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Koenig Specials and AMG offer up two flavours of the crazy 90s Mercedes

LeadRM Sotheby's London 2021 auction on November 5th presents a chance to sample two takes on a manic Mercedes from before the AMG merger.





Fans of German muscle cars will want to mark November 5th on their calendar, because at RM Sotheby's London 2021 auction you'll have a chance at taking home two of the craziest Benzes from the 90s. Let's start with arguably the more familiar of the two, this 1992 Mercedes-Benz 300 CE 3.4 AMG 'Brabus Widebody'. Like a demented game of pass the parcel, this Merc started out life as a 300 CE before being handed to AMG for extra power and aggression. Just 25 examples of these cars were ever made, and this one was delivered new to Germany, and then spent 13 years on the salt-free roads of Japan before being imported back to the UK in 2015. The 3.4-litre AMG-tuned naturally aspirated inline-six pushed out a respectable 268 horsepower and represented a worthwhile improvement over the standard car. However, the car was then handed to Brabus who took care of adding even more Uberholprestige with what's believed to be a one-off 'Widebody' treatment. A custom exhausts, Brabus badging, and and 18-inch split-rim alloys were thrown on for good measure, creating one mean looking Autobahn cruiser. With just over 100,000 kilometres on the odometer, this big bad Benz is barely broken





The second, even angrier Merc going under the microscope is this 1990 Mercedes-Benz 560 SEC by Koenig Specials. Koenig Specials certainly weren't messing about when they got ahold of this land missile, whacking a rare and rowdy Alberx supercharger atop the 5.5-Litre M117 V8, resulting in 400 pissed-off German horses. Clearly their work didn't end there, with Koenig Specials adding their "Version II" bodykit and staggered 17-inch OZ Racing split-rims. Like the 300 CE above, this 560 SEC has been fortunate to spend most of its life on unsalted Japanese roads, only being imported into the UK in 2014. As if this widebody Merc's excellence was in doubt, it went on to secure it's spot among other 90s icons when it won the "Young Timers" Class Winner at 2021 London Concours. So, if you're a fan of boxy luxury cars with a healthy amount of horsepower, then you can't go wrong with either of these wild Mercedes.

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