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Mercedes-Benz 230 SL Pagode

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



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Mercedes-Benz 230 SL Pagoda

Technical Data

Manufacturer:	Mercedes-Benz	Interior:	Leather cognac
Type:	230 SL Pagoda	Engine:	6-series engine
Production:	1963-1967	Engine capacity:	2.306 ccm
Year of Manufacture:	1965	Engine power:	110 kW / 150 HP
Steering:	Left Hand Drive	VIN:	113042 10 010446
Exterior:	Dark green	Engine number:	127981 12 001166

Extras: Radio Becker, automatic, hardtop, whitewall tires
Particularity: 230 SL pagoda in top condition, with good equipment and very elegant coloring!



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The Era

Or what was it actually like in those days?

In the 1960s, awareness of better road safety measures was increasing. Mercedes-Benz was one of the pioneers in this direction and intensified its efforts to improve the passive safety of vehicles. Director Karl Wilfert and Bela Barenyi were responsible for the visual and technical design of the pagoda concept of the W 113 series – a mixture of formal harmony and originality. The popular name pagoda was created because of the appearance of the concave curved hardtops: a concept designed to improve the indoor space. When the pagoda was presented at the Geneva Motor Show in 1963, groundbreaking security elements found their way into the SL series: such as the rigid passenger compartment, defined crumple zones front and rear, a telescopic steering column with baffle, an interior without edges and corners and radial tires and safety belts as a special feature. A 230 SL with automatic transmission and hardtop in the equipment described above cost about DM 25,000 ex works back then.

The Condition

Or how it really is. Original, given a facelift or fully restored?

The vehicle has been completely restored to the highest standard. All gaps and areas are impeccable. The entire technology is in perfect condition. Optics and appearance meet highest standards.

The Performance

Or what is it like to drive?

Even with the 2.3-liter machine, it is a popular and successful representative of the pagoda series and easily achieves very good travel speeds. With this vehicle, you can move safely and comfortably in today's traffic without stress. The solid, rigid construction, the proven, durable technology, the appropriate performance, its comfortable and safe road holding, the excellent spare parts supply and its well-known workshop friendliness can delight a future owner for many decades to come. In this condition, driving for pleasure and appreciation are inevitable.

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