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Mercedes-Benz 220 Cabriolet A

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Note: Diviations in color and/or equipment configuration possible.



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Mercedes-Benz 220 Cabriolet A

Technical Data

Manufacturer:	Mercedes-Benz	Interior:	Leather beige
Type:	220 Cabriolet A	Engine:	6 In-line engine
Production:	1951-1955	Engine capacity:	2.171 ccm
Year of Manufacture:	1952	Engine power:	63 kW / 86 HP
Steering:	Left Hand Drive	VIN:	1870120286951
Exterior:	Blue	Engine number:	180921-5515110

Extras: Back seats, white wall tyres, tuner, auxiliary headlamps and spotlight
Particularity: Mercedes-Benz 220 A Cabriolet – the elegant Cabriolet of 1950ies upper class, with only 1,278 examples being built.



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The Era

Or what was it actually like in those days?

The Mercedes-Benz 220 was introduced in 1951 at the IAA in Frankfurt together with the 300 (called Adenauer) and including the first all-new six-cylinder engine from Daimler-Benz after the second world war. The modern short-stroke engine with overhead camshaft was installed on the largely unchanged chassis of the 170 S, helping the car to significantly better performance. The engine was used, with continuous modifications, for nearly 40 years until 1989. The external appearance of the 220 displayed changes to the bonnet and the headlights were now integrated into the wings. The new series was available as a four-seat sedan, the two-seater cabriolet A, a four-seater cabriolet B and, for the first time after the war, as a two-seat coupé. At a price of 18.500 Deutschmarks, only 1,278 examples of this exclusive cabriolet were built.

The Condition

Or its true, current condition: original, lifted or retreaded?

First delivery and registration in Karlsruhe, Germany. The cabriolet A was recently fully restored in 2008 and 2009. Technically and visually the vehicle presents itself in immaculately good condition. The vehicle has proper clearances, is superb visually and everything works properly mechanically. A comprehensive photographic documentation about the performed work is available. The actual mileage after restoration shows 10.000 km. Classic Date Certificate from 2013 as well as a FIVA Identity Card from 2015 are available.

The Performance

Or what is it like to drive?

A 220 A Cabriolet gives its owner, driver and passengers an inimitable feeling of serenity and calm, safe in the knowledge that it can be relied upon as a quality product. One could say it is typical Mercedes- a symbol of German craftsmanship! Trips with the top down are a sensory experience and you have security in the knowledge that you have made a very stable investment. A Mercedes from the 50s in its best form- a 2-door, 2-seat convertible. It speaks both emotion and reason alike.

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