner was best suited to very high-speed circuits, winning at Reims in 1954 and Monza in '54 and '55, with Fangio driving on each occasion. On tighter tracks the W196 ran with its wheels exposed.

Built by an accomplished expert in the field, and carrying Fangio's number '18', this beautifully crafted child's car is powered by a 125cc four-stroke engine producing 9bhp. Notable features include single forward and reverse gear transmission; electric starter; glassfibre bodywork; front drum brakes; and a removable steering wheel. Top speed is between 45 and 65km/h and this 'Streamliner' can accommodate children between 5-12 years old

Length: 265cm  
Width: 105cm  
Height: 70cm

265cm (L) x 105cm (W) x 70cm (H)

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