

Mercedes-Benz : SL-Class

Description **LOT 7982**



Details:

Year: 1994	VIN: WDBFA67E8RF088896
Make: Mercedes Benz	Condition: Used
Model: SL Class 5.0L	Exterior: Silver
Body: 2dr Roadster 5.0L	Interior: Black Leather
Engine: 5.0L V8 engine	Warranty: AS-IS No Warranty
Cylinders: 8 - Cyl.	Mileage: 160,xxx
Transmission: Automatic - 4-speed automatic transmission	

1994 Mercedes SL500 w/ HUGE Custom Stereo

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The Stereo

A little over four years ago (July/2005) I decided to have a complete audio/video competition system installed in the car. I opted for a very high-end, clean sounding (real as Sound Quality – not boom-boom), completely hidden system.

Once I made this decision, it was off to find an installer. I made the decision to go with the world famous Speaker Works of Orange, CA (<http://www.usdaudio.com/>). They are well known in the automotive audio industry for their detail to attention, customizations and are very accommodating to high-end vehicles (working around leather and wood without marring it). They are especially well known for their championship Buick Grand National they created back in the late 80's.

Once that decision was made, it was time to select the equipment. The equipment list

includes Alpine, CDT, Zapco, Infinity, DynAudio and USD Audio.

It was decided that we would do a complete 5.1 surround sound audio/video system worthy of show quality in case I ever decided to compete (I never did). This system will rival most home theater systems in both sound quality and loudness. It WILL go very loud if you want it to and remain crystal clear all the way up!

Here is the layout:

- Start with an Alpine IVA-D310 (DVD/CD/MP3/WMA/AM/FM Receiver/AV Head Unit w/ 7" flip out widescreen, touch-screen monitor). The D310 plays DVD's, CD's, and MP3 discs. It includes the over-ride switch so that items are viewable while driving – PLEASE check local law enforcement codes to determine if this will need to be removed for your area. (For some locations, it is not legal to have moving video in the front passenger area due to the distraction it can cause. Since this was a competition system, I wanted to be able to demo it when needed, hence the over-ride switch.)
- From there the signal moves to an Alpine PXA-H701 (Multimedia Manager (5.1 surround)/Crossover/EQ) that is fully controlled via the D310. This is the "brain" of the entire system. It controls the crossover points, the parametric eq, the speaker levels, the Dolby surround settings, the 5.1 surround, etc. It is the one-box solution to fine-tuning the entire system.
- Additional inputs include: an Alpine CHA-S634 (6 Disc CD/MP3 Changer), an Alpine TUA-T020XM (XM Satellite Receiver) (not currently connected), an Alpine SIR-ALP10T (SiriusConnect™ Alpine Satellite Radio Plus Traffic Tuner) (connected – requires a subscription to Sirius and Sirius Traffic), and an Alpine KCA-420i (Interface Adapter for iPod). NO iPod included!
- Amplifiers include: an Alpine MRV-F540 4 channel amp for the front soundstage (4x50 watts 4 ohm), an Alpine MRV-T320 2 channel amp for the rear soundstage (2x50 watts 4 ohm), two Alpine MRD-301 single channel amps for the subs (1x 350 watts 2 ohm), and a Zapco I-250 amp for the center channel (2x75 watts 4 ohm). All amps (except center channel amp) are mounted in a custom amp rack in the floor of the trunk. The center channel amp is mounted up in the dash area.
- The speakers include: CDT (<http://www.cdtaudio.com/>) ES-643 3-way front speaker system (6.5" mid-woofer, 4" midrange, 1" silk tweeter, crossovers), CDT HD-52 2-way rear speaker system (5.25" midrange, 1" silk tweeter, crossovers). The center channel is (2) DynAudio tweeters (MD-100's from a System 340 set) and a USD (Speaker Works brand) 4" midrange with a custom built crossover placed in the center of the dash with a custom cloth cover (yes, the dash was cut to place the speakers). The subs are (2) Infinity Kappa Perfect 12.1D 12" Subwoofers in a custom sub enclosure (replaced the rear shelf) that was covered in factory Mercedes carpet.
- An Alpine NVE-N872 navigation system with the latest software and Sirius Satellite traffic information (shows accidents, etc and routes you

around them) is connected to the D310. One advantage of this latest iteration of Alpines nav unit is that it gives you voice control of several system features. If you are driving, you can hit the "Speak" button and say satellite and the Siruis radio will come on.

- A backup camera is hooked up to the D310. When the car is placed in reverse, it shows what is behind you (a bit overkill for a convertible, but what the heck...)
- Additional Alpine components include KCA-410C, KCE-900E, various Alpine cables, and misc. other cables. Basically, this car is filled to the hilt with Alpine electronics hidden everywhere.
- A fully integrated Alpine SEC-8063 security system with various sensors including radar (due to convertible), impact, trunk, hood etc. There is a digital readout placed in the upper, factory Mercedes phone area (above the radio, below the center channel). Also includes remote lock/unlock. Includes 2 key fobs.
- Various high-end cabling was used throughout. The entire interior of the car got a layer of sound deadening material when the interior was stripped out to put the system in. (See pics)
- There is a 1 Farad cap installed.
- The spare tire is still accessible under the amp rack. (It's the 16" factory spare – not a Lorensen spare)
- Manuals for will be included.
- I have over \$28,000.00 invested in the stereo system alone (receipts to prove it), including 125 hours (\$9,375.00) of custom installation time. There was also 5 hours of custom tuning (to the tune of \$1,000.00) invested in the system.
- The system took almost 3 weeks of installation time (the outcome was more than worth the wait!)

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The Car

The car is a 1994 Mercedes SL500 with both tops (black soft top and silver hard top) It has the 300 horsepower V8 motor, and the typical options for a Mercedes (leather, power everything, etc).

The car is not perfect, but is really nice for the year. See the pictures for all the details. Original list for this car was around \$85,000.00 in 1994. Kelly Blue Book indicates the car to be around \$10k in perfect condition.

I truly do not want to sell this awesome piece of German engineering, but I am in need of a 4-door sedan.

I took this car on a 4000 mile cross country driving trip and had absolutely NO problems with the car or the stereo. It was an awesome trip! I topped the car out at 120 MPH on an open road through Arizona. This car will GO!

I have owned the vehicle for 5 ½ years.

The GOOD:

- Exceptionally clean interior and exterior.
- Approx 10k miles a year – current mileage is 160,xxx.
- Fresh oil change – always maintained at a German Import specialty shop in Huntington Beach, CA since I have owned it.
- Dark tinted side windows and rear windows on the soft top. The soft top windows are new and were professional sewn in and look great. They are 2-ply plastic with the window tint in between the layers. I would never recommend replacing the soft-top unless you absolutely have to – there are always fitment issues (learned from experience with a Boxster top). With changing out just the windows, you get the look of a newer top.
- Replaced the front grill with a new CLK-style one. Please see pics – it really updated the car and looks great! (I will include the original grill if you want it)
- Current records and books since I have owned the car. I have the original factory leather bound owner's manual and the original 1994 Mercedes SL sales brochure (VERY hard to find). See pictures.
- I have added a few tactful upgrades – the computer has been chipped, chrome AMG rings around the gauges, chrome AMG ring around the shifter, and fully integrated high-end competition audio/video system (see below), blue-lit “Mercedes” sill plates, an AMG wood shift handle, and clear corner lamps.
- The hard top is in very nice shape – I have had it on maybe 4 times. I have a cover and a roll around storage carrier for it. It includes a heated rear window. The hard top is currently on the vehicle.
- 17” Silver (NOT chrome) TRUE Lorensen wheels – in nice shape, but not perfect. Could be easily re-finished and be perfect.
- Flies through CA smog with NO problems at all. The CA plates are due in November, so I had it smogged and renewed the CA plates. If you are buying in CA, you will not have to renew the plates until 11/2010 (you WILL have to register the car in your name).
- This is a non-smoking car.
- Includes the wind-breaker that attaches to the roll bar to keep the wind buffeted.
- Model designation delete option. (no SL500 on rear – can be purchased on eBay if you want it)
- Top works as it should.
- Lo-Jack Vehicle Recovery System was professionally installed. This will be transferred to the new owner. (Allows the police to track the car if it is stolen – also qualifies for an insurance discount with some companies)
- Clean Car Fax – no damage reported, etc.
- I have just purchased a new, complete set of cross-drilled/slotted brake rotors, brake pads, brake pad sensors, and stainless steel brake lines. These items will come with the car, but have NOT been installed. I have not had time to install them nor take it to my mechanic to have installed.
- Tires have approx. 4k miles on them and are in great shape.

- There are 4 keys total, but only 2 Alpine alarm key-fobs. More can be purchased on eBay and programmed easily at any automotive stereo shop. The factory alarm was disabled when the stereo and Alpine alarm was installed (see below).
- Includes the factory Mercedes WIZ software (on DVD) that you see advertised on eBay – these are the factory repair manuals with tons of great information and drawings.

The Not-So-Good:

- Some minor marks on the exterior – scratches, rock chips, etc.
- Front air dam needs to be re-painted. I wasn't too concerned as I was planning on replacing it with the AMG unit.
- Driver's seat is showing the typical wear for a 15 year old vehicle and has some minor tears on the outer bolster.
- There are 2 lights lit on the dash. The ASR and the ABS lights. I asked my mechanic about these and he stated that the ASR light is indicating the traction control is not working properly and the ABS light indicates the ABS system is not working properly (the brakes work perfectly, this is just the anti-locking system). Since neither of these affect the performance of the car, I have chosen not to spend the funds on having them repaired. NOTE – I removed the bulbs from the dash as I was tired of seeing them lit (I will include the bulbs so you can replace them if you so desire). The systems have NOT been repaired. There is a picture included with the lights lit prior to me removing the bulbs.
- The engine compartment pad (underside of hood) is peeling away.
- The air conditioning does not work. I have had it looked at by my mechanic and they have determined it needs a new condenser. This part is new on eBay for \$300. Not sure about labor to put it in. I never worried about it as I always have the top down.
- I have noticed a small amount of hydraulic fluid leaking from the front windshield header panel. From what I have checked out on the forums, it is the top latches/switches and the cylinders that are controlled hydraulically. I have not had an estimate on having this repaired as of yet – it just started. The top still latches securely without incident.
- With a little TLC, this car could be a show stopper and an awesome sound quality competition vehicle!

If you are local, I recommend reviewing the vehicle in person. CAR IS BEING SOLD AS-IS, WHERE-IS. There is NO warranty expressed or implied. I have attempted to describe the car in as much detail as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any further questions. DO NOT bid if you do not plan on following through with the sale. Any dead-beat bidders will be reported to eBay. Your bid is a binding contract. \$500.00 is due within 48 hours of auction close via PayPal with the remaining to be paid on an agreed method between seller and buyer. Personal checks will be accepted, but car and title will NOT be released until the check clears bank (a wire transfer or cash would be much better and instant). There is NO delivery included in the sale of the vehicle, hence the Buyer will be responsible for pickup of vehicle or scheduling delivery. US BIDDERS ONLY.