



1989(G) Mercedes-Benz SL Class Convertible

POA

Overview

Mileage	59,000 miles
Fuel Type	Petrol
Engine Size	4.2 l
Bodystyle	Cabriolet
Transmission	Automatic
Exterior Colour	Almandin Red
Previous Owners	4
Registration	G378TRR



Description

The 1989 Mercedes-Benz 420SL (R107) was part of the legendary R107 SL-Class, which ran from 1971 to 1989. The 420SL was one of the later models in the series, produced from 1985 to 1989, primarily for the European market.

Historical Background of the R107 Series

The R107 was the successor to the W113 "Pagoda" SL and introduced a new era of luxury roadsters for Mercedes-Benz. Unlike its predecessor, the R107 was larger, more refined, and designed for long-distance cruising with a focus on safety and comfort. It became one of the longest-running models in Mercedes history, staying in production for 18 years.

The Mercedes-Benz 420SL

Production Years: 1985–1989

Engine: 4.2L V8 (M116)

Power Output: ~215 hp (European version)

Transmission: 4-speed automatic

0-60 mph: ~8.5-9.0 seconds

Top Speed: ~134 mph (215 km/h)

The 420SL was introduced as a replacement for the 380SL and was sold alongside the more powerful 500SL and 560SL (the latter was exclusive to North America). While the 500SL had more power, the 420SL offered a balance of performance and fuel economy, making it a popular choice in Europe.

Key Features & Design

Classic long-hood, short-deck roadster design with chrome accents

Removable hardtop and a manually operated soft top

ABS (Anti-lock Braking System) became standard in later models

SRS Airbag (optional in early models, standard later)

Refined interior with wood trim, leather seats, and premium materials

Improved suspension and handling compared to earlier R107 models

The 1989 Model – The Final Year

The 1989 model was the last of the R107 series, making it highly desirable among collectors. By this time, the SL had received numerous refinements, and it was a mature, well-engineered luxury grand tourer.

In 1989, the R107 was replaced by the new R129 SL, which introduced a more modern design and advanced technology. However, the R107 420SL remains a classic, loved for its timeless style, solid build quality, and smooth V8 performance.

Legacy & Collectibility

Today, the 1989 420SL is a sought-after classic, especially well-maintained, low-mileage examples. While not as famous as the 560SL, it remains a favorite among European collectors for its mix of V8 power and relative rarity.

Location

Classicmobilia Old Farm Park, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK7 8RE 07889 805432	Monday	Appointment only	Tuesday	Appointment only
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