

# Mercedes-Benz SL Story: 190SL (W121) with Buyer's Guide and Chassis Number Data

The Mercedes-Benz SL story began in 1952 with the of the 190SL (W121). This elegant roadster was a huge success, and it helped to establish Mercedes-Benz as a leader in the luxury car market. The 190SL was produced for five years, and it was replaced by the 230SL (W121) in 1956.



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## Overview of the 190SL

The 190SL was a two-seater roadster with a long hood and a short trunk. It was powered by a 1.9-liter inline-four engine that produced 105 horsepower. The engine was mated to a four-speed manual transmission. The 190SL had a top speed of 112 mph.

The 190SL was a very well-equipped car for its time. It came standard with a leather interior, a power convertible top, and a radio. The 190SL was also available with a number of optional features, including air conditioning, power steering, and a hardtop.

## **Buyer's Guide**

If you are considering purchasing a 190SL, there are a few things you should keep in mind. First, the 190SL is a classic car, and it is important to find a well-maintained example. Second, the 190SL is a relatively rare car, and it can be difficult to find parts for it. Third, the 190SL is a relatively expensive car, and you should be prepared to pay a premium for one.

Here are some tips for buying a 190SL:

- Do your research. Learn as much as you can about the 190SL before you start shopping. This will help you to make an informed decision about which car to buy.
- Find a reputable dealer. There are a number of reputable dealers who specialize in classic cars. These dealers can help you to find a well-maintained 190SL.
- Get a pre-purchase inspection. Before you buy a 190SL, it is important to get a pre-purchase inspection. This will help you to identify any potential problems with the car.
- Be prepared to pay a premium. The 190SL is a classic car, and it is important to be prepared to pay a premium for one.

## **Chassis Number Data**

The chassis number of a 190SL is located on the firewall, on the driver's side. The chassis number is a 10-digit number that begins with the letter "W." The first digit of the chassis number indicates the year of manufacture. The second and third digits indicate the model year. The fourth and fifth digits indicate the body type. The sixth and seventh digits indicate the engine type. The eighth and ninth digits indicate the transmission type. The tenth digit is a check digit.

The following table provides a breakdown of the chassis number data for the 190SL:

1	Digit	Description		1	Year of manufacture		2-3	Model year		4-5	Body type		6-7	Engine type		8-9	Transmission type		10	Check digit
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The Mercedes-Benz 190SL is a classic car that is still highly sought-after today. It is a beautiful and well-engineered car that is sure to turn heads wherever it goes. If you are looking for a classic car that is sure to appreciate in value, the 190SL is a great option.



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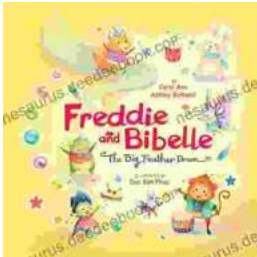
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