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Mercedes Benz SL500 R129

£24,000

Specification

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| YEAR | 1997 | MILEAGE | 121,000 |
| ENGINE CAPACITY | 4973cc | TRANSMISSION | 5 – Speed Automatic |
| EXTERIOR COLOUR | Azurite Blue | INTERIOR COLOUR | Crème Beige Leather |
| SERVICE HISTORY | Full History | OWNERS | 3 Owners |

1989 saw the launch of the all new R129. Although the predecessor, the R107 was showing its age with lots of brightwork and square bulky design, the R129 still had a hard act to follow. The SL was an enormously loved model in the Mercedes stable but the 90s demanded higher levels of performance, technology, usability and up to date styling. BMW had stolen a march on Mercedes in the luxury GT market and the pressure was now on Johann Tomforde and his design team to up their game.

The result speaks volumes. The press were immediately impressed with the R129. The car was a completely new design and big effort had been put in to the chassis bracing and reinforcing resulting in an almost zero shunt shake body. The SL 500 felt super sophisticated, achieving effortless performance with excellent stopping power. The suspension was perfect. Still compliant giving GT car ride quality with comfort, yet sporty and sure footed. These cars were just as happy pottering around Lake Como, storming down the autobahn and yet able to impress the most experienced of drivers around a race circuit.

It's safe to say, Mercedes Benz were back on top of the luxury GT, convertible market with the superbly affective SL 500.

No doubt, this example is the most desired specification for the SL 500. A facelift example now fitted with the superior electronically switchable, 5 speed automatic gearbox but early enough to still feature the higher performance, 326 BHP, 5 litre, four valve per-cylinder, M119 engine featuring variable valve timing.

Owned by a great friend of ours and part of his super car collection. This SL has lived alongside his BMW Z8, M635 CSI, Datsun 240Z, Alfa Romeo 4C, Renault Alpine to name a few.

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121,000 Miles
3 Previous owners
Hardtop
M119 Motor
5 Speed Automatic
Full service history
ABS
ASD

Electronically adjustable steering column
Front airbags
Climate control
Memory electric seats
Wood / Leather steering wheel
Auto dim rear view mirror
Electric roof
Central locking
Headlight wash-wipe

This example is very well known to our workshop team having been responsible for its care for the last three years. As usual the car was delivered to us with the instruction that it must want for nothing ensuring 100% usability for long distance European road trips. The following was carried out to prepare the car to his usual high standard.

Full service

Rear and front to rear brake pipes

New sump gasket

New cam cover gaskets

Variable valve timing covers sealed

Wheels balanced

Repaired rear view mirror

New heater control panel

New complete convertible hood

New rear shock absorbers

New VDO DAB, Bluetooth, hands free radio head unit

New front wings and cosmetic paintwork.

Underside of car thoroughly cleaned, inspected followed by full future proofing and clear cavity wax protection.

Before being driven away by the new owner, the car will pass through the Classic Heroes workshop for sales preparation to include :-

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Annual service

Leather clean and treatment

New MOT

This SL will be handed over to the new owner with original service wallet, all manuals, fully stamped service book, document file, spare keys, a copy of Mercedes SLs from Brooklands Books and the hardtop.



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