

## MERCEDES-BENZ 3005 A CABRIOLET

#### EXCEPTIONAL RESTORATION

Date of manufacture: 1952 Exterior colour: Mid-Red Metallic | Interior: Cream Leather

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WE ARE DELIGHTED TO OFFER THIS EXCEPTIONAL & COLLECTABLE FULLY RESTORED MERCEDES-BENZ 300S "A" W188 TWO DOOR CABRIOLET COACHWORK BY SINDELFINGEN.





#### MODEL HISTORY & PRODUCTION 1951-1958 MERCEDES-BENZ 300S A CABRIOLET

THE LAUNCH OF A UNIQUE POST WAR MODEL FROM MERCEDES-BENZ, THE 300 SERIES, WAS INTRODUCED AT THE FRANKFURT AUTO SHOW IN 1951. THIS WAS THE MARQUE'S FIRST POSTWAR AUTOMOBILE & WAS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE EXPORT MARKET, PARTICULARLY THE UNITED STATES.

A flagship model, the 300 was very attractive, with a modern windscreen, side windows, flush mounted headlights, graceful fender lines & a curved rear bodyline with a hint of side running boards to provide for an elegant & modern finish below the doors. The comprehensive list of standard equipment included a signal seeking radio, no glare mirrors, vacuum assisted brakes, backup lights, reclining seats & windshield washers. The 300 and its various iterations remained in production for 11 years, a testament to the soundness of its concept & execution.

In line with the 300 Sedan / Saloon body the 25 cm shorter chassis introduced three sporty bodies Coupe, Cabriolet & Roadsters which were built over a 7 year period. It was the most expensive luxury car of its day, twice as much as the 300SL and American luxury cars of the day. Equally important, it was the model that returned Mercedes-Benz to its prewar international clientele. Hence this was a car of the rich and famous including the Aga Kahn, the Shah of Iran, King Gustav of Sweden, Frank Lloyd Wright, Gary Cooper, Yul Brenner, Maria Callas, Clark Gable & Bing Crosby.

The 300S, or "Super" model was introduced in mid 1952 and combined elements of the existing 300 series with the upcoming but delayed 300SL sports car. The most noticeable enhancement included a 30 percent increase in horsepower, from 115 BHP to 150 BHP. Praised by the motoring press and inarguably one of the best luxury touring cars available in the 1950's. Road & Track magazine described it, "Where the Mercedes-Benz 300S has been since its first appearance it has caused a quiet riot of enthusiasm & its attitude of 'going' even when it's standing still".

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#### THIS SPECIFIC CAR

Offered in Concours-Quality Condition & Delivered new to Mr Gasque, New York USA on 10th October 1952.

This stunning 300S Cabriolet "A" was formerly part of a Midwestern collection for over 35 years. We understand during the mid-1980's it received a complete rotisserie restoration by marque respected M. B. Restorations USA. The next owner purchased the 300S in 2003 before commissioning a total disassembly and bare-metal repaint by a European car specialist. In addition the 300s received a new interior, new Carpathian Elm woodwork & new canvas top with truly outstanding results which still all look stunning to this day.

Offered with its original luggage, tools & jack in concours quality condition, this 300s will certainly offer a very rewarding ownership experience and remains one of the most stylish and exclusive automobiles of its era in low production numbers makes good as a grand cabriolet with royal presence.



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REMARKABLE LIST OF OPTIONS & STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS OF ITS ERA INCLUDED:

- 2,996cc SOHC Inline 6-Cylinder Engine
- Three Solex Carburettors
- 150 BHP at 5,000 RPM
- 4-Speed Manual Column Shift Transmission
- Central Lubrication System
- Single-Pivot Rear Swing Axle
- 4-Wheel Independent Suspension with Tublar Shock Absorbers & Coil Springs
- 4-Wheel Hydraulic Brake Drums Automatic transmission
- Glossy & perfect Burled Walnut dash & trim

- Ivory Coloured Steering Wheel
- Chrome Accented Instruments & Switch Gear
- Cream Leather Interior with matching Fitted Carpet
- Cream Mohair Soft top unusually fitted with the finest interior lamp
- Fitted matching luggage
- Tool Roll & tools
- Original Jack
- Period White Wall Tyres
- Becker Nurburg Signal Seeking Radio



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This vehicle is currently being prepared by our in house Detailing Team & will be subject to a professional Ceramic Coatings to paintwork, glass, alloy rims & interior fabric & leather to protect & reduce future maintenance intervals. Additionally the vehicle will come fully inspected & serviced as required.

This vehicle is available for viewing in the UK on an appointment basis & would suit a collector with whom this vehicle will represent a good acquisition opportunity.

FINANCE & WARRANTY AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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