



Mercedes-Benz 450SEL 6.9 W116

Description

**** Since 1994 our family business has been specialising in prestige European car sales from our indoor warehouse in Sydney ****

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1978 Mercedes-Benz 450SEL 6.9 – Australian Delivered

208,000 kilometres | Matching Numbers | Full History | Exceptional Condition | \$52,950

A truly exceptional example of one of the most important high-performance luxury saloons ever produced – the legendary Mercedes-Benz 450SEL 6.9.

Australian delivered from new and finished in beautiful 737 Classic White with Parchment velour interior, this 1978 450SEL 6.9 presents in extraordinary condition and is accompanied by an extensive documented history from new.

Built at Mercedes-Benz's Sindelfingen factory in August 1978 to 1979 specification, it was first registered on 17 November 1978 through BEA Motors in Adelaide, South Australia.

It has travelled approximately 208,000 kilometres from new, fully documented, and has remained in its current ownership since 2007.

Most importantly, this is a matching-numbers 450SEL 6.9, retaining its original mighty 6.9-litre M100 V8 engine.

The Legendary 6.9

The 450SEL 6.9 was no ordinary W116 S-Class.

At its heart is Mercedes-Benz's magnificent 6.9-litre M100 V8, an engine descended from the unit used in the extraordinary Mercedes-Benz 600. Combined with the long-wheelbase W116 body and sophisticated self-levelling hydro-pneumatic suspension, the 6.9 became one of the world's fastest and most technically advanced four-door cars of its era.

Today, genuine 450SEL 6.9s occupy a very special position amongst collectible Mercedes-Benz models.

Finding an Australian-delivered example is desirable. Finding one with matching numbers, fully documented kilometres, history from new and this level of presentation is considerably more difficult.

Extraordinary History & Documentation

This car comes with a remarkable historical file including:

- All original books

- Service history from new

- Invoices from new

- Original and spare keys

- Extensive factory technical specification documentation

- Factory repair manual documentation

- Fully documented kilometres

- Long-term ownership since 2007

The accompanying records state that the car has never been involved in an accident, is structurally very sound and rust-free, and retains a straight body. It received a closed-door repaint by a previous owner.

More recently, the 6.9 received a mechanical refresh in February 2026 by MBSpares and Service.

Impressive Factory Specification

The original factory-option information confirms an unusually comprehensive specification:

- 410 – Electric sliding sunroof
- 452 – Two-tone horn
- 503 – Left-hand exterior rear-view mirror
- 524 – Factory shipping paint preservation
- 601 – Factory-supplied limited-slip differential oil
- 613 – Headlamps configured for keep-left traffic/right-hand drive
- 625 – Australian-market version
- 640 – Five factory 14-inch Fuchs alloy wheels
- 668 – Pre-fuelled at the factory
- 677 – Tropical-specification battery for Australia
- 809 – Built to 1979 specification
- 870 – Electrically heated driver's seat
- 871 – Electrically heated front passenger seat
- 872 – Electrically heated rear bench seat

The combination of factory heated front and rear seats is particularly unusual on an Australian-delivered W116 and adds considerably to the interest of this particular car.

Beautifully Preserved & Carefully Refreshed

The 905 Parchment velour upholstery and carpeting were completely renewed in 2024 to the original factory specification and are described as being as-new and unmarked.

The car sits correctly on its OEM Fuchs “Bundt” alloy wheels, fitted with near-new Michelin XWX 215/70 VR14 tyres and factory stainless-steel valves.

Importantly for any 6.9 buyer, its sophisticated hydro-pneumatic suspension has been overhauled, including fitment of new Febi accumulators.

Remarkably, the car also retains a set of the extremely rare factory-original emergency suspension rubber blocks.

Further original equipment includes:

Original Becker Mexico cassette stereo

Original speakers

Original Hirschmann electrically retracting antenna

Factory first-aid kit, still unopened and located on the rear parcel shelf

Factory electric sunroof

Heated front seats

Heated rear seat

Five factory Fuchs alloy wheels

Original and spare keys

Matching-numbers 6.9-litre M100 V8

The documentation records chassis number 116036 22 004811 together with its matching engine.

An Outstanding Australian-Delivered 6.9

This is exactly the sort of 450SEL 6.9 that serious enthusiasts search for.

It combines Australian delivery, matching numbers, fully documented mileage, extensive history from new, long-term ownership, desirable factory options and exceptional presentation.

Finished in timeless Classic White over its beautiful Parchment velour cabin, the car presents virtually as new and gives every indication that considerable care and expense have been devoted to preserving one of Mercedes-Benz’s greatest flagship motor cars.

The 450SEL 6.9 has long been regarded as one of the defining Mercedes-Benz models of the 1970s – discreet in appearance, extraordinarily sophisticated underneath and powered by one of the marque's most celebrated V8 engines.

At \$52,950, this represents a rare opportunity to acquire a beautifully presented and unusually well-documented Australian-delivered example of the legendary Mercedes-Benz 450SEL 6.9.

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Australian Delivered
6.9-Litre M100 V8 – Matching Numbers
208,000 kilometres – Fully Documented
Classic White / Parchment Velour
Full History from New
Factory Electric Sunroof
Factory Heated Front & Rear Seats

\$52,950- we are extremely thorough about the sort of cars we buy and go over them with a fine- tooth comb.

– this car will be mechanically checked over and receive a NSW roadworthy permit

– we are so excited to show you this fine example and look forward to meeting you in person one day soon

**** 12 MONTH EXTENDED WARRANTY INCLUDED ON ALL VEHICLES – SINCE 1994 *****

- * Since 1994 we have been considered “the niche car dealer” in Sydney
- * winner of 2020 Local Business Awards in the most outstanding automotive category
- * a near perfect Google Review rating
- * finalist in 2021 AND 2022 for the Australian Small Business Champions award
- * 2014 featured on Discovery Channel “Wheeler Dealers – Trading Up”
- * Platinum Sponsor and long time member of the Mercedes Benz Car Club

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- * very passionate expert staff have over 27 years of experience
- * over 6,500 prestige motor vehicles sold here in Sydney
- * MTA Members for over 25 years
- * we are our proud Platinum sponsors of the Mercedes Benz Car Club NSW
- * every car is checked for roadworthy items, PPSR certificates provided and Takata air bag recalls checked on every car.
- * Each car has a narrated 4-6 minute high definition video on our own web site.
- * We have a mechanic personally inspect every car that we have for sale
- * Finance with extremely competitive rates and are able to finance much older cars.
- * Interstate transport can be arranged easily
- * Car history reports are available upon request
- * We don't buy our cars from auction houses
- * Extended warranties are available from an excellent company
- * Our main aim is to form an ongoing relationship with you for many years
- * We're also an agent for the NSW Roads and Maritime Services so transfer of registration etc can be done at our office.

Please contact us for a very personal experience and as always a great deal on price.

Make:	Mercedes-Benz	Model:	450SEL
Derivative:	6.9	Stocknumber:	7866
Series:	W116	Registration:	YRR25Z
Vin:	11603622004811	Year:	1978
Kilometres:	207091	Body:	Sedan
Colour:	White	Engine:	6835
Transmission:	Automatic	Fuel:	Petrol
Cylinders:	8	Doors:	4
Interiorcolour:	Cream velour		