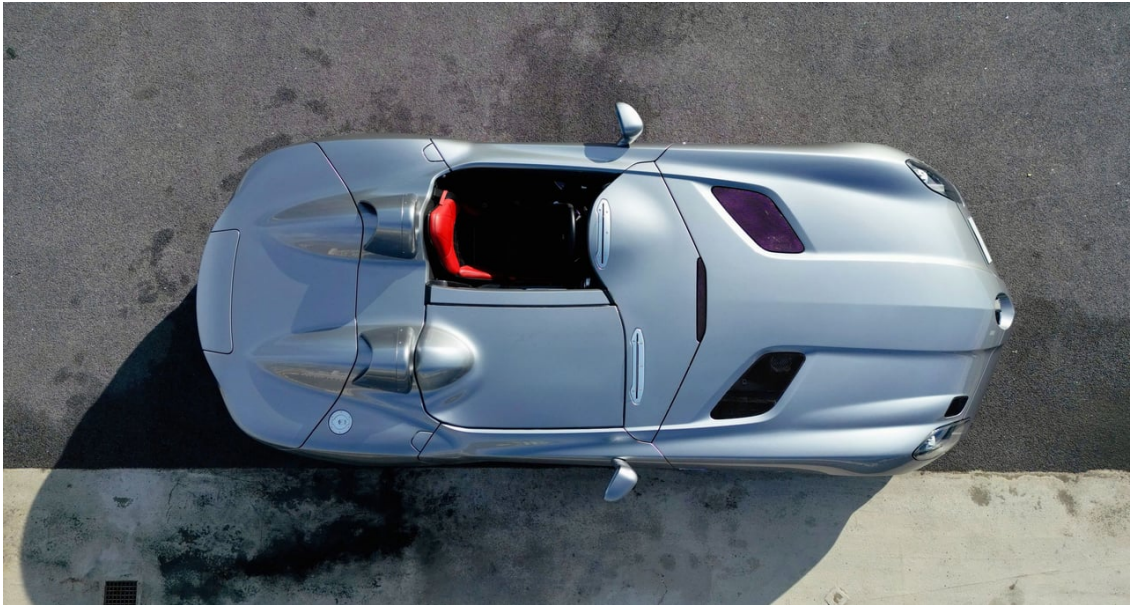# CLASSIC DRIVER

Are you brave enough to hit 217mph in this Mercedes SLR Stirling Moss Edition?

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Artcurial's Retromobile auction on February 3rd and 4th is packed with drool-worthy collector cars, but what really caught our eye was this ultra-rare Mercedes McLaren SLR Stirling Moss Edition.

A decade before the Aston Martin V12 Speedster, the McLaren Elva, and the Ferrari SP1 Monza had collectors scrambling at the chance to add a speedster to their garages, Mercedes stunned the world with this: the unparalleled SLR Stirling Moss Edition. Built as a final hurrah for Mercedes' collaboration with McLaren, the SLR Stirling Moss was an ultra-limited tribute to Stirling Moss' Mille Miglia win at the wheel of his 300 SLR in 1955. Thanks to the missing roof and a liberal application of carbon fibre, each of the 75 SLR Stirling Moss Editions dropped a whopping 200kg from the standard SLR and upped the power to a mighty total of 660 rampant horses, making this the SLR's ultimate incarnation.

Of course, this didn't come cheap, with Merc slapping a nice and even 1 million dollar list price on their new windshield-less wonder. Technically speaking, the SLR Stirling Moss Edition actually has two tiny windshields, one for the driver and passenger, but we doubt they make much difference as you approach this car's 217mph top speed. Given the apparent lack of aero, such a top-speed attempt might sound like lunacy, but thanks to its closed under tray and gargantuan diffuser, there should be plenty of downforce to keep you stuck to the tarmac.

This fantastic 2009 Mercedes SLR Stirling Moss Edition was delivered new to Luxembourg and has been perfectly maintained and regularly serviced ever since, showing less than 9,000 kms on the clock today. Accompanied by all its papers, service book, manuals, protective cover, original goggles and soft helmets, Artcurial's Retromobile sale on February 3rd and 4th represents an incredibly rare chance to acquire what is perhaps the ultimate post-millennium Mercedes.

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