



1935 MERCEDES-BENZ 200

Some Interesting Facts...

- 1 The Mercedes-Benz 200, works number W 21, was produced by Daimler-Benz in Sindelfingen, Germany between the years 1933 and 1936 in 12 different body styles. These included saloon, open tourer, cabriolet, landaulet and pullman limousine. The standard-wheelbase model sold 9,281 cars and the long-wheelbase model sold 6,341 cars.
- 2 The W 21 was Hans Nibel's first complete redesigned model after replacing Ferdinand Porsche in 1929 as Technical Director. Hans had previously worked on Porsche's W 02 to improve quality issues and that car was marketed as the Mercedes-Benz 8/38 Typ 200 "Stuttgart" between 1929 and 1933.
- 3 Mercedes-Benz cars were assembled in Ireland by McLysaght and Douglas in South King Street, Dublin, in small numbers, between 1935 and 1939. This particular car was first registered in the name of James G. Douglas of 18 Wexford Street, Dublin in September 1935. It passed into the ownership of Dr P.D. Sullivan of Harrington Street, Dublin in June 1936 and then into the ownership of Dr D.L. Kelly of 52 Grosvenor Road, Dublin.
- 4 In the 1980s it came into the hands of Jimmy Foyle of Piltown Co. Kilkenny, a well-known vintage car collector. After the passing of Jimmy Foyle in November 1991, it was purchased from Jimmy's widow by Motor Distributors Ltd.
- 5 The car then underwent a restoration programme at Europa Cars Blackrock which included a bare-metal re-spray and a complete engine overhaul.
- 6 The ignition system is 6V. The petrol is gravity fed from a front-mounted petrol tank to an updraft Solex carburettor then to the in line 6-cylinder side valve petrol engine with a cubic capacity of 1,961 cc that develops 39 hp at 3,200 rpm. Power is transferred to the rear wheels through a four-speed manual transmission. Top speed is stated to be 61 mph and the fuel consumption is 20-23 mpg. The brakes are operated on all four wheels via a hydraulic linkage.