



1977 Mercedes-Benz **230.4**

Some Interesting Facts...

- 1 The Mercedes-Benz 230/4 (W115) was a facelifted New Generation model from 1973. The W114/115 New Generation models, replacements of the Fintails, introduced the era of high production volumes (1.9 million cars were built in nine years from 1967 to 1976). They also absorbed the impact of the new American safety and emissions regulations and saw the diesel engine accepted into the luxury market, with over 50% of production being diesel.
- 2 Bruno Sacco was the stylist, continuing the S-Class theme of square rigged contours and a low belt line. The New Generation cars were slightly shorter, narrower and lower than the Fintails and had an interior nearly up to S-Class standards. They all had the same body style with many different petrol and diesel engines.
- 3 The M115 engine, overbored for the 230/4, was a 2,277 cc Inline 4-cylinder OHC with a Single Stromberg 175 CDT carburettor. Maximum power of 110 bhp at 4,800 rpm and torque of 137 lb/ft at 2,500 rpm, giving a top speed of 106 mph. Radial tyres and servo-assisted ventilated all-disc type brakes improved handling and stability. (The /4 was used to differentiate from the 230 6-cylinder engine.)
- 4 This car came into the O'Flaherty Classic Car Collection in 1980 from the late Denis Connolly, the then production manager of the Naas Road car production facility, who had used it as personal transport for the previous 3 years. It was the last Mercedes-Benz car produced at the Motor Distributors Ltd. assembly plant.
- 5 This 230/4 has been stored indoors since 1980. It has a total recorded mileage of 33,000 and is in completely original condition and free of body rust. The car's totally rust free condition is almost unknown for Mercedes-Benz cars built prior to 1976. The successor W123 model series introduced a paint process, where the car body shell was completely submerged in a bath of paint primer, which eliminated the earlier rust problems.