



Imperial War Museum Duxford (185)

Wed, 16th Oct 2019

Lot 17

Estimate: £16000 - £20000 + Fees

1987 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL

Registration No: EU-Reg

Chassis No: WDB1070412A071416

- Desirable late R107-series 300SL with just 73,800 recorded miles
- Soft- and hardtop roofs, extensive service history
- Said to drive 'exceptionally well' and to be in 'excellent overall' order

The ultimate six-cylinder derivative of Mercedes-Benz's renowned R107-series, the 300SL was introduced at the September 1985 Frankfurt Motor Show. Equipped with Bosch KE-Jetronic fuel-injection, its in-line SOHC M103 2962cc engine developed some 177bhp and 188lbft of torque (outputs sufficient for a reputed 125mph top speed). Sharing the same two-door monocoque bodyshell, all-round independent coil-sprung suspension and power-assisted steering as its V8 brethren it proved notably more fuel efficient. Fitted with four-speed automatic transmission as standard, it further benefited from improved anti-corrosion treatment and ABS brakes. Only in production between 1985 and 1989, just 13,443 300SLs are thought to have been despatched worldwide.

Finished in Dark Blue with Grey leather / check cloth upholstery and a Dark Blue soft-top, this particular example is described by the vendor as being in 'excellent' condition with regard to its engine, automatic gearbox, bodywork, paintwork, electrical equipment and interior trim. Said to drive 'extremely well' with a recorded mileage of 78,300, the Mercedes-Benz also boasts 'a long list of service invoices, working electric aerial, driver's handbook, service book, MOTs from 1999-2019 and two keys'. Currently Eire-registered, this decidedly smart R107-series 300SL was supplied new by Mercedes-Benz of Reading and originally wore the Berkshire number plate 'E527 CBL'.