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"Young Classics"



While the Mercedes-Benz Museum is not a do-or-die profit center, DAG (aka DAI to American investors) is a for-profit business. Generating black ink is the name of the game even when perpetuating "brand" heritage. While we wince at the prices of some replacement parts the good news is that unlike most manufacturers Mercedes-Benz, via their two Classic Center stores, is making a concerted effort to find, preserve and remanufacture parts.

And now, remanufactured cars! The new M-B Museum near Stuttgart has just made space to sell restored Mercedes cars, with emphasis on 1970s and 1980s models ...thus the handle **"Young Classics."** You might think someone there is reading the **SL Market Letter!** Or, great minds think alike? It seems likely the 1970s bargains we mentioned in SL Market Letter No. 090 (March 2009, page 1) are temporary.

The SLS "Label"

To clear the air, there never was an **"SLS"** model sold or raced by (or for) Mercedes-Benz. That label was used for internal identification when **Rudolf Uhlenhaut** supervised development of a) a roadster to succeed the 300SL "Gullwing" Coupé, and b) two race cars that were separately* prepared for Paul O'Shea's 1957 USA SCCA racing season. Final public designation for both versions was simply "300SL Roadster" (300SL Ro, for short). More on page 12

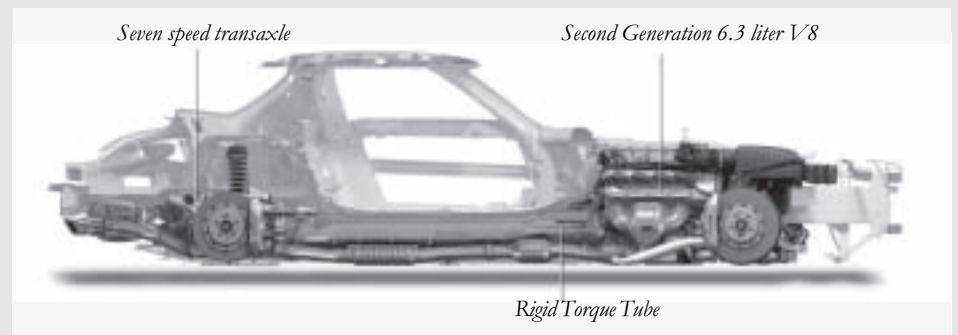
....More on the Next Gullwing



First Official View of the Gullwing's Second Coming. During extensive testing several masked, Viper-bodied mules have been photographed, but final exterior styling is still a secret

"In selling sports cars it is even more important than in selling other cars that salesmen are most thoroughly acquainted with all the details and specifications of these cars." So begins the product information distributed to all M-B dealers about the new Gullwing... 55 years ago! "It is not only because our high-powered sports car embodies all the latest technical progress in automotive engineering, but because prospective customers are in almost all cases particularly interested in technical developments, improvements, and the fine detail of these cars." What followed was a wonderful 15 page description with drawings of each of a half dozen innovations. Today's SLS announcement, preceding production by one year, is remarkably similar in content (if not today's electronic form) to the release decades ago. The only thing missing about the new car is its final exterior styling.

Most pronounced features of the new car are the type and location of the drive train and massive use of aluminum. Described as a mid-front engine with rear mounted transaxle; a rigid torque tube connects the two. Not that anything about the car is



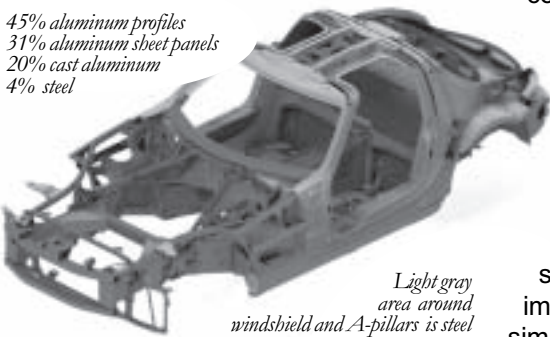
common, but we have come to expect advanced crash safety, great braking and aerodynamics.

At the outset AMG acknowledges "valuable knowhow of the specialists from the Mercedes-Technology Center (MTC) in Singelfingen ...a synthesis of the strengths of the Mercedes-Benz and AMG brands." We aren't told exactly what MTC contributed, though safety and crash test research is one of their fortés.

Use of Aluminum

For the first time in the company's history a car's unit-body/chassis (531 lbs) and outer skin will be over 95% aluminum.

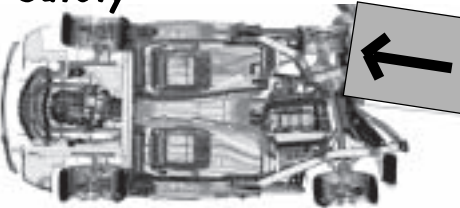
45% aluminum profiles
31% aluminum sheet panels
20% cast aluminum
4% steel



Light gray area around windshield and A-pillars is steel

Cast components are used wherever large parts, such as the Gullwing doors and the dashboard are attached. This allows dissipation of the forces and tailor-made wall thickness. As a result, higher stiffness of the drive train, braking and suspension connection points, can be realized while saving weight in areas subject to minimal loads. Ribbed structures run exactly in the load directions. Maximum occupant safety requires the use of ultra-high strength, heat-formed steel in the A-pillars.

Safety



Passenger cell doesn't deform during off-center front impact tests

The crash load paths are specifically routed around the passengers – this applies to front, rear-end and side collisions as well as roof impacts. This drawing shows how the continuous side members runs from the front cross-member to the side skirt and routes the impact energy into the extremely rigid sill structure in a frontal collision.

The drawing on page 1 shows how positioning the engine low behind the front axle achieves the lowest possible center of gravity. A dry sump oil system further lowers the engine. The rigid body and torque tube connections between the front and rear section are also designed to keep weight at the very bottom of the car.

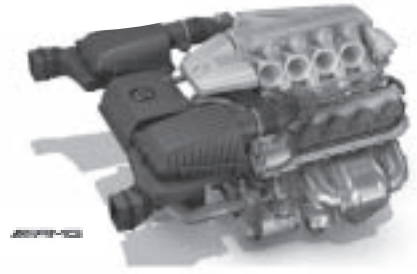
Placing the engine behind the front axle also creates a large deformation zone in front of the engine. This in turn enables a reduced weight bulkhead to be fitted, since it needs to absorb far less energy in the event of a frontal crash than on a vehicle with a conventional engine position. The torque tube, which connects the engine to the dual-clutch transmission located at the rear axle, also serves a dual role of absolute linkage to the transmission and crash safety: both in the case of front and rear-end collisions the torque tube takes stress off the bodyshell structure because it can specifically absorb and transmit impact energy. Over 1000 computer-simulated complete vehicle crash tests were conducted to achieve improved crash performance with low weight. Selection of optimum bonding technology; rivets, soldering, bolts or epoxy, and stipulation of wall thickness for each component, were taken into account for both driving and crash impact. While digital prototypes and simulation programs have been used extensively, actual assembly will be by hand.

Engine

For power AMG is completing a second generation "M159" version of their already famous, naturally aspirated M156 - 6.3 V8. New are the air intake system, a reworked valve train and camshafts, the use of flow-optimized tubular steel headers and reduced tail pipe back-pressure. Result is 570 HP @ 6,800 RPM (versus the current 6.3's 525 HP at 6,800). Torque is up from 464 lb.ft. @ 5,200 RPM to 480 @ 4,750.

A power-to-weight ratio of 2.84 kg/hp comes courtesy of the low vehicle weight. Acceleration from 0 to 60 mph is under 3.8 seconds and top speed is 195 MPH are "provisional".

Forged pistons, a reinforced crankshaft bearing, revised crankcase structure, with an "on-demand" (map optimized)



high-performance oil supply ensures durability at higher loads as well as reduced fuel consumption. The forged pistons as oscillating masses play a particularly valuable role in weight reduction. The entire engine weighs only 454 lbs, the best figure by far compared with its competitors. Sophisticated catalytic converter technology enables current and future exhaust emission standards such as EU 5, LEV 2 and ULEV. AMG's friction optimized twin-wire-arc-sprayed (TWAS) coating is used on the cylinder walls – a process that is exclusive to AMG.

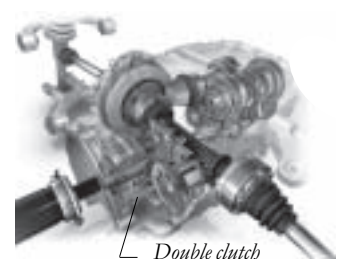
Bosch ME 9.7

The AMG engine management system also provides generator management – another system that helps reduce fuel consumption. Sensors monitor the charge status of the vehicle battery and reduce the generator output as soon as the battery is sufficiently charged. To recharge the battery, the system specifically utilizes the engine's overrun phases. The braking energy is converted into electric energy by means of recuperation.

Transaxle

Within the previously mentioned torque tube is an ultra-light carbon fiber drive shaft similar to the setup used on DTM C-Class racers. It

is however connected to this rear mounted transaxle, automatic transmission. The driver has a choice of four different driving modes ranging from comfortable to extremely sporty. The differential always runs at engine speed for maximum torque delivery, with a new dual-clutch serving



Double clutch

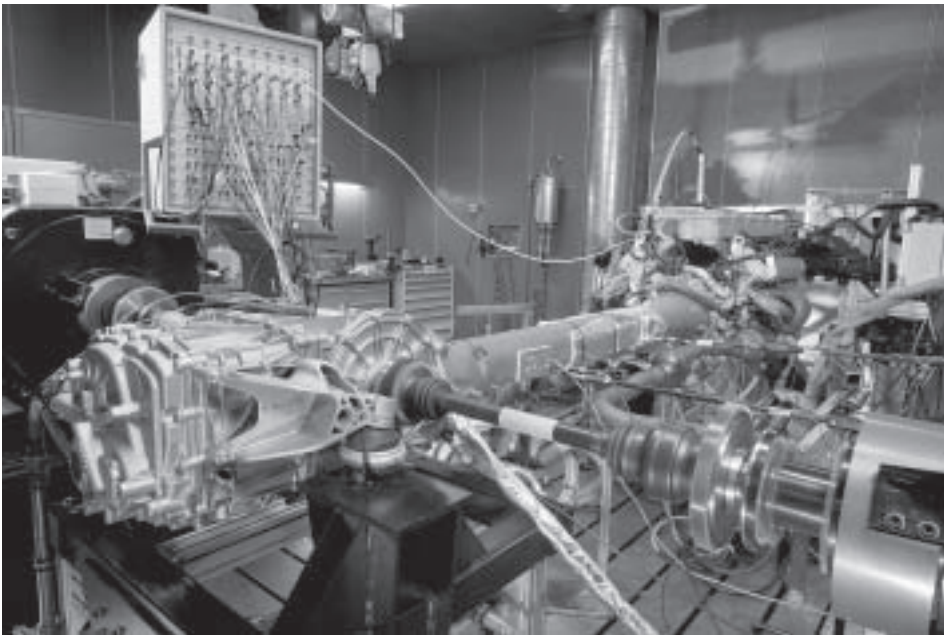
SLS Time Table

The design and development of the new SLS was approved at the end of **2006**.

Before the first real test car was produced virtual prototypes brought the 'Gullwing' to life as a digital prototype (DPT). State of the art simulations ranked consequences of engine position and other weight distribution, center of gravity, suspension design, driving dynamics, aerodynamics, ergonomics, crash performance the production process, and even issues of recycling. The digital prototype became complete virtual car.

Digital models became the blueprint for the first ready-to-drive prototypes, so called mulettos or mules, in the spring of **2007**. On board measurement systems were added to standard instruments to compare results of various driving maneuvers to axle, spring and shock absorber alternatives. Since summer **2008**, the first 'genuine' camouflaged prototypes of the SLS AMG have been undergoing testing around the world.

Approximately 30 Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG test vehicles will clock up about 750,000 miles toward development completion and Board production approval in January **2010**. Tests are planned in Italy, Austria, France, Spain, Sweden, South Africa and the USA. Altitude testing will occur in Colorado, high temperature tests in Death Valley, CA, low temp tests in Sweden and in a climate test tunnel in Stuttgart. There'll be endurance tests to verify maximum load limits on country roads to autobahns, at all speeds, and simulating the entire vehicle lifetime in a short period. This is a normal itinerary for development of all Mercedes-Benz cars however the cost is normally spread out over 100,000 to a million cars instead of a few thousand. Expect to see the final body design (not artist's guess work) at the **2009** Frankfurt Auto Show.



AMG SLS BENCH TESTING: *transaxle at left, torque tube and engine, set up to simulate starting, stopping and extreme road conditions and varied loads at speed for thousands of miles.*

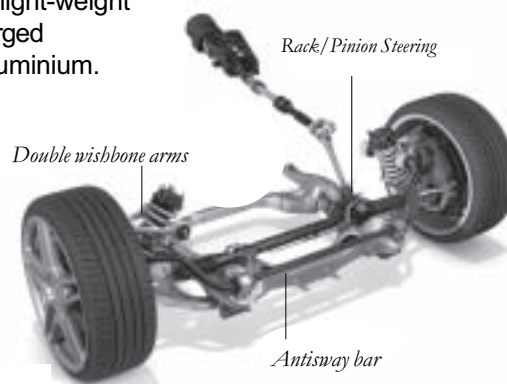
seven forward gears. For optimum traction there will be a RACE START mode controlling wheel slippage from zero to top speed. A mechanical locking differential is integrated in the transmission housing. The resulting 48% to 52% front/rear weight distribution is regarded as ideal for "consummate driving dynamics" of precise steering, spontaneous direction changes and traction. "3 stage ESP"® provides the driver with choices of ESP On, ESP Sport, and ESP Off.

The AMG designed dual-clutch, transmission differential combination weights just 300 lbs. including the differential. As the 1950s Gullwing, the housing is aluminum. Absence of a conventional torque converter improve efficiency and reduce fuel consumption. A mechanical differential lock was chosen to "push driving dynamics to the limit."

The century old placement of a motor on one end with driving wheels on the other is inherently inefficient, accounting for dozens of alternatives. M-B imposed a preference for front engines for safety on

the SLR (which McLaren opposed) and again with the SLS. Potential for linkage backlash and vibration are answered by the torque tube with carbon-fibre driveshaft forming a fixed unit between the V8 engine, transmission and rear axle even though they are five feet apart. The tube is a one-piece aluminium casting weighing about 50 lbs. The driveshaft rotates inside the tube.

Suspension technology validates the original Gullwing's double wishbone front suspension *and adapts it to the rear as well*, along with hub carriers of light-weight forged aluminium.



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Year	1954	1955	1956	1957	1959	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Coupe	148	187	311	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roadster	-	-	-	810	261	200	241	256	102	81	1*

* last chassis number was not the last to leave the factory

300SL Coupé, '54, Black/Cream leather. Kienle restoration. \$780,000. (41) 22 740 1939, Switzerland. 3/20/2009

*300SL Coupé, '54, Silver/Black leather. Rudge wheels, "NSL" competition engine. Restored 40,000 miles. 831-430-9940, Scotts Valley, CA. 3/16/2009 S

300SL Coupé, '55, Black/Red interior. Luggage. Concours. 30,000 miles. 831-430-9940, Scotts Valley, CA. 3/4/2009 S

300SL Coupé, '55, Red/Black interior. 702-794-3174, Las Vegas, NV. 2/5/2009

300SL Coupé, '55, Red/Black interior. Books, tools, jack, spare. No rust or accidents. Service history to '64. 63,000 miles. \$650,000. 978-768-6092, MA. 2/11/2009 S

300SL Coupé, '55, Red/Tan leather. 502-589-8811, KY. 2/9/2009

*300SL Coupé, '55, Silver/Red leather. Bare metal respray, mechanical overhaul by Russell. Full history. \$725,000. (44) 1825 831028, UK. 3/19/2009

300SL Coupé, '55, White/Black leather. Luggage, wood steering wheel 16,000 miles. 480-250-4060, AZ. 3/24/2009

300SL Coupé, '55, White/Red interior. 43-year owner. 40,000 miles. 530-435-2627, CA. 2/9/2009

*300SL Coupé, '55, White/Red leather. Body-off restoration. 805-474-6477, CA. 3/28/2009

300SL Coupé, '56, 530-435-2627, CA. 2/9/2009

300SL Coupé, '56, Burgundy/Beige leather. Rudge wheels, belly pans. \$495,000. 718-545-0500, NY. 2/17/2009

300SL Coupé, '57, 610-970-5257, PA. 2/1/2009

300SL Roadster, '57, Black/Green leather. Restored. (49) 7152 52827, Germany. 2/4/2009

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300SL Roadster, '57, Graphite Grey/Red leather. Chrome Rudge wheels. Fully restored. 905-875-4700, CA. 3/27/2009

*300SL Roadster, '57, Red/Tan interior. Hard top, Euro lights, luggage. 3K on ground-up restoration. \$450,000. 303-388-9788, CO. 3/15/2009

300SL Roadster, '57, Red/Tan interior. Hard top. Nice older restoration. \$495,000. 718-545-0500, NY. 2/5/2009

300SL Roadster, '57, Red/Tan leather. 831-430-9940, Scotts Valley, CA. 3/4/2009 S

300SL Roadster, '57, White/Black interior. Unrestored original. 42,000 miles. \$395,000. 602-919-7258, AZ. 3/21/2009

300SL Roadster, '58, Silver/Red interior. In dry storage last 35 years. Needs restoration. 77,000 miles. \$350,000. 718-545-0500, NY. 2/6/2009

300SL Roadster, '59, \$295,000. 314-524-6000, St. Louis, MO. 2/3/2009

300SL Roadster, '59, Silver/Black interior. Mechanically perfect. \$425,000. 718-545-0500, NY. 2/4/2009

*300SL Roadster, '59, Dove Gray/Black leather/Dark Gray hard top & wheel covers. Older restoration plus \$40K in recent drivetrain work. Beautiful car that runs & drives flawlessly. 60,000 miles. \$595,000. 603-455-0019, NH. 3/28/2009

300SL Roadster, '59, Red/Tan interior. Fully restored. 781-547-5959, Waltham, MA. 3/11/2009

300SL Roadster, '60, Blue/Grey leather. Both tops. Mint. \$795,000. 602-810-2179, Scottsdale, AZ. 3/12/2009

300SL Roadster, '60, Blue/Tan interior. Both tops. One owner. \$495,000. 718-545-0500, NY. 2/13/2009

300SL Roadster, '60, Red. (32) 9 361 24 89, Belgium. 3/30/2009

300SL Roadster, '60, Red/Tan interior. Both tops, luggage. 502-589-8811, KY. 2/9/2009

300SL Roadster, '61, Black/Red leather. Well documented original. First owner founder of AACA. 74,000 miles. 305-940-1161, FL. 3/20/2009

300SL Roadster, '62, Black/Red interior. Both tops, alloy engine, disc brakes, Becker Mexico. One owner. 25,000 miles. 978-768-6092, MA. 2/18/2009

*300SL Roadster, '62, White/Black leather. Both tops, disc brakes, alloy engine. 805-474-6477, CA. 3/28/2009

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USA	070	1840	1840	628	1650	1264	1509	772	54

- 190SL, '56, Two complete cars, one ready to restore, one for parts. \$15,000. 707-803-3579, Petaluma, CA. 2/20/2009
- *190SL, '56, Silver/Red leather. Bare metal restoration. \$94,000. 949-363-0891, CA. 3/28/2009
- 190SL, '57, Dark Blue/Tan leather. Hard top. Beautifully restored. 978-887-6644, MA. 2/3/2009
- 190SL, '57, Silver/Gray interior. Weber carbs, racing cam. Street legal SCCA race car. 72,000 miles. \$49,900. 602-989-5060, Phoenix, AZ. 2/2/2009
- *190SL, '57, Strawberry/Tan leather. Beautifully restored. 54,000 miles. 484-557-8883, PA. 3/9/2009
- 190SL, '57, White-Grey/Red leather. Amazing original. 25,600 miles. 978-887-6644, MA. 2/3/2009

- 190SL, '57, White/Black interior. \$23,500. 314-524-6000, MO. 2/7/2009
- *190SL, '58, Black/Red leather. Excellent. \$74,000. 949-363-0891, CA. 3/28/2009
- 190SL, '58, Red/Black interior. Euro lights, 300SL fender treatment. 66,000 miles. \$59,900. 602-773-6954, AZ. 2/2/2009
- *190SL, '59, White/Blue interior. Great shape. \$42,000. 770-942-8444, GA. 3/13/2009
- 190SL, '60, Black/Red interior. Undercarriage rust. \$20,900. 347-438-1180, NY. 2/9/2009
- *190SL, '60, Black/Red leather. Hard top. Excellent. \$55,000. 603-289-4300, NH. 3/10/2009
- *190SL, '61, Hard top. Gorgeous. \$55,000. 310-779-0526, CA. 3/18/2009

- *190SL, '61, White. No drivetrain. \$9,500. 323-325-2415, TX. 3/5/2009
- *190SL, '62, Solid original. 440-546-9121, OH. 3/9/2009
- *190SL, '62, Blue. 95% complete. \$17,500. 323-325-2415, TX. 3/5/2009
- 190SL, '62, Burgundy/Tan interior. Both tops. Runs well, needs minor cosmetics. \$29,500. 718-545-0500, NY. 2/17/2009
- 190SL, '62, Dove Grey/Black interior. Good driver. \$29,500. 718-545-0500, NY. 2/17/2009
- *190SL, '62, Red/Black interior. Older repaint, recent top & interior. 44 year owner w/ records. 57,000 miles. \$32,500. 973-379-7283, NJ. 3/21/2009
- *190SL, '62, White/Tan leather. New soft top & interior. 91,000 miles. \$31,000. 561-635-6435, W Palm Beach, FL. 3/13/2009



230 / 250 SL

WORLDWIDE SALES 230 / 250 SL:

Year	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Non-USA	1289	6221	5218	2266/77	3434/2	0885
USA	178	690	11070	17170	10477/255	8488

- 230SL, '63, Red/White interior. Euro lights, 4-spd. Looks & drives excellent. \$21,500. 678-520-6212, Roswell, GA. 2/17/2009
- *230SL, '64, Beige/Tan interior. Both tops, 4-spd, newer paint. Maintenance records. \$18,900. 702-449-5401, Las Vegas, NV. 3/29/2009
- *230SL, '64, Cream/Brown leather. Both tops, 4-spd. Very good. 63,000 miles. \$22,000. 703-753-3618, Gainesville, VA. 3/2/2009
- *230SL, '64, Red/Black interior. Both tops w/ cart, cover & hoist. AT. \$23,000. 606-451-1034, Somerset, KY. 3/13/2009
- 230SL, '64, White/Red leather. Hard top, 4-spd. Pristine. \$31,500. 877-566-6686, Ontario, OR. 2/3/2009
- 230SL, '64, White/Tan interior. 11K on engine. Older restoration. \$27,500. 720-323-0152, Chandler, AZ. 2/9/2009
- 230SL, '65, Body stripped, dipped & coated. Good drivetrain. Needs restoration completed. 704-245-4078, NC. 2/4/2009
- 230SL, '65, Driver. Runs great. 79,000 miles. \$21,900. 717-319-4037, PA. 2/24/2009
- 230SL, '65, Dark Blue/Cream leather. Both tops, 4-spd. Euro lights. \$140K restoration by Bob Platz. \$86,700. 864-245-0059, Anderson, SC. 4/6/2009 S
- 230SL, '65, Red/Black interior. Hard top. 773-237-4004, Chicago, IL. 2/15/2009
- 230SL, '66, Updated AC. Restored. \$39,900. 602-773-6954, AZ. 2/2/2009
- 230SL, '66, Dark Bronze Metallic/Tan tex. Both tops, ZF 5-spd, Nardi wheel, Euro lights. 51,000 miles. \$34,900. 917-774-2562, Brooklyn, NY. 2/18/2009
- *230SL, '66, Red/Beige interior. Both tops, 4-spd. \$28,900. 314-993-1540, MO. 3/8/2009
- 230SL, '67, Both tops. Restored. 440-546-9121, OH. 2/24/2009
- *230SL, '67, Beige/Black interior. Rebuilt transmission AT, new paint & soft top. \$32,000. 864-915-7823, SC. 4/4/2009

- 250SL, '67, Both tops. Complete car needing total restoration. Many new parts included. \$12,000. 215-862-9624, PA. 2/22/2009
- 250SL, '67, Ivory/Palomino interior. AT. 77,000 miles. \$19,900. 925-484-2262, CA. 2/19/2009
- 250SL, '67, White/Black interior. Hard top, 4-spd, jump seat. 25,000 miles. \$34,000. 816-836-4500, MO. 2/7/2009
- *250SL, '67, White/Blue interior. Both tops, AT. Service records. 85,000 miles. \$25,000. 570-814-0249, PA. 4/4/2009
- *250SL, '67, White/Blue leather. Euro model, both tops, 5-spd, jump seat. Pampered. 86,000 miles. \$27,000. 918-645-7209, Sperry, OK. 3/27/2009

- *250SL, '67, White/Tan interior. Euro model, both tops, AT. Engine frozen, rusty. \$5,900. 347-438-1180, NY. 3/10/2009
- *250SL, '68, Black/Red leather. Hard top, AT, AC. 702-794-3174, Las Vegas, NV. 3/19/2009

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USA	0	2400	3820	4070	2520

- 280SL, '68, Blue/Blue interior. Hard top, AT. Good. \$18,900. 229-382-4750, Tifton, GA. 2/16/2009
- *280SL, '68, Dark Red/Parchment interior. AT. Rust-free. 50,000 miles. \$45,000. 509-922-3431, Spokane, WA. 3/28/2009
- *280SL, '68, Ivory/Chocolate interior. Both tops, AT, AC. \$34,500. 310-827-8665, CA. 3/16/2009
- *280SL, '68, Medium Blue/Parchment interior. Both tops, AT, AC, refinished wood, new soft top. All original sheet metal w/ zero rust. Stunning appearance & outstanding performance. 77,000 miles. \$44,500. 603-531-9665, NH. 4/2/2009 S
- 280SL, '68, Red/Black interior. Both tops, AT, AC. Driver needing new soft top & minor cosmetics. \$14,000. 347-438-1180, NY. 2/9/2009
- *280SL, '68, Silver/Black interior. Both tops, AT, AC, Euro lights, alloy wheels. Show winner. 41,000 miles. 760-758-6100, CA. 3/30/2009
- 280SL, '69, Burgundy/Bamboo interior. Both tops, AT, AC. Nut & bolt restoration. 978-609-0358, MA. 2/3/2009
- 280SL, '69, Dark Blue/Beige leather. Both tops, AT. Some wheel well rust & usual upholstery wear. 106,000 miles. 718-721-7129, NY. 2/19/2009
- 280SL, '69, Ivory/Cognac leather. \$80K restoration. \$67,500. steve@stevehewitt.org, Charlotte, NC. 2/4/2009
- 280SL, '69, Medium Blue/Blue interior. Both tops, 4-spd. Zero rust. 120,000 miles. \$39,900. , helle_havemann@hotmail.com, Denmark. 2/8/2009
- *280SL, '69, Red/Black tex. Hard top, AT, AC. Fully sorted. 203-852-1670, CT. 4/3/2009
- *280SL, '69, Silver. 4-spd, AC. Good records. 303-838-1111, CO. 3/28/2009

- 280SL, '69, White/Blue leather. Both tops, 4-spd, AC, Nardi wheel. Well maintained. 115,000 miles. \$40,000. 480-342-9322, Scottsdale, AZ. 2/2/2009
- *280SL, '69, White/Tan interior. 30 year owner. Runs & drives excellent. 303-838-1111, CO. 3/28/2009
- *280SL, '70, Brown/Tan tex. Both tops, AT, AC, Becker Europa. 49,000 miles. \$26,900. 847-336-1930, IL. 3/22/2009
- 280SL, '70, Dark Blue. Both tops, new interior & soft top. Very nice. \$34,900. 239-601-5204, Naples, FL. 2/17/2009
- *280SL, '70, Gray/Black interior. Both tops, AT. Stunning. \$29,500. 201-567-7224, NJ. 3/18/2009
- *280SL, '70, Medium Blue/Parchment leather. Both tops, AT, AC. Beautiful. \$27,500. 201-567-7224, NJ. 3/18/2009
- 280SL, '70, Red/Tan leather. Both tops, AT, refinished wood, new upholstery & carpet. 73,000 miles. \$49,900. 631-283-8819, NY. 2/17/2009
- 280SL, '70, Silver/Black interior. Hard top, AT, AC. Time machine. 65,000 miles. \$54,500. 619-238-1977, CA. 2/20/2009 S
- 280SL, '70, White/Black interior. Both tops, 4-spd. Nice throughout. \$46,500. 941-355-6500, FL. 2/19/2009
- 280SL, '70, White/Black leather. Both tops, AT, factory AC. Recent cosmetic restoration. \$56,900. 314-291-7000, MO. 2/8/2009
- 280SL, '70, White/Black tex. Both tops w/ carrier & cover, AT, AC. Excellent. 39,000 miles. 618-466-7656, Godfrey, IL. 2/24/2009
- *280SL, '71, The last one built #23885. Unrestored original. \$100,000. 832-654-7367, TX. 3/8/2009
- *280SL, '71, Both tops, AT, AC, rebuilt engine. Excellent. 440-546-9121, OH. 3/6/2009
- 280SL, '71, Burgundy/Cognac leather. Sunroof hard top, Euro lights, luggage. \$115,000. 480-488-1804, AZ. 2/5/2009

- *280SL, '71, Champagne/Parchment leather. \$25K in recent work. Mint. \$37,500. 404-329-0300, Atlanta, GA. 3/30/2009
- *280SL, '71, Dark Red/Beige tex. Fresh mechanicals. \$48,900. 770-641-8354, GA. 4/4/2009
- 280SL, '71, Dark Red/Camel interior. Both tops, AT, AC, rebuilt engine, new paint. Mint. \$37,000. 941-545-6118, Bradenton, FL. 2/26/2009
- *280SL, '71, Light Blue/Navy interior. Both tops, AT, AC, rebuilt drivetrain, new: paint, interior, chrome. 954-923-7271, FL. 3/30/2009
- *280SL, '71, Medium Blue/Vellum tex. Both tops, AT, AC, stainless exhaust, 67K on engine. Excellent original. 87,000 miles. \$44,500. 925-935-0253, Walnut Creek, CA. 3/8/2009 S
- 280SL, '71, Navy/Parchment interior. Both tops, AT, factory AC, Becker Europa, new paint & interior. Excellent throughout. \$59,500. 310-657-9699, CA. 2/11/2009
- 280SL, '71, Red/Black leather. Both tops, AT. Cosmetically restored. 62,000 miles. 650-343-7980, CA. 2/18/2009
- *280SL, '71, Silver-Blue Metallic/Dark Blue leather. Both tops, AT, AC. Restoration by marque specialist. 408-985-8722, CA. 3/24/2009
- *280SL, '71, Tobacco/Cognac interior. AT, AC. One owner. \$39,500. 708-452-0053, River Forest, IL. 3/29/2009
- *280SL, '71, White/Beige tex. Both tops, AT. Needs transmission seal. \$25,000. 941-929-7928, Sarasota, FL. 3/11/2009
- 280SL, '71, White/Black interior. Hard top, AT, AC. Nice driver. \$26,500. 619-238-1977, CA. 2/20/2009 S
- *280SL, '71, White/Blue leather. AT. 91,000 miles. \$49,900. 913-236-5050, KS. 3/12/2009



350 / 450 SL

WORLDWIDE SALES 350 / 450 SL												
Year	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	
Non-USA	1227	817	2518	181	64	644	836	515	919	801	85	
USA	804	9626	6136	8846	8315	5981	7180	8918	8618	6129	0	

* 66296 cars built from 1971 to 1980

- 350SL, '72, Astral Silver/Blue cloth. Euro model, 4-spd. Undergoing restoration. 103,000 miles. \$26,000. 650-343-7980, CA. 2/4/2009
 - *350SL, '72, Brown/Tan tex. Both tops, rear seat, tonneau cover. Excellent. \$16,900. 847-336-1930, IL. 3/23/2009
 - 350SL, '72, Ivory/Red interior. Solid southern car. 75,000 miles. \$8,000. 803-749-8500, SC. 4/6/2009 S
 - *350SL, '72, Silver/Blue leather. Both tops. Presentable driver. \$9,500. 717-846-5805, York, PA. 3/9/2009
 - *350SL, '72, White/Brown leather. Both tops, 35K on drivetrain. \$9,500. 480-772-0795, Fountain Hills, AZ. 3/18/2009
 - *350SL, '72, Yellow/Black interior. Both tops, 90,000 miles. \$8,800. 215-638-3600, Bensalem, PA. 3/12/2009
 - *350SL, '76, White/Black interior. Euro model, both tops. \$20,000. 864-244-5192, Greenville, SC. 3/20/2009
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- 450SL, '73, Gray/Parchment interior. 54,000 miles. \$12,900. 760-778-5444, Palm Springs, CA. 2/17/2009

- 450SL, '73, Ivory/Fawn leather. Both tops. Great shape. 86,000 miles. \$12,000. 425-483-1808, Woodinville, WA. 2/21/2009
- 450SL, '74, Brown/Tan interior. Hard top, chrome 560 wheels. Perfect. \$9,500. 858-565-8052, San Diego, CA. 2/3/2009
- 450SL, '74, Red/Cream interior. Both tops, alloy wheels. Sweet car. 85,000 miles. \$9,000. 404-597-8477, Auburn, GA. 2/4/2009
- 450SL, '75, Both tops, new paint. 98,000 miles. \$8,500. 602-228-1890, AZ. 2/10/2009
- 450SL, '75, Silver-Blue/Black leather. Both tops, rebuilt engine, \$7K paint. Owned by M-B master mechanic. 132,000 miles. \$10,500. 407-333-6873, Orange, FL. 2/21/2009
- 450SL, '76, Beige/Black interior. Both tops. Full service history. 80,000 miles. \$12,900. 480-323-5170, Scottsdale, AZ. 2/5/2009
- 450SL, '76, Silver-Blue/Beige interior. Hard top. 91,000 miles. \$9,000. 661-972-0523, CA. 2/10/2009
- 450SL, '76, White. Both tops. 52,000 miles. \$23,000. 877-566-6686, Virginia Beach, VA. 2/8/2009
- 450SL, '77, Beige/Tan interior. Mint original. 42,000 miles. \$15,900. 623-546-9774, AZ. 2/3/2009

- 450SL, '77, Black/Red interior. Both tops, newer upholstery. 98,000 miles. \$9,500. 440-477-4902, Painesville, OH. 2/1/2009
- 450SL, '77, Red/Beige interior. Both tops, 560 wheels, Euro lights. Little sign of wear. \$10,900. 515-250-0773, IA. 2/10/2009
- *450SL, '77, White. Both tops, chrome wheels. Very clean inside & out. 73,000 miles. \$10,000. 909-890-1270, San Bernardino, CA. 3/13/2009
- *450SL, '78, Dark Blue/Tan tex. Both tops. Beautifully maintained. 69,000 miles. \$13,900. 239-596-5368, Naples, FL. 3/5/2009
- *450SL, '78, Red/Tan interior. Euro lights, AMG wheels. Fading paint & other minor cosmetics. 53,000 miles. \$9,500. 859-746-8501, Florence, KY. 3/30/2009
- *450SL, '78, Red/Tan leather. Hard top, chrome 560 wheels. 73,000 miles. \$11,900. 952-377-4000, St Louis Park, MN. 3/2/2009
- *450SL, '78, Silver/Beige interior. Both tops. Very good. 72,000 miles. \$9,000. 888-762-5570, CA. 3/29/2009
- 450SL, '78, Silver/Blue interior. Both tops. Excellent. \$13,900. 770-682-8500, Lawrenceville, GA. 2/8/2009
- *450SL, '78, Silver/Blue leather. 47,000 miles. \$90,000. 469-429-4008, Plano, TX. 3/18/2009

- *450SL, '79, Cream/Tobacco interior. Both tops, newer paint & upholstery. Very good. 98,000 miles. \$14,000. 973-305-1559, NJ. 3/28/2009
- 450SL, '79, Gray/Beige leather. Hard top. 41,000 miles. \$20,900. 480-980-7772, Scottsdale, AZ. 2/4/2009
- 450SL, '79, Ivory/Red leather. Both tops. Well maintained. 93,000 miles. \$12,900. 623-546-4151, Sun City West, AZ. 2/21/2009

- 450SL, '79, Silver Metallic/Red leather. Both tops. One family owner. \$12,500. 760-533-0720, Carlsbad, CA. 2/11/2009
- *450SL, '80, Creme/Tan leather. Both tops w/ stand & cover. Babied. 88,000 miles. \$14,500. 850-508-5570, Tallahassee, FL. 3/13/2009
- 450SL, '80, Gray. Both tops w/ cart, updated AC. Paint starting to show age. 96,000 miles. \$8,500. 925-548-4726, Dublin, CA. 2/18/2009

- *450SL, '80, Midnight Blue/Gray leather. Both tops. Beautiful. 44,000 miles. \$9,500. 419-738-8735, Wapakoneta, OH. 4/4/2009
- 450SL, '80, Silver/Black leather. Both tops, wire wheels. Very good. \$9,500. 918-269-8718, Claremore, OK. 2/21/2009
- *450SL, '80, Teal/Black leather. Both tops, rear seat, Euro lights, 560 rims. 63,000 miles. \$13,000. 314-308-3695, Ballwin, MO. 3/20/2009



280/380 SL

WORLDWIDE SALES 380 SL:

Year	1979-80	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Non-USA	2190	1527	1527	1945	1827	1174
USA	3347	9740	8826	11198	11115	8144

- *280SL, '83, Silver/Blue interior. Both tops w/ electric hoist, Euro lights & bumpers. 75,000 miles. \$21,000. 602-803-3751, Sun City, AZ. 3/19/2009
- 280SL, '83, White/Black interior. Hard top. Excellent. 75,000 miles. \$18,900. 847-668-9502, Hampshire, IL. 2/19/2009
- *280SL, '84, Anthracite/Black interior. Both tops. 95,000 miles. \$10,000. 864-457-3049, SC. 3/9/2009
- 280SL, '85, Smoke Silver/Black leather. Euro 107 w/ 6 cyl DOHC, 5-spd manual, 27 mpg, small bumpers, Euro lights, chrome wheels, K&N air filter, windscreen, hard top cart. Mobil 1 every 4-5K miles. Many photos available. Good Michelins w/ lots of tread. \$19,000. 802-684-3378, dieffenbach@kingcon.com, VT. 2/1/2009 S
- *280SL AMG, '83, Navy Blue Metallic/Gray leather. 5-spd, spoilers. Mint. 954-295-1374, Pompano, FL. 3/28/2009
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- 380SL, '81, Brown/Tan interior. Both tops, wire wheels, Euro lights. Restored. 77,000 miles. \$17,000. 513-288-0887, Hamilton, OH. 2/4/2009
- *380SL, '81, Red/Beige interior. Hard top. Nice. 70,000 miles. \$9,900. 773-435-0009, Chicago, IL. 3/12/2009
- 380SL, '81, Red/Palomino interior. Both tops, updated AC, dual timing chain, gold BBS rims. Good paint & interior. 94,000 miles. \$8,900. 305-972-1453, Miami, FL. 2/8/2009
- *380SL, '81, Silver/Blue leather & soft top. Both tops. Excellent. 83,000 miles. \$16,000. 850-516-4451, Pensacola, FL. 3/31/2009
- *380SL, '81, White/Blue leather. Both tops. Excellent original. 47,000 miles. \$13,500. 936-521-9887, Cypress, TX. 3/19/2009
- *380SL, '81, White/Tan leather/Brown soft top. Both tops, chrome wheels. Dealer maintained. 75,000 miles. \$15,000. 360-786-1509, Olympia, WA. 3/20/2009

- 380SL, '82, Black/Burgundy leather. 36,000 miles. \$11,900. 724-325-0000, Export, PA. 2/5/2009
- *380SL, '82, Blue/Blue leather. 95,000 miles. \$10,500. 334-803-1024, Dothan, AL. 3/3/2009
- 380SL, '82, Gray/Gray leather. Pristine. 89,000 miles. \$12,000. 510-541-3983, Hollywood, CA. 2/3/2009
- *380SL, '82, Ivory/Tan leather. Both tops w/ rack. Sacrifice. 50,000 miles. \$15,000. 843-577-2650, Charleston, SC. 3/17/2009
- *380SL, '82, Signal Red/Palomino leather. Both tops, dual timing chain, wire & original wheels. Immaculate. 30,000 miles. 615-790-9194, Franklin, TN. 3/26/2009
- 380SL, '82, Teal Metallic/Tan leather. Both tops w/ hoist. Meticulously maintained. \$16,000. 321-795-3620, Melbourne, FL. 2/21/2009
- 380SL, '82, White/Tan interior. Both tops, Euro lights. 78,000 miles. \$12,500. 407-585-3900, Sanford, FL. 2/9/2009
- *380SL, '82, Yellow/Tan leather/Chocolate soft top. Both tops, chrome wheels. Maintenance records. 63,000 miles. \$14,000. 602-318-4832, Peoria, AZ. 3/22/2009
- *380SL, '83, Beige/Brown leather. Both tops w/ stand. Like new. 72,000 miles. \$24,900. 603-893-7263, Salem, NH. 4/1/2009
- 380SL, '83, Dark Blue/Gray leather. Well documented. 74,000 miles. \$8,900. 561-568-2711, Boca Raton, FL. 2/9/2009
- *380SL, '83, Dark Green/Tan leather. Both tops, chrome wheels. Runs & drives great. 55,000 miles. \$11,500. 410-543-0929, Salisbury, MD. 3/15/2009
- 380SL, '83, Gold/Dark Brown interior. Both tops. Well maintained. \$19,900. 727-461-4900, Clearwater, FL. 2/21/2009
- 380SL, '83, Ivory/Tan interior. 44,000 miles. \$18,900. 412-678-6679, White Oak, PA. 2/2/2009
- 380SL, '83, Navy/Grey interior. Both tops. Great shape. 83,000 miles. 877-566-6686, Clackamas, OR. 2/18/2009

- *380SL, '83, Silver. Hard top. Pampered. 25,000 miles. \$27,900. 847-557-0102, IL. 3/3/2009
- *380SL, '83, Silver/Black leather. Both tops. No rust. 80,000 miles. \$11,500. 816-529-3381, Sugar Creek, MO. 3/20/2009
- 380SL, '84, Gray/Beige leather. Hard top, chrome 560 wheels, Euro lights. Maintenance records. 98,000 miles. \$12,500. 800-233-2954, Jerome, ID. 2/16/2009
- *380SL, '84, Silver/Blue leather. Both tops w/ hoist, Euro lights. Zero rust or damage. 44,000 miles. \$14,900. 561-523-3941, Lake Worth, FL. 3/21/2009
- *380SL, '84, Silver/Grey interior. Both tops, Euro lights, chrome wheels. Nice inside & out. 92,000 miles. \$12,000. 541-327-2932, Jefferson, OR. 3/14/2009
- *380SL, '85, Black/Gray leather. Hard top, chrome wheels. Looks & runs great. 87,000 miles. \$19,900. 909-946-5034, Huntington Beach, CA. 3/11/2009
- 380SL, '85, Blue/Tan leather. Both tops. 96,000 miles. \$12,900. 760-778-5440, CA. 2/10/2009
- *380SL, '85, Burgundy/Burgundy leather. Hard top. Well maintained. 32,000 miles. \$14,000. 434-953-9195, Charlottesville, VA. 3/30/2009
- 380SL, '85, Ivory/Tan interior. 44,000 miles. \$18,900. 412-927-4692, McKeesport, PA. 2/2/2009
- 380SL, '85, Maroon/Tan leather. Both tops w/ rack & cover. Service records. 95,000 miles. \$9,500. 425-761-9369, WA. 2/21/2009
- *380SL, '85, Red/Palomino interior. Both tops. Mint. 88,000 miles. \$9,500. 609-323-7548, Trenton, NJ. 3/29/2009
- 380SL, '85, Silver-Blue/Dark Blue leather. Both tops. All records. 97,000 miles. \$10,000. 813-654-8589, Brandon, FL. 2/15/2009
- *380SL, '85, Silver/Blue interior. Both tops, updated AC. Looks & runs great. 50,000 miles. \$14,000. 678-523-8982, Norcross, GA. 4/2/2009

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500 / 560 SL

WORLDWIDE SALES 560 SL:					500 SL:	
Year	1985-86	1987	1988	1989	1990-91	1992-93
Non-USA	2827	315	215	134	11812	8
USA	15068	11964	11842	7302		

- *500SL, '83, Gold/Tan leather. Both tops, Euro lights & bumpers. All original. 125,000 miles. \$8,500. 760-408-1469, Cathedral City, CA. 3/24/2009
- *500SL, '84, Anthracite/Grey interior. Premium package. 80,000 miles. \$20,000. 602-944-2723, Phoenix, AZ. 3/5/2009
- 500SL, '84, Dark Red/Beige interior. Body kit, BBS wheels, rear spoiler. 29,000 miles. \$12,500. 860-872-7800, Tolland, CT. 2/15/2009
- 500SL, '85, Both tops, wire wheels, Euro lights & bumpers. \$9,500. 336-230-2211, Greensboro, NC. 2/16/2009
- 500SL, '85, Gray/Black leather. Hard top, Euro lights & bumpers, AMG body kit. Needs upholstery. 108,000 miles. \$8,900. 503-325-3050, Astoria, OR. 2/8/2009
- 500SL, '85, White. Euro lights. 813-239-3800, Tampa, FL. 2/15/2009
- 500SL, '87, Anthracite/Gray interior. Both tops, new soft top, reconditioned interior. \$9,900. 904-814-2585, Anastasia Island, FL. 2/2/2009
- 500SL, '87, Anthracite/Grey leather. 75,000 miles. \$13,000. 440-666-5166, Rocky River, OH. 2/22/2009
- *500SL AMG, '85, Red/Black interior. Both tops. \$65K invested. 15,000 miles. \$27,000. 412-279-6921, Pittsburgh, PA. 3/12/2009

- 560SL, '85, Silver/Gray leather. Hard top. 56,000 miles. \$18,900. 360-293-5974, Whidbey Island, WA. 2/2/2009
- *560SL, '86, Black/Tan leather. Both tops, chrome wheels. Well maintained. 91,000 miles. \$15,500. 818-992-7219, CA. 3/18/2009
- 560SL, '86, Champagne/Chocolate Brown interior & soft top. Both tops, ice-cold AC. Pristine rust-free example. All original. No paint or body work. Clean carfax. ID: WDBBA48D7GA037473. 63,000 miles. \$19,800. Rachel 617-548-2222 (days) or 617-666-7555 (eves), scottbyboy61365@aol.com, Waltham, MA. 3/24/2009 S
- 560SL, '86, Red/Tan leather. Chrome wheels. Excellent. 40,000 miles. \$20,900. 734-416-1281, Canton, MI. 2/22/2009
- *560SL, '86, Silver/Blue leather. Mint. 18,000 miles. \$29,500. 973-543-2482, NJ. 3/9/2009
- 560SL, '86, Smoke Silver/Brown interior. Both tops, rear seat. No winters. 53,000 miles. \$17,900. 330-239-1406, Medina, OH. 2/19/2009

- 560SL, '86, White/Grey interior. Both tops w/ cart & cover, new soft top. \$5K in recent maintenance & upgrades. 79,000 miles. \$14,900. 480-250-3961, Mesa, AZ. 2/4/2009
- *560SL, '86, White/Palomino interior/Brown soft top. Both tops. All records. 56,000 miles. \$18,000. 912-222-2007, GA. 3/26/2009
- *560SL, '87, Burgundy/Saddle interior. Hard top w/ rack. 79,000 miles. \$13,500. 614-855-9472, Columbus, OH. 3/19/2009
- *560SL, '87, Dark Blue/Gray leather. Both tops, new paint & soft top. Never seen snow or rain. 35,000 miles. \$16,500. 561-882-9200, Pensacola, FL. 3/22/2009
- 560SL, '87, Pewter/Grey interior. Both tops. As new. 4,116 miles. 954-522-9900, FL. 2/5/2009
- 560SL, '87, Red/Palomino interior. Excellent. 84,000 miles. 877-566-6686, Kinnelon, NJ. 2/8/2009
- *560SL, '87, Signal Red/Palomino interior. Both tops & tonneau cover, chrome wheels. Show quality. 22,000 miles. \$28,000. 724-864-4816, PA. 3/6/2009
- *560SL, '87, Taupe/Black leather. Both tops. Mint. 37,000 miles. \$29,000. 760-723-4469, Fallbrook, CA. 3/13/2009
- 560SL, '87, White/Blue interior. Both tops, recent AC service. Never seen rain or snow. 52,000 miles. \$14,500. 920-427-9694, Appleton, WI. 2/3/2009
- 560SL, '87, White/Gray interior. Both tops. One owner. 41,000 miles. \$19,900. 631-283-8819, NY. 2/17/2009
- 560SL, '88, Anthracite/Blue leather. Hard top w/ rack, chrome wheels. Well maintained. 36,000 miles. \$25,000. 858-695-3484, San Diego, CA. 2/12/2009
- *560SL, '88, Anthracite/Palomino leather. All options. 52,000 miles. \$27,500. 727-455-4351, Clearwater Beach, FL. 3/18/2009
- *560SL, '88, Beige/Tan leather. Hard top, chrome wheels. One owner. 17,000 miles. \$29,500. 714-998-3434, Orange, CA. 3/30/2009
- *560SL, '88, Burgundy/Gray leather. Both tops. All scheduled maintenance. 27,000 miles. \$21,900. 404-933-8128, Canton, GA. 3/15/2009
- 560SL, '88, Champagne/Brown interior. Hard top. 88,000 miles. \$8,900. 763-428-5555, Rogers, MN. 2/12/2009
- *560SL, '88, Grey/Brown interior. Both tops, chrome wheels. Everything works. 77,000 miles. \$25,000. 770-634-505, Marietta, GA. 3/9/2009
- 560SL, '88, Ivory/Palomino leather. 86,000 miles. \$14,000. 803-787-8070, SC. 2/3/2009

- 560SL, '88, Red/Tan leather. Both tops w/ hoist. Looks & runs great. 79,000 miles. \$11,900. 409-789-8259, Nacogdoches, TX. 2/19/2009
- 560SL, '88, Silver-Blue/Blue leather. Hard top. Pristine. 39,000 miles. \$18,900. 763-222-2200, Golden Valley, MN. 2/15/2009
- 560SL, '88, Silver/Blue interior. Hard top. Clean original. 74,000 miles. \$16,900. 270-926-0235, Owensboro, KY. 2/15/2009
- 560SL, '88, Silver/Blue leather. Both tops w/ hoist & cart. Mint. 28,000 miles. \$25,500. 678-776-1650, McDonough, GA. 2/6/2009
- *560SL, '88, White/Blue leather. Both tops, jump seat, new: interior, suspension, exhaust, soft top. Looks & drives like new. 75,000 miles. \$29,500. 786-271-3968, Miami Beach, FL. 4/2/2009
- *560SL, '88, White/Burgundy leather. Both tops, Euro lights. Only driven on nice days. 37,000 miles. \$23,000. 703-642-8877, Alexandria, VA. 3/30/2009
- 560SL, '88, White/Tan leather. Hard top, chrome wheels. All scheduled maintenance. 87,000 miles. \$15,000. 951-678-1530, Wildomar, CA. 2/23/2009
- 560SL, '89, Anthracite/Gray leather. Both tops, chrome wheels. All books & records. 80,000 miles. \$14,900. 972-771-8558, Fate, TX. 2/15/2009
- *560SL, '89, Beige/Chocolate interior. Both tops w/ cart. Garaged & covered from day one. 93,000 miles. \$25,500. 727-432-7507, St Petersburg, FL. 3/12/2009
- *560SL, '89, Black Pearl Metallic/Black leather. Both tops. Complete history. 50,000 miles. \$21,500. 443-614-6881, Townsend, DE. 3/11/2009
- 560SL, '89, Black Pearl/Black leather. Both tops. Service records. 31,000 miles. \$27,900. 425-562-1000, WA. 2/5/2009
- *560SL, '89, Champagne/Beige interior. Both tops, chrome wheels, updated AC. Showroom. 50,000 miles. \$21,900. 870-656-5779, Flippin, AR. 4/3/2009
- 560SL, '89, Red/Tan leather. All scheduled maintenance. 65,000 miles. \$15,500. 401-639-7070, Woonsocket, RI. 2/21/2009
- 560SL, '89, Signal Red/Parchment leather. Hard top. Museum quality. 6,900 miles. \$35,000. 650-343-7980, CA. 2/18/2009
- *560SL, '89, White/Black interior. Hard top. No winters. 31,000 miles. \$28,000. 516-922-4841, NY. 3/27/2009

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300 / 320 / 500 / 600 SL / SLK

300SL, '90, Burgundy/Burgundy leather. CD. All maintenance records. 83,000 miles. \$16,000. 916-686-2892, Elk Grove, CA. 2/2/2009

*300SL, '90, Cranberry/Cranberry interior. 5-spd. One owner. 23,000 miles. \$16,900. 505-795-8129, Santa Fe, NM. 3/20/2009

300SL, '91, Red/Tan leather. Chrome wheels. 80,000 miles. \$9,900. 650-212-2900, San Mateo, CA. 2/9/2009

*300SL, '92, Black/Tan leather. Well maintained. 70,000 miles. \$10,000. 210-454-8976, San Antonio, TX. 4/4/2009

*SL320, '94, Black/Black leather. Great shape. 89,000 miles. \$15,500. 508-272-0558, Lakeville, MA. 4/2/2009

SL320, '95, Black/Black leather. Traction control, CD changer, hands-free phone. No winters. 93,000 miles. \$22,500. 260-403-4236, NH. 2/4/2009

*SL320, '96, Silver/Grey leather. CD changer. Perfect. 72,000 miles. \$12,900. 619-948-1076, San Ysidro, CA. 3/11/2009

SL320, '97, Quartz Blue/Blue leather. 1 of 500 40th Anniversary Editions. Well maintained. 56,000 miles. \$14,000. 757-436-0116, Chesapeake, VA. 2/22/2009

*500SL, '90, Black/Tan leather. All options. Showroom. 26,000 miles. \$17,500. 502-419-6102, Louisville, KY. 4/3/2009

500SL, '91, Nice & clean. \$12,000. 803-749-8500, SC. 4/6/2009 S

500SL, '91, Burgundy/Tan leather. CD changer. Immaculate. 88,000 miles. \$15,000. 574-340-6245, Elkhart, IN. 2/22/2009

*500SL, '92, Silver/Grey leather. Books & records. 59,000 miles. \$20,000. 928-668-1100, AZ. 3/17/2009

500SL, '93, White/Grey interior. Perfect. 72,000 miles. \$17,000. 773-328-8981, Chicago, IL. 2/5/2009

*SL500, '94, Red/Saddle interior. Chrome wheels. Excellent. 77,000 miles. \$11,500. 714-717-2650, S El Monte, CA. 3/18/2009

SL500, '95, White/Tan leather. 68,000 miles. \$17,900. 760-778-5444, Palm Springs, CA. 2/17/2009

*SL500, '96, Green/Tan leather. Chrome AMG wheels. Meticulously maintained. 78,000 miles. \$21,000. 503-752-3927, Tualatin, OR. 3/20/2009

SL500, '97, Ruby Metallic/Parchment leather. Pano roof. 62,000 miles. \$14,900. 407-647-1911, FL. 2/20/2009

*SL500, '00, Brilliant Silver Metallic/Black Napa leather. AMG & stock wheels. Dealer maintained. 33,000 miles. \$27,500. 512-554-7621, Austin, TX. 3/30/2009

SL500, '01, Black/Black leather. AMG wheels. Beautifully maintained. 46,000 miles. \$29,900. 314-352-9100, MO. 2/8/2009

SL500, '03, Red/Charcoal leather. Navigation, ventilated seats, CD changer. Fully serviced. 32,000 miles. \$38,900. 269-353-2906, Mattawan, MI. 2/22/2009

SL55 AMG, '03, Silver/Grey leather. Mint. 31,000 miles. \$39,900. 954-415-4997, Lake Worth, FL. 2/24/2009

*SL500, '04, Agean Blue/Cream-Beige leather. Sport package, navigation, keyless go, heated seats. 22,000 miles. \$34,900. 323-377-9400, Los Angeles, CA. 4/6/2009

*SL55 AMG, '04, Black/Charcoal leather. All AMG options plus Brabus K8 package. Featured in Michelin commercial. 15,000 miles. \$99,900. 864-918-6162, Greenville, SC. 4/2/2009

*SL600, '94, Red/Tan leather. Chrome AMG wheels. 37,000 miles. \$16,900. 309-792-3427, East Moline, IL. 3/20/2009

SL600, '95, Champagne/Beige leather. CD changer. Immaculate. 90,000 miles. \$14,900. 520-471-0636, Tucson, AZ. 2/22/2009

*SL600, '96, Red/Beige leather. Xenon lights, phone, CD changer. Showroom. 11,000 miles. \$39,900. 304-855-8200, Chapmanville, WV. 3/18/2009

*SL600, '98, Red/Gray interior. Pano roof. 52,000 miles. \$26,900. 619-708-3180, San Diego, CA. 3/29/2009

SL600, '01, Wedgewood Blue/Java leather. Pano roof w/ sunshade, multi-contour seats, AMG wheels. 1 of 3 made in this color. 19,000 miles. \$31,000. 201-317-1619, NJ. 2/18/2009

*SL600, '02, Silver/Black leather. 1 of 100 Silver Arrow editions. Pano roof. Excellent. 35,000 miles. \$31,500. 757-561-9012, Williamsburg, VA. 4/1/2009

*SL600, '04, Graphite Metallic/Grey leather. Designo edition, Brabus wheels & exhaust, navigation, ventilated multi-contour seats, xenon lights. 21,000 miles. \$48,500. 513-417-6264, Cincinnati, OH. 4/2/2009

SL600, '05, Silver/Gray leather. Navigation. 2,300 miles. \$89,000. 914-937-6672, Greenwich, CT. 2/26/2009

*SLK230, '00, White/Red leather. Perfect. 69,000 miles. \$13,900. 314-486-1449, St Charles, MO. 3/10/2009

SLK230, '01, Silver/Black leather. Sport package, heated seats, CD changer. 66,000 miles. \$11,900. 847-260-3000, IL. 2/7/2009

*SLK32 AMG, '02, Black/Black leather. Xenon lights, chrome wheels. Immaculate. 33,000 miles. \$22,900. 336-692-1070, Pfafftown, NC. 3/19/2009

*SLK320, '02, Black/Black interior. Perfect. 19,000 miles. \$22,000. 617-285-7405, MA. 3/28/2009

SLK32 AMG, '03, Black/Charcoal leather. Traction control, xenon lights. 45,000 miles. \$22,900. 847-381-8900, IL. 2/26/2009

*SLK350, '06, Silver/Black leather. CD changer. No winters. 14,000 miles. \$33,500. 231-744-3885, Muskegon, MI. 4/5/2009



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300S Coupé, '56, Silver-Blue/Beige interior. Luggage. One family owned original. 78,000 miles. \$350,000. 602-549-0977, AZ. 2/2/2009

*300Sc Coupé, '56, Cabernet/Creme leather. Restored. \$275,000. (49) 8051 961800, Germany. 3/22/2009

300Sc Coupé, '58, Blue/Grey leather. Restored. (49) 7152 52827, Germany. 2/3/2009

220SEB Coupé, '61, No rust. Needs work. \$6,500. 928-476-4190, AZ. 2/10/2009

220SEB Coupé, '64, Gray w/ Black roof/Red leather. Sunroof, 4-spd, factory AC. \$80K restoration. 978-887-6644, MA. 2/14/2009

250SE Coupé, '66, Dark Red/Cognac interior. Completely rebuilt w/ new parts. \$60,000. 888-762-5570, NZ. 2/22/2009

*250SE Coupé, '68, Green. Rebuilt drivetrain, 4-spd, updated AC, new upholstery. 786-201-0432, FL. 3/27/2009

250C, '70, White. Rebuilt head. Good overall. \$5,900. 209-334-2857, Lodi, CA. 2/17/2009

*280SE Low Grille Coupé, '70, Silver. 4-spd. Above average. 120,000 miles. \$16,900. 561-596-2166, West Palm Beach, FL. 3/4/2009

*250C, '71, Red/Parchment interior. All service up to date. 107,000 miles. \$5,000. 805-720-5057, CA. 3/18/2009

*280C, '74, Blue. Nice. \$4,900. 951-780-7446, CA. 3/7/2009

450SLC, '74, Blue/Blue leather. Recent paint. No rust. 56,000 miles. \$16,900. 877-566-6686, Lees Summit, MO. 2/22/2009

280C, '76, Silver/Red leather. Books & records. 138,000 miles. \$4,900. 415-559-1420, San Mateo, CA. 2/6/2009

*280CE, '80, Burgundy/Tan leather. AT. Beautiful. \$4,900. 804-695-7152, Stevensville, VA. 3/29/2009

450SLC 5.0, '79, Astral Silver w/correct Anthracite below belt/Red leather. Heated, orthopedic seats. All records since 1 KM. Better than Cndtn 2. Very strong runner, very good looker. Only 2,759 total built. \$19,500. 606-745-1174 (days) or 606-744-8039 (eves), Winchester, KY. 4/2/2009 S

*450SLC, '80, White/Tan leather. Chrome wheels. 70,000 miles. \$11,000. 602-370-5030, Scottsdale, AZ. 3/30/2009

380SLC, '81, Gold. Excellent. 60,000 miles. \$8,900. 214-454-5483, TX. 2/10/2009

*500SLC, '81, Blue/Tan leather. Chrome wheels, Euro lights. Check this one! 99,000 miles. \$12,900. 330-643-5648, Akron, OH. 3/2/2009

300CD, '83, Gray/Black interior. Sunroof, AT, AC. Excellent. \$12,500. 760-992-8941, CA. 2/17/2009

*380SEC, '83, Silver. Runs & looks great. 80,000 miles. \$5,000. 586-749-1240, New Haven, MI. 3/19/2009

500SEC, '83, Black/Tan interior. Euro lights & bumpers. Needs AC. \$7,500. 888-762-5570, CA. 2/9/2009

*300CD, '84, Black/Henna leather. 26K on rebuilt engine. Well maintained. 214-455-3046, TX. 3/17/2009

*300CD Turbo, '84, Red/Saddle interior. Excellent. 172,000 miles. \$5,900. 386-447-6925, Palm Coast, FL. 3/28/2009

500SEC, '84, Gold/Palomino leather. Sunroof, CD changer, alloys. Immaculate one owner car professionally maintained w/ all records. 93,000 miles. \$8,900. 239-272-1973, davidjwein@aol.com, Naples, FL. 2/3/2009 S

*500SEC, '84, Gold/Tan leather. All options. Excellent. 110,000 miles. \$6,500. 336-210-4190, NC. 3/6/2009

560SEC, '86, Blue/Gray leather. 98,000 miles. \$9,900. 509-697-9119, Selah, WA. 2/16/2009

*560SEC, '87, Pristine. 47,000 miles. 917-406-7204, NY. 3/30/2009

*300CE, '91, Dark Green/Dark Green leather. Former Ken Griffey Jr. Koenig wide-body kit. 27,000 miles. \$19,900. 217-416-2636, Springfield, IL. 4/2/2009

300CE, '93, Black/Tan leather. Books & records. 89,000 miles. \$9,900. 512-964-3278, Austin, TX. 2/22/2009

*E320 Coupé, '94, Silver/Grey leather. No expense spared. All records. \$6,500. 510-610-6900, Hercules, CA. 3/21/2009

E320 Coupé, '95, Black/Tan leather. Very well maintained. 107,000 miles. \$5,500. 323-933-8199, Los Angeles, CA. 2/11/2009

*S600 Coupé, '95, White/Beige leather. Sport suspension, CD changer. Amazing. 72,000 miles. \$11,500. 512-547-9474, Austin, TX. 3/15/2009

CL500, '98, Black/Black leather. All options including parktronic, chrome AMG 5-spoke wheels. Dealer maintained w/ records. 73,000 miles. \$16,000. 847-302-8746, IL. 3/19/2009 S

CLK320, '99, Silver/Black leather. Perfect. 89,000 miles. \$7,900. 253-948-2552, Tacoma, WA. 2/5/2009

CL500, '00, Desert Silver/Beige leather. Navigation, heated seats. 78,000 miles. \$19,900. 630-960-2000, IL. 2/17/2009

*CLK430, '00, Silver/Charcoal leather. AMG sport package. Very well maintained. 49,000 miles. \$13,900. 717-919-3264, Hummelstown, PA. 3/30/2009

C230 Kompressor Sport Coupé, '03, Black/Charcoal leather. Traction control, CD changer. 46,000 miles. \$13,900. 813-546-9003, Tampa, FL. 2/22/2009

*CL600, '05, Black/Tan interior. Navigation, parktronic, ventilated massage seats, chrome AMG wheels. Flawless. 20,000 miles. \$49,500. 602-909-1230, AZ. 3/8/2009

CLK500, '05, Black/Tan leather. AMG package, CD changer, Starmark. Awesome. 65,000 miles. \$24,000. 919-498-3916, Sanford, NC. 2/20/2009

CLK DTM, '05, Silver/Black interior. Less than 10 in US. 831-430-9940, CA. 3/16/2009 S

M-100 V8 / 600 / 6.3 / 6.9

600 Grand Mercedes, '66, Silver-Blue/Blue interior. Always dealer maintained. 71,000 miles. \$74,900. 760-781-1473, San Diego, CA. 2/24/2009

600 Pullman, '67, Black/Red leather. Restored. (49) 7152 52827, Germany. 2/17/2009

600 Grand Mercedes, '68, Champagne Metallic / Black roof/Safron leather. Divider, rare factory two-tone. Undergoing complete restoration. 715-848-5443, WI. 2/5/2009

600 Grand Mercedes, '70, Silver/Gray leather. 87,000 miles. \$120,000. 847-336-1930, IL. 3/20/2009

600 Grand Mercedes, '71, Silver/Black interior. Older restoration. 62,000 miles. \$109,900. 919-851-4044, Raleigh, NC. 2/9/2009

*600 Grand Mercedes, '72, China Blue/Blue leather. One respray. Long-term collector owned. 66,000 miles. \$58,900. 781-444-4646, MA. 3/11/2009

600 Grand Mercedes, '72, Gray-Beige Metallic/Tobacco leather. Flawless 42,000 miles. \$175,000. 619-338-8338 x106, CA. 3/30/2009

300SEL 6.3, '70, Blue/Blue interior. Alloy wheels. \$15,500. 434-546-1248, Lynchburg, VA. 3/30/2009

300SEL 6.3, '70, Brown/Tan interior. One owner. 520-622-3505, AZ. 2/10/2009

300SEL 6.3, '70, Champagne/Cognac leather. Well maintained. No rust ever. 831-659-2577, CA. 3/30/2009

300SEL 6.3, '71, Silver. All records. 98,000 miles. \$16,500. 877-566-6686, Reno, NV. 2/7/2009

300SEL 6.3, '71, Tobacco/Bamboo interior. Three year ground-up restoration by Star Motors. \$47,500. 507-288-5465, Rochester, MN. 2/6/2009

450SEL 6.9, '76, Silver/Blue velour. Euro lights & bumpers, rebuilt suspension. \$10,900. 619-232-6864, San Diego, CA. 2/8/2009

*450SEL 6.9, '78, Light Blue/Dark Blue leather. Long-term collector owned. 800-837-9902, IN. 3/28/2009

*450SEL 6.9, '78, Silver. Immaculate. 96,000 miles. \$10,500. (44) 7768 236307, UK. 4/4/2009

450SEL 6.9, '79, Solid Euro model. New bags. 16-year owner. \$10,000. 803-749-8500, SC. 2/4/2009 S

450SEL 6.9, '79, Astral Silver/Black leather. Euro lights. Near perfect. 104,000 miles. \$21,000. 312-320-6996, Barrington, IL. 2/9/2009

450SEL 6.9, '79, Silver-Blue Metallic/Blue leather. Sunroof, cold AC, recent suspension work. One of the last, #7184. Exceptional two-time M-100 Group "Best 6.9" show winner. 88,000 miles. \$19,800. hanno2s@verizon.net, DE. 2/17/2009 S

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*07 Navigation DVD. \$75. 954-651-5000, FL. 3/11/2009

*129 Hard Top w/ Cart: Smoke Silver. Mint. \$650. 703-615-0451, VA. 3/30/2009

*Four '01 SLK320 Wheels. 815-579-0177, IL. 3/8/2009

*New Java leather steering wheel w/o airbag. \$495. 206-683-4234, WA. 3/27/2009

*190SL Rocker Panels. \$310 ea. 770-942-8444, GA. 3/13/2009

*113 Grille. \$1,500. 954-752-4112, FL. 3/28/2009

*107 Chassis & Body Service Manual. \$145. 410-526-4495, MD. 3/28/2009

*Behr AC Unit. 214-695-3703, TX. 3/9/2009

*'86 560SEC Parts Car: Silver. Rebuilt engine. All parts except interior. 323-276-8778, CA. 3/11/2009

*'87 300TD Wagon Parts Car: Beige/Palomino interior. Excellent drivetrain. 516-317-2205, NY. 3/20/2009

*'58 300SL Engine: complete. 765-471-7544, IN. 3/5/2009

*300/190SL Grilles & Bumpers. 323-325-2415, TX. 3/14/2009

*Porcelain Tea Service: from M-B VIP guest dining room in Stuttgart. White w/ 18 carat gold logo & band. 410-544-2225, MD. 3/22/2009

*300SL Roadster Taillights: NOS chrome frames w/ lenses. \$2,500 pair. 978-590-5079, MA. 3/7/2009 S

*'57 190SL Rear Brake Cylinders: complete w/ springs, pistons, cups, boots, bleeders. \$170. 302-645-7168, DE. 3/28/2009

'50 170S Parts: carburetor, intake & exhaust manifolds, fan, water pump, air cleaner, distributor, voltage regulator, cylinder head, bumper guards. 732-842-1010, NJ. 2/5/2009

Hard Top Stand: w/ M-B logo soft cover. 239-248-8012, FL. 2/6/2009

'72 350SL Parts Cars. 510-928-0958, CA. 2/9/2009

300SL Grille: Complete minus center star. \$4,200. 616-299-8736, MI. 2/10/2009 S

190SL Parts: hood, trunk lid, doors, engine & transmission. 443-803-5279, FL. 2/12/2009

300SL Coupé Euro headlight lens & chrome ring. 405-789-9499, OK. 2/17/2009

600 Rocker Panel. \$250. 805-933-0789, CA. 2/18/2009

380SL Project: needs engine. Both tops, solid body. \$3,000. 254-760-1796, TX. 2/21/2009

113 Parts: Hard & soft tops, trim, driveshaft, grille, bumper. 866-793-6943, MD. 2/24/2009

'82-'85 300TD Wagon Parts: Black leather seats, wheels plus many more. 205-425-0579, AL. 2/24/2009

111 Haartz Canvas Top: Navy/Grey headliner. 305-335-6001, FL. 2/24/2009

300CE Trunk Lid: unpainted, perfect. \$350. 513-484-8816, OH. 2/28/2009

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S Tourer, '28, White/Red interior. Former Al Jolson. Restored. 702-794-3174, Las Vegas, NV. 2/12/2009

290 LWB Convertible, '35, Light Blue/Blue leather. Concours restoration. \$275,000. 978-887-6644, MA. 2/20/2009

320 Cabriolet A, '37, Red/Beige interior. Sindelfingen coachwork. Shown at '08 Villa d'Este Concours. \$875,000. (41) 22 740 1939, Switzerland. 2/5/2009

500K 2-dr Saloon, '37, Dark Red. Overhauled drivetrain. One of 33. (49) 5202 72000, Germany. 2/7/2009

*170D 4-dr Convertible, '51, Green/Beige interior. Diesel engine, suicide doors. Rust-free, runs great. \$49,000. 949-363-0891, CA. 3/18/2009

220 Sedan, '51, Black. Suicide doors. One of 3453. Unrestored original in proper garage storage last 30 years. Car covered & on jack stands w/ all fluids drained. Comes w/ workshop manual, custom cover & birth certificate from Stuttgart. Needs a new caretaker & friend. \$10,000. 310-274-5784 (fax), Beverly Hills, CA. 3/6/2009 S

220 Convertible A, '53, Black/Red leather. Excellent original CA car. \$79,500. 718-545-0500, NY. 2/20/2009

*300b Convertible D, '53, Red/Parchment leather/Tan top. Luggage. Ground-up restoration. 805-474-6477, CA. 3/9/2009

300 Convertible, '53, Green/Tan interior. Former Anthony Quinn. Fully documented. 39,000 miles. \$350,000. 954-536-6467, Pompano Beach, FL. 2/11/2009

220S Convertible, '57, Medium Blue/Red leather. Restored. (49) 7152 52827, Germany. 2/9/2009

220SE Convertible, '60, Green/Cream interior. Luggage. Restored. \$96,000. 631-283-8819, NY. 2/17/2009

*220SE Convertible, '60, White/Red leather. Restored. \$98,000. 919-969-6543, NC. 3/30/2009

Unimog S404, '62, Dark Green. Canvas covered bed. No rust. 21,000 miles. \$8,900. 479-521-0056, AR. 2/8/2009

220SE Convertible, '64, Middle of restoration. \$27,000. 602-740-0565, AZ. 2/6/2009

300SE Convertible, '64, White. Euro lights, Chevy V-8. \$25,000. 386-846-4443, FL. 2/19/2009

220SE Convertible, '65, Dark Blue/Tan leather. Rear bucket seats, AT. Restored. \$44,000. 847-845-1494, Park Ridge, IL. 2/5/2009

*300SE Convertible, '65, Maroon/Black interior. Gorgeous. 203-256-9800, Southport CT. 3/19/2009

*220SE Convertible, '66, Navy/Navy leather. AT, AC. 95-pt car. Appraised at \$95,000. 904-838-6800, FL. 3/28/2009

250SE Convertible, '67, White/Black leather. Floor-shift AT. Drives superbly. \$49,500. 310-657-9699, CA. 2/3/2009

280SE Low Grille Convertible, '68, Tobacco/Cognac leather. AT, AC, stainless exhaust. Investment grade. 978-609-0358, MA. 2/18/2009

280SE Convertible, '69, Pewter/Chocolate interior & top. Euro lights, AT, AC. Restored. \$58,000. 207-865-4330, Freeport, ME. 2/5/2009

*280SE Convertible, '69, Silver/Blue leather. One owner. Full documentation. \$60,000. 201-784-0030, NJ. 3/8/2009

*280SE Low Grille Convertible, '70, Cabernet Metallic/Parchment leather. AT, AC. Ground-up restoration. 678-361-4639, GA. 3/19/2009

280SE 3.5 Convertible, '71, Exceptional. 108,000 miles. \$135,000. 480-600-6725, AZ. 2/6/2009

280SE 3.5 Convertible, '71, Gold/Chocolate interior. Mechanically sound. Needs cosmetics. \$89,500. 718-545-0500, NY. 2/3/2009

*280SE 3.5 Convertible, '71, Tobacco/Cognac interior. Floor-shift AT, Behr AC, Becker Europa. Concours repaint & complete mechanical overhaul. 69,000 miles. \$155,000. 954-923-3815, FL. 3/27/2009

*280GE 4X4 Convertible, '81, White/Tan interior. 4-spd. \$22K restoration. 72,000 miles. \$19,900. 888-543-6455, McLean, VA. 3/3/2009

300TD Wagon, '84, Silver. Many new parts. 179,000 miles. \$6,000. 805-890-1836, Ventura, CA. 2/19/2009

*300TD Turbo Wagon, '85, China Blue/Navy leather. One owner. Meticulously maintained. 113,000 miles. \$10,900. 720-363-1454, Highlands Ranch, CO. 3/20/2009

*190E 2.3-16, '86, Smoke Silver. AT. All records. \$6,000. 386-258-9931, FL. 3/17/2009

560SEC Convertible Conversion, '90, Silver/Grey leather. AMG wheels. \$36,900. 260-403-4236, AZ. 2/5/2009

*300CE Convertible, '93, Silver/Grey leather. Shows no wear. 75,000 miles. \$13,500. 843-277-1449, North Charleston, SC. 3/21/2009

E320 Cabriolet, '94, Black/Grey leather. CD changer. No rust or accidents. 56,000 miles. \$23,900. 727-580-7800, FL. 2/17/2009

*E320 Convertible, '94, Taupe/Beige interior. New top. Meticulously maintained. 60,000 miles. \$22,900. 416-638-0874, Toronto, ON. 3/7/2009

*E500, '94, Charcoal/Black leather. Euro spec w/ all options. Mint. 56,000 miles. \$39,900. 323-304-8050, Los Angeles, CA. 3/30/2009

*C36 AMG, '96, Silver/Black leather. Showroom. 64,000 miles. \$9,500. 630-620-1900, Lombard, IL. 3/19/2009

*C43 AMG, '98, Silver/Black leather. Xenon lights, heated seats, CD changer, 18" Lorinser rims. Fantastic. 97,000 miles. \$10,000. 972-900-2286, Dallas, TX. 4/5/2009

*C32 AMG, '02, Black/Black leather. CD changer. Excellent. 58,000 miles. \$19,500. 619-823-8321, San Diego, CA. 3/24/2009

*CLK55 AMG Convertible, '02, Black. Designo edition, navigation, heated seats. Stunning. 37,000 miles. \$23,900. 603-675-6304, NH. 3/28/2009

*E55 AMG, '05, Obsidian Black Metallic/Charcoal leather. Speedshift. 12,000 miles. \$47,500. 812-867-5015, IN. 3/13/2009

E55 AMG, '05, White/Charcoal leather. Navigation, park-tronic, multi-contour heated massaging seats, xenon lamps. 21,000 miles. \$44,900. 425-562-1000, WA. 2/18/2009

*C55 AMG, '06, Black/Black leather. Navigation. All scheduled maintenance. 12,000 miles. \$32,900. 212-495-9191, New York, NY. 3/20/2009

The SLS label took on a life of its own when a **Colliers Magazine** journalist in late 1956 falsely assumed (along with Uhlenhaut?) that the SLS name would stick. Marketing gurus chose not to dilute the established SL label. By that time there was also a 190SL roadster. That has not stopped all manner of guesswork and outright errors about the two O'Shea cars and other 300SLs built then plus a recent flock of pricy, inaccurate clones.

Your editor had the pleasure of interviewing **Erich Waxenberger** when he and **Paul Bracq** were guests of the 2005 **M-100 Group** Convention in Charleston, SC. Erich was in charge of the department that built the second of two modified Roadsters for **Paul O'Shea's** winning 1957 SCCA racing season. He reported directly to Rudolf Uhlenhaut during the years the modified 300SL Roadster were introduced.



Above: John Olson banding a permanent marker to Erich while Paul Bracq watched.



Left: Erich autographing John's 300SL Roadster.

"Waxie" as senior engineer and Paul Bracq as designer, had a hand in the original 300SLs & most 1960s Mercedes. They both met in 2005 with M-100 owners but their considerable involvement in 300SL history was quickly evident.

*Waxenberger explained that the two modified racers sent to the USA for O'Shea's 1957 season were quite different from one another. The first one was built at great expense (he mentioned \$100,000, which in 1950s dollars would have been big money for a non-Grand-Prix car). After learning what the former racing department was charging Uhlenhaut for the first racer, he challenged Waxenberger to build a 2nd racer for considerably less money that would be just as fast! To Waxie and his

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boss's delight this objective was met and two cars (along with two master mechanics) were put on loan to George Tilp, of Montclair, NJ, the non-factory USA racing Team for 1956 and 1957.

Factory records about the racers and Roadster prototypes is not complete, leading to claims ranging from alloy bodies (unlikely on the Waxenberger racer) to five speed transmissions (refuted by Lewandoski's landmark 300SL book in 1988 and elsewhere). One frequently quoted magazine article even claims O'Shea received three cars in the USA (also disproven) but that car, a prototype roadster, weighed 3,200 lbs, a lead-sled by racing standards; over 500 lbs heavier than the O'Shea racers. To add intrigue neither of the O'Shea racers, VIN 8742.620.070/1 and 8747.198.106/2 have been found to date.

*Important history on these cars will be found in **SL Market Letter #169, February, 1992**, and on pages 48 -51 of the 364 page **The SL Experience** (ISBN 0-9635394-2-6), printed in 2001. No new facts have been learned by the SL Market Letter since these publications. JRO

Why So Much SLS Detail?"

Kinship of this new Gullwing to the 1950s original is much stronger than the McLaren-built SLR. As the 300SL, the SLS is deeply innovative yet more practical than other super cars. A very special car is on its way.

....Formula 1 Monopoly Gone?

That was the objective when they started monkeying with the rules a few years ago. Ferrari and Mercedes-Benz threw all the money in the world at their entries and whadayaknow... they won. Mere multimillion dollar teams couldn't afford new engines for every race, higher salaries than World Series baseball players... chefs, doctors, personal trainers. **This year** transmissions must last four races or lose five positions after qualifying for the next race; engines must last for at least two races or start at end of next race. Suddenly it seems to be working.

Two races into this season every thing is upside down! A new team formed with post-Honda drivers **Jenson Button** and **Rubens Barrichello** by Ross Brawn, called Brawn Mercedes, funded in part by VirginAir, has enjoyed consecutive 1-2 victories (25 points). At the same time the deep pockets of BMW have earned four points, McLaren-Mercedes, one point, and Ferrari, no points. At least Mercedes engines (built by McLaren and identical to the latest McLaren-Mercedes engines) are on the podium.

McLaren-Mercedes is again in trouble with **FIA** for allegedly misleading race stewards after a passing incident in the first race. McLaren Sporting Director **David Ryan** has resigned as a result of the case. The next race is in China on April 19.