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Mercedes-Benz 190 SL

1955

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What would be the best German translation of "La Dolce Vita"? Because that's exactly what I experienced at the wheel of this stunning Mercedes 190SL this afternoon. Driving it under the scorching summer sun almost gave it an Italian touch... sprinkled with a healthy dose of Deutsche Gründlichkeit of course! The Mercedes 190 SL is often portrayed as "the little brother" of the 300 SL, but in my opinion it is an underrated car that presents several advantages compared to its "big brother". While many 300 SL lovers regret that the Roadster doesn't feature the small round headlights of the Gullwing, the 190 SL combines open-top motoring with the classic, original "SL" look. And while it does indeed have less engine power, it is still more than enough to steer it through modern traffic €œ not to mention the fact that its smaller engine makes it lighter to drive. The fact that it's easier to get into also makes it a more useable car. And did I already mention that it only costs a fraction of the price of a 300 SL? Virtually every 190 SL is known for its reliability and sturdiness, but this specific example just seems a lot better than any other one I've ever driven before. When it first arrived in our showroom several years ago, it attracted my attention by its excellent restoration quality. Better than new! Beautifully assembled body panels, excellent paint finish, very nicely trimmed leather interior, rare original Mercedes-Benz equipment bucket seats, perfectly fitting hood in double duck, concours condition engine bay, ultra clean underneath, ... just perfect! Since then, this car has covered some 5000 km enjoying regular maintenance along the way. When it arrived back in our showroom earlier this week... it immediately attracted my attention again! Driving it after all these years confirms my first impression: this is a very sporty 190 SL €œ and not just because of the bucket seats €œ with excellent road handling that really shows what the little brother is capable of. Very pleasing lines, good comfort, perfect weather protection, sufficient power in all circumstances, excellent reliability.

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