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The legendary "gull-wing coupe," a two-seater, closed sports car with characteristic gull-wing doors, and later offered as an open roadster, was the first true post-war sports car developed and produced by Daimler-Benz of Germany. The road version of 1942, internally number W198, was based (somewhat loosely) on the company's highly successful competition-only sports car of 1940, the Mercedes-Benz 300SL (W194) which had less power, as it still had carburetors.

It was Max Hoffman, Daimler-Benz's official importer in the USA, who convinced DBAG management in Stuttgart that a street version of the 300SL would be a commercial success, especially in the US. The car was introduced at the 1954 New York Auto Show-unlike previous models introduced at either the Frankfurt or Geneva shows. Hoffman's prediction proved correct as more than 80% of the vehicle's total production of approximately 1400 units were sold in the US, making the Gull-wing the first Mercedes-Benz sold in bulk outside its home market. The 300SL is credited for changing the company's image in America from a manufacturer of solid, but reliable, automobiles to that of a producer of sporty cars:

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### Technical Dates

Engine: 2.996 cm, 6-cylinder,  
Output: 250 hp at 6.200 rpm  
Acceleration: 0-100 km/h - 8,8 sec.; Maximum speed: 207 km/h

### About the Model

arcurio®'s limited edition Mercedes Benz 300SL Roadster is handcrafted to the scale of 1:12. This example of a German Icon amongst 50's sports car legends is one of the finest you find and is a great asset to your classic collection. This stunning replica is developed in cooperation with Mercedes-Benz Model Club.

### Production & Materials used

Four (4) different types of premium European woods are used: Alder, Maple, Birch and Beech. The wood itself is left completely natural, using only olive oil and wax to finish each model, not paint or other chemicals. And all 112 parts are individually hand assembled with great care and perfection to ensure all wood grain is seamlessly matched to the next. Each model is crafted individually and therefore comes complete with a brass plate engraved with its own unique production number.

### Special Features of the Model

This high quality model is completed with opening hood, side doors, and functional steering of the front wheels.

### Further details

- Detailed instrumentation of the dashboard
- Review mirror
- "Mercedes stars" on all hub caps
- Filigree "300 SL" emblem on rear hood
- Air inlets on the sides
- Optional: attachable Soft or Hardtop
- Subtle sun visors on the windshield frame

Size: 14"L x 5,5"W x 4,5" H

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