

Performance Vintage Classics

MERCEDES-BENZ r107 (M117) SL

MB 500SL AMG
5 SPEED MANUAL



THE HISTORY, THE MAN & THE CAR: The story

The MB 500SL r107 was a rare model in the US market, as it was only obtainable in Europe. Some selected buyers were able to purchase this desirable model through European black market dealers and ship them to the US. Certain sophisticated buyers would send them to AMG for varying modifications prior to shipment home. One such buyer was Mr. Harvey Crane Jr. – Mr. Crane was the founder of Crane Camshaft Engineering in the early 60's and was very involved with Daytona and NASCAR racing and the car performance world for several decades.

Considered a pioneer in engineering high performance out of race cars. Mr. Crane love for increase engine horsepower led him to purchase his 500SL in Europe, but prior to shipping off to Daytona Beach, the car was sent to AMG Tuning in Affalterbach, Germany for a few select upgrades. The group being an 'ala carte' boutique tuning shop, was believed to be commissioned by

Crane to swap the standard auto transmission to a GETRAG 5-speed manual, and have key engine components upgraded, performance exhaust installed, among other improvements. To complement the performance upgrades, cosmetic AMG enhancements such as AMG Penta wheels and aerodynamic skirting and AMG body kit were added. The result was a very unique high-performance AMG 500SL that was the envy of most r107 owners, typically limited to the restricted power of a 380SL or a 450SL, as the only available options to US buyers at the time.



*NOT YOUR
UNCLE'S SL!*



This very special car was shipped to Florida in late 1982, where Crane enjoyed the SL for the next 30 years. The car frequented the local fishing spots with a johnboat in tow.

It also enjoyed racing Daytona Speedway during Turkey Runs for numerous years. After Crane's passing in 2013, the car was sold through his estate to an enthusiast in New Jersey in 2014, and subsequently restored to the condition shown in pictures.

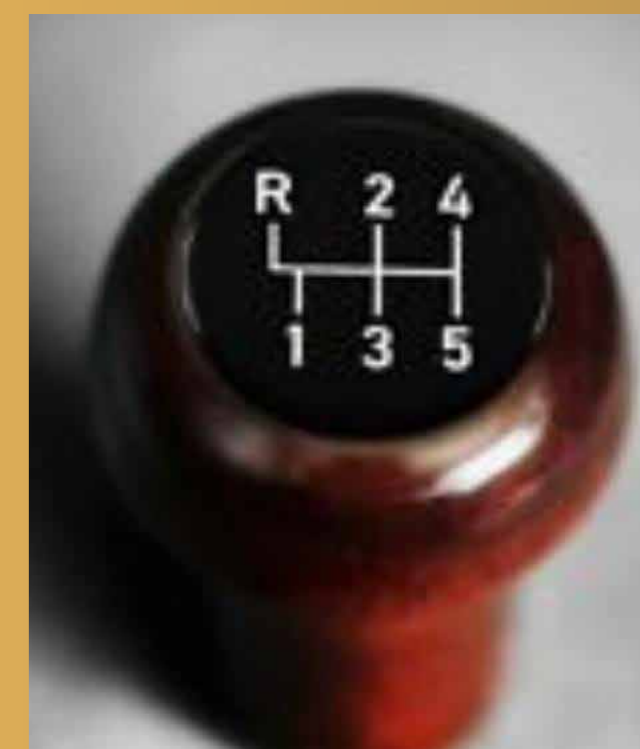
After an extensive restoration, the performance of this SL is seen right in-line with performance results out of cars produced by the AMG team in the pre-merger era. Today the car produces close to 300hp, whereas a typical 560SL is factory spec'ed at 227 hp.

Its provenance, the AMG heritage and the 5-speed manual transmission make this one of the rarest and most desirable r107s available. There are only four (4) known 500SL AMG 5-speed cars in the US, as this was a very limited configuration produced by the AMG group.

The car is adorned with its original license vanity plate which showcases Mr. Crane's ham-radio call name (WD4IYS) – In tribute to Mr. Crane, we thought it was important to restore this symbolic relic. The towing hook with which he typically towed his fishing boat, is chrome plated inside the trunk of the car.



MB 1982 500SL AMG
VIN: 10704612001372



1982 MB 500SL AMG – 5 SPEED MANUAL

This SL underwent a full restoration by Performance & Vintage Classics. The horsepower of this SL is superior to any other r107 we have ever restored. The close to 300hp performance, coupled with its manual 5-Speed transmission and enhanced suspension make it a delight to cruise in.

A very rare, and one-of-a-kind investment piece!
Truly – The Best or Nothing!

FACTORY NEW



GREAT STYLING



Having a Classic SL, is like having 3 cars in one.

Each one, providing a distinct pleasure.

But an AMG r107 is a totally different story!

A TRUE CLASSIC & GREAT PERFORMANCE





AMG Steering Wheel
Period original AMG
Steering Wheel.

AMG Shift Knob
Original AMG 5 Speed
shift knob.

Wood
Burrll wood restored to
factory new condition.

Factory Airconditioning
Original factory A/C – reconditio-
ned to produce the perfect comfort.

Leather Seats
AMG optinal Parchment
leather RECARO seats.

Radio
Original Becker Radio,
option with integrated
bluetooth.

Carpets
Factory matching parch-
ment interior carpet with
optional cocomat.

RECARO Performance Seats

Upholstered in parchment leather with
original Mercedes embossing in center.
Electric seats fully operational, including
lumbar adjustment and heating.





Enhanced Engine Air-Intake
Optioned with dual air-intake permitting the engine to breath more efficiently and yield higher horsepower.

Engine Restoration
Engine restored to factory/AMG specification producing approximately 300hp.

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The improved airflow contributes to maximizing engine performance.



M117 500SL Engine

Restored to factory new condition. AMG Camshaft optioned to provide increased engine performance.



GETRAG 5 Speed Transmission
AMG installed GETRAG 5-Speed manual transmission fully restored and tested to new condition.
Transmission contributes to maximizing engine torque and delivering exhilarating performance.

High Performance TRI-Y Headers
Stainless steel custom TRI-Y headers & performance exhaust in high temp black finish.



Underbody
Illustration of underbody showing performance TRI-Y headers, transmission and other key components.

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MODEL: MERCEDES-BENZ 500SL AMG

COLOR: ANTHRACITE GRAY

YEAR: 1982

INTERIOR: PARCHMENT LEATHER

GEAR BOX: 5 SPEED MANUAL

- Complete Restoration — Fully disassembled & Restored to factory specifications
- Treated with anti-rust protection across entire underbody & key areas prone to develop rust
- Vehicle painted & prepped with original factory Glasurit paint products
- All Mercedes Original parts
- Engine Completely restored — AMG Engine components — Compression tests documented
- Transmission & Steering Box restored
- Dual Air intake ducts installed
- AC compressor restored — New AC lines installed
- New Oil Pump, New Water Pump & New Fuel Pump
- New Fuel & Brake Lines & New Brakes
- Yellow Chromate of fuel lines and engine components
- Fuel Distributor rebuilt
- Complete New Stainless-Steel TRI-Y headers & Exhaust
- All new Motor & Transmission mounts
- New DKUBUS racing suspension (cost of approx. \$10,000)
- AMG Penta wheels
- AMG KM Gauge
- AMG Steering Wheel
- AMG Muffler
- AMG Original Body Kit



- Euro Headlights
- Euro Bumpers
- All New Steering & Suspension Components
- New Radiator
- All New Hoses
- New Door, Windshield, Trunk, Window, Hardtop and Soft-top Rubber seals
- New Firewall protection pad & hood heat shield
- Restored AMG RECARO Parchment leather seats
- Fully functional RECAROs (heat, lumbar, adjustments, etc.)
- Entire interior done in Leather — zero vinyl
- Original Parchment interior carpet
- New BLACK German Soft top — New headliner on hardtop
- Optional COCOMAT Carpet
- Restored Becker Radio w/ Bluetooth & New automatic antenna
- CHROME plating of all parts
- New front & Rear lights
- New Factory correct Michelin 225/50ZR16 Tires
- Too many other details to mention...

Call for pricing...

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