



Mercedes-Benz 280 SE 3.5 Cabriolet (W 111)

In August 1961, Daimler-Benz AG unveiled the new cabriolet from the W 111 model series. Technically, it was identical to the coupé from the same model series, although, due to the absence of a steel roof, the body of the cabriolet was provided with numerous stiffeners. In September 1969, the 280 SE 3.5 Cabriolet made its debut as the most powerful version with an all-new 3.5-litre V8 engine. The top-of-the-range model is easy to identify: the radiator grille is lower and wider. That also explains why these vehicles were nicknamed „flat radiators“. The eight-cylinder cabriolet, of which just 1232 units were built, is today one of the most sought-after classic cars of its era.

The main market for this exclusive model – the price tag in July 1970 being a costly 35,361 excluding optional extras – was the USA. So it was Daimler-Benz of USA that placed the order for this cabriolet in September 1970, the vehicle being first registered in March 1971. Of particular note is the extensive package of optional extras, especially the rear axle with limited-slip differential, which hardly any W 111 cabriolet had.

By early 2015, the vehicle was back in Europe. When ALL TIME STARS by Mercedes-Benz Classic acquired the car, it still had typical US features, such as a speedometer in miles and vehicle lights. In 2015/16, Mercedes-Benz Classic completely restored the vehicle to its original as-delivered condition. In the course of the work, the cabriolet was converted to European specifications.

The full restoration included all vehicle parts and components. The first phase of work involved removing the powertrain with engine and transmission, all chassis/suspension components and all detachable parts. The second phase focused on an assessment of the completeness, condition and authenticity of all the components. In the third and most complex phase, all parts of the vehicle body and powertrain were cleaned, refurbished and/or renewed and reassembled.

The vehicle body and its add-on parts were dismantled, stripped of paint and inspected for possible damage. This cabriolet showed no serious damage. Accordingly, the work was limited to removing the usual traces of use and to perfecting the gap dimensions and fit accuracy of the chassis. The final paint finish was in the original colour of dark russet (DB 460). This complete restoration involved the powertrain with engine and transmission being disassembled down to the smallest individual part, tested and reconditioned. The main focus of the work was to preserve the existing fabric of the vehicle. In the interests of maximum possible authenticity, mechanical components were replaced only where absolutely necessary. In such cases, genuine Mercedes-Benz parts were used wherever possible.

All the work is documented, from disassembly, assessment of condition and rebuilding through to archive searches and authenticity checks by Mercedes-Benz Classic. With restoration completed, the buyer receives a vehicle in as-new condition. The purchase price includes 19% VAT.

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VEHICLE DETAILS

Model	280 SE 3.5 Cabrio	Condition category	Concours Edition
Model designation	S Klasse	Chassis number	on request

Series	W111	Transmission number	on request
Year of construction	1970	Engine number	on request
Odometer reading / milometer (read off)	600	Matching numbers	Yes
Number of previous owners	2	Price	749.890,- Euro
Initial registration	01.07.1970	VAT can be stated separately	Yes
Location	Mercedes Benz Museum		

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Body design	cabriolet/roadster	Power (HP)	200 PS
Cylinder capacity (cc)	3.499 ccm	Cylinder	8
(Car) door	2	Steering element	left
Transmission	automatic	Gear	4
Drive	back	Brake (mechanism) front	disc brakes
Brake (mechanism) rear	disc brakes	Fuel	gasoline
Acceleration	9.4 s	Top speed	205 km/h
Fuel consumption	13,5 l		

INDIVIDUAL CONFIGURATION

Colour designation exterior (of manufacturer)	Auburn (DB 460)	Air conditioning	Yes
Colour designation interior (of manufacturer)	Leather red (DB 1079)	ABS (antilock brake system)	No
Interior material	leather	Airbag	No
Sun roof	No	Green badge	No
Folding roof	Yes	Technical inspection association	Yes
Power steering	Yes	H-plate	Yes
Central locking (system / mechanism)	No	Quantity	1.232
Seat heating	No	Production period	11.1969 - 07.1971

OPTIONS

Options:

256 = Rear axle with slip differential
 420 = Automatic transmission floor shift
 452 = Two Sound fanfare horn
 461 = Instrument in Englisch
 491 = Export Version USA
 503 = Outside rear view mirror, left
 513 = Radio Becker

524 = Paintcoat preservation
531 = Antenna automatic
570 = Folding armrest front
586 = air condition (580) with electric windows lifters (584)
595 = Green heat-insulating glass, all-around, heated rear window pane
601 = Oil for rear axle with limited-slip differential, in canisters
641 = White wall tires
740 = Folding top fabric black (872)

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THIS VEHICLE?
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