



1971

Mercedes-Benz  
280SE 3.5  
Cabriolet

111027-12-002419



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# A SAFE, SOLID RIDE WRAPPED IN Years of Care

With its superior engineering and benchmark formal styling, the Mercedes-Benz 280SE 3.5 Cabriolet is considered one of the most-coveted motorcar models ever produced. Our 1971 version, if the photos are any indication, is no exception.

Done in a forever-timeless color combo accented with beautiful chrome, this 280SE exudes elegance. Its livery maintains its original crisp white paint (Code 050), while the Haartz canvas convertible top and leather interior provide a welcome contrast in deep black (Codes 9001 and 241, respectively). (Fun fact: it took builders 16 hours of hand labor to complete the Cabriolet's padded folding top.) On the inside, the upholstery looks and smells brand new and provides the perfect background for a stunningly refinished dashboard featuring rare zebra wood and the original Becker Europa radio with automatic antenna. In addition to its beauty, the Cabriolet comes replete with many optional components, including tinted glass, center console, power windows, folding arm rests, and Behr air conditioning system.

A full engine rebuild back in 2003 means this Mercedes-Benz drives like a dream. Every aspect of the car functions as it should, and an inspection report confirms that the Cabriolet has been rust-free its entire life. Trust us: it really doesn't get much better than this!



## CONSIDER THESE NUMBERS

The Mercedes-Benz 3.5 280SE Cabriolet, whose original asking price was a heady **\$14,509**, is **one of only 1,232** examples produced between 1969 and 1971. The car featured in this specific auction has had **three owners** over the course of its lifetime and, with them, has traveled a total of **61,000 miles**.

## 280SE CABRIOLET

# Timeline

**1970** The 1971 Mercedes-Benz 280SE 3.5 Cabriolet, VIN No. 111027-12-002419, is purchased new by Rich Schulze of Elmwood Park, Illinois.

**2000** Schulze enjoys the Cabriolet for 30 years before it's acquired by Scott Davis.

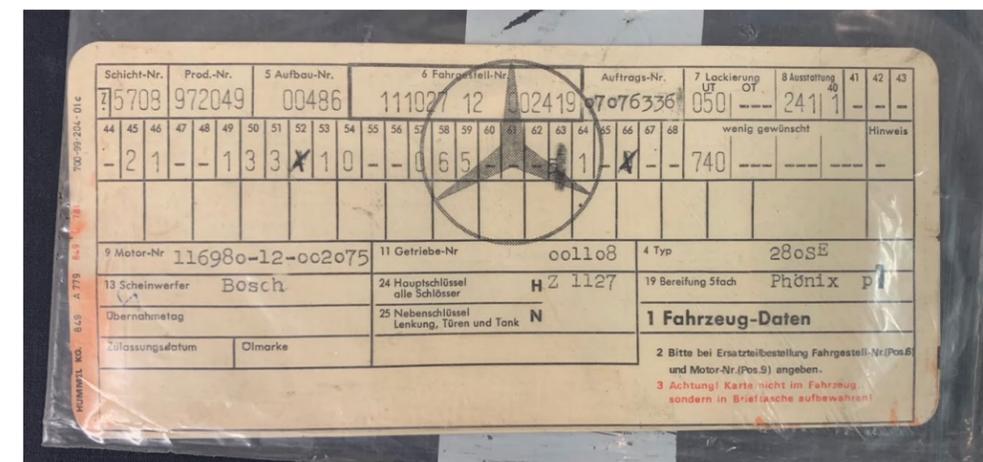
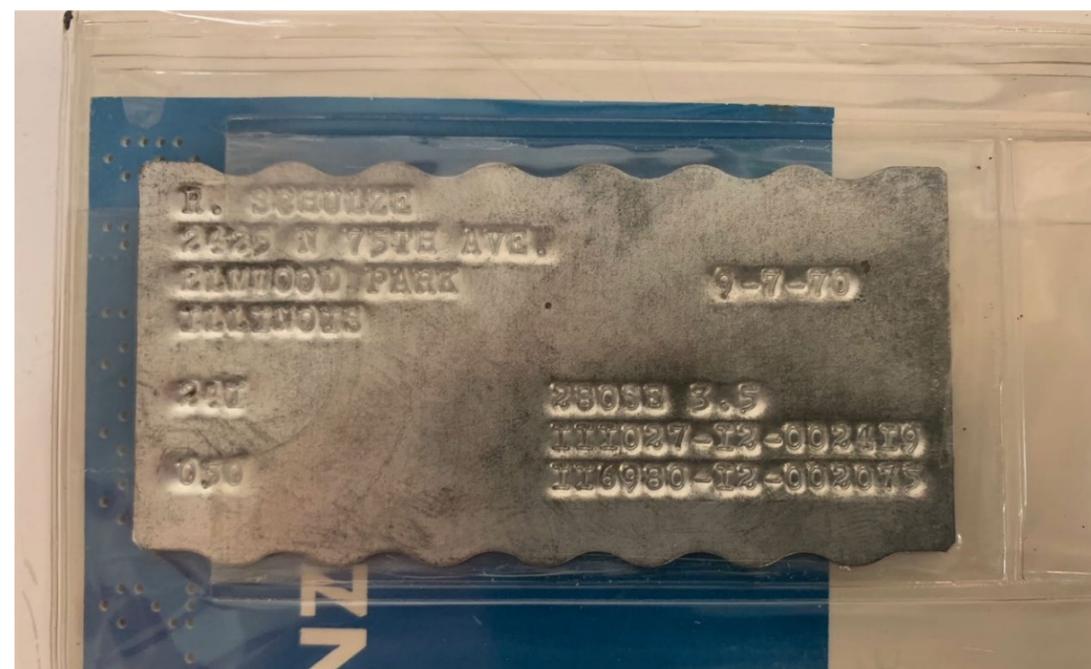
**2003** The car's engine is fully rebuilt by Manfred's Import Auto in Illinois. About 2,000 miles have been added to the 280SE since then.

**2005** The 280SE undergoes a bare metal repaint courtesy of Barrington Coach Haus. It is disassembled as needed and then painstakingly repainted. This move, though incredibly tedious, is compliant with the car's factory order, which stated that the undercarriage of the Cabriolet was to be completely painted at the time of its production.

**2006** Ralph Furra from Newport Beach, California, buys the Mercedes-Benz. He becomes the car's third and most recent owner.



# HISTORICAL Documents



**FULLY DOCUMENTED / INCLUDED WITH THE CAR:** Five decades of receipts and service records + original data card + Protecto Plate + owner's manual + numerous photos of in-depth restoration work + first aid kit + warning triangle, spare tire, jack, and tool roll



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