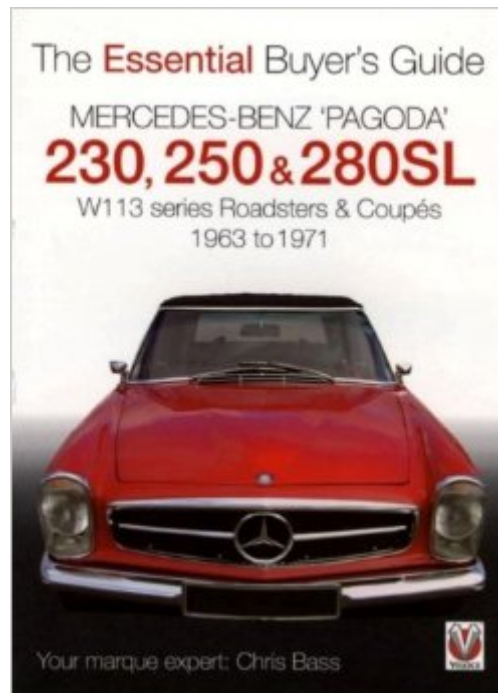


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# Mercedes Benz 'Pagoda' 230, 250 & 280SL: The Essential Buyer's Guide



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The 113 'Pagoda' models are growing in popularity and value making all books on the subject more important than ever. Books dedicated to the 113 aren't available in large numbers and so far, this is the only model-specific 'guide' extant. Unfortunately it is a book from the UK, a place where a good number of these cars have dissolved like Alka Seltzer tablet due to rust. This is the main focus of the book, though important, not the least of what you should know about an SL. Yes, there is more than rust prone areas discussed here but not much more. This is a small book and alot has been left out. There are Mercedes Benz buyers guides out there and most have tons more info on the 113. Also the excellent 'Original Mercedes SL' is a great book for the buyer-to-be even though it also covers the 190 and 300 SL's it is still, the best book on these cars and the only one that is detailed enough to discuss things like color codes. That book is out of print and getting expensive

but in this case, 'original SL' is worth it and 'Mercedes Benz Pagoda' is not.

Perfunctory and extremely superficial book that could be written about almost any vehicle and provides very little specific knowledge to a potential purchaser of the Mercedes sl-class. It misses the most major points a potential purchaser should examine, is slim on proprietary info relevant to the car, and needs more SL facts, and is basically a photo book that could instead be marketed to 16 year olds with generalized advice on how to buy a used car. If you are serious about buying a Pagoda, skip this book completely. It doesn't even rank well as a photo book vs others available. A 10 minute Google search will provide you much more buying information than this book ever could. Don't waste your money.

After I received this book I realized I had seen others in the series in the past and was disappointed. If you have never engaged in classic cars and are just beginning , then this series may be for you. It covers the full range of items one should consider and should be valuable to the beginner. For more experienced collectors, this will be a disappointment as only the most elementary info is given. I was considering a MB 280 sl when I bought it but found small help in this volume.

Excellent small guide for those who want to know more about these Pagoda classic Benzes. The author has covered all aspects and mechanical issues of concern.

Knowledge is power. This little book will make you a better Pagoda buyer and might even save you money in the long run.

Very practical and helpful!

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