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- Delivered new to Baron von Thyssen of the Thyssen steel company
- Since the 1960s in the hands of its second owner in Switzerland and with its third owner in Germany since 2019
- Rare, elegant colour scheme in light grey combined with a dark green leather interior and a grey soft top
- Extensively and fully restored under the last owner
- Engine 'matching numbers', Data card on the delivery specs available
- Taylor-made luggage set available
- Only 141 examples were built as the 300 S Roadster, at the time the most exclusive and most expensive Mercedes for the 'upper 10,000'

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Model History

The Type 300 S (W 188 I) was launched at the Paris Motor Show in October 1951. The model was based on the Mercedes-Benz 300 (W 186), commonly known as the "Adenauer" after the first German Chancellor.

The wheelbase of the two-door W 188 is 150 mm shorter than that of the sedan, while the drive train remains virtually unchanged. The engine output was 150 hp thanks to the use of three carburetors. The 300 S was available in three body variants as a Cabriolet A, Roadster and Coupe and was positioned as a particularly prestigious car with a sporty note for the very highest demands in terms of roadholding and comfort. In the judgment of the international trade press, the new model was praised as a "car of the world's elite" and a "benchmark for what is achievable in automotive engineering today"



Mercedes underlined its status as a technology pioneer in 1955 with the modified 300 Sc (W 188 II). Apart from new chrome trim and triangular windows, the exterior remained virtually



unchanged. But thanks to the new direct petrol injection system – as in the sporty 300 SL – the engine now delivered 175 hp. The sophisticated injection system was the highlight of series production and was emphasised with an EINSPRITZMOTOR (injection engine) engraving on the rear bumper. Like the 300c sedan, the chassis had a single-joint swing axle with a low pivot point for significantly better road holding.

The Model 300 S and 300 Sc were considered the pinnacle of luxury car manufacturing, which was also reflected in their high purchase price (around 50% more than the 300 sedan). In terms of exclusivity, workmanship, comfort and value, all variants were (and still are) in the same league as Rolls Royce and Bentley cars of that era.

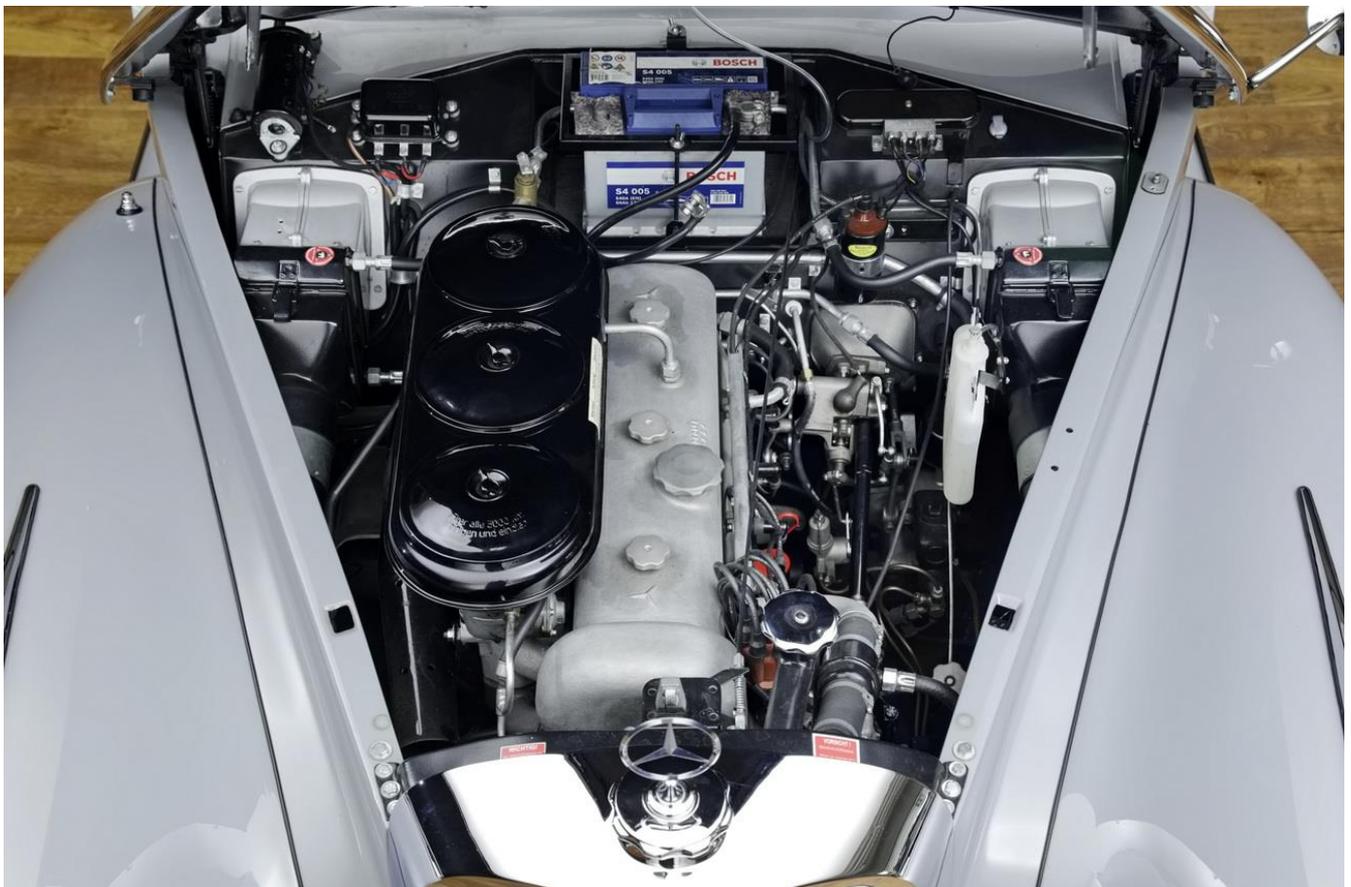
During the production period of the 300 S, only 760 units (roadsters, coupés and convertibles) left the factory. A total of 141 units were built as sporty roadster with a flat-folding soft top. This makes the W 188 even rarer than the legendary 300 SL 'Gullwing', of which 1,400 were manufactured.

In 1958, production of the W 188 came to an end, marking the end of an era of bodies mounted on a separate frame with the powertrain. Modern vehicle designs subsequently featured self-supporting bodies (e.g. the Mercedes Ponton models).



Data & Facts

Year of construction	1953
Quantity	141 examples as 300 S Roadster / 760 total units as 300 S (W188 I)
Colour scheme	grey (DB 172) with leather interior in dark green and soft top in grey
Mileage (reading)	4,922 km
Engine	6-cylinder in-line engine, water-cooled, one overhead camshaft, three carburettors Solex 40 PBCJ
Displacement/power	2,996 cc, 150 hp at 5,000 rpm (factory data)
Gearbox	Manual, 4-speed, steering wheel gearshift
Brakes	Drum brakes, front/rear, hydraulic with vacuum booster
Empty-weight	1,740 kg (factory data)
Top-speed	175 kph (factory data)
Documents	German title for historic vehicles, MB data card on delivery specs
Delivery includes	Luggage set, jack



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