

1973 Mercedes-Benz 280SE 4.5

4dr Sedan • 8-cyl. 4520cc/230hp Bosch FI

#1 Concours condition

\$41,100

▼ -9.3%

#2 Excellent condition

\$27,000

▼ -22%

#3 Good condition

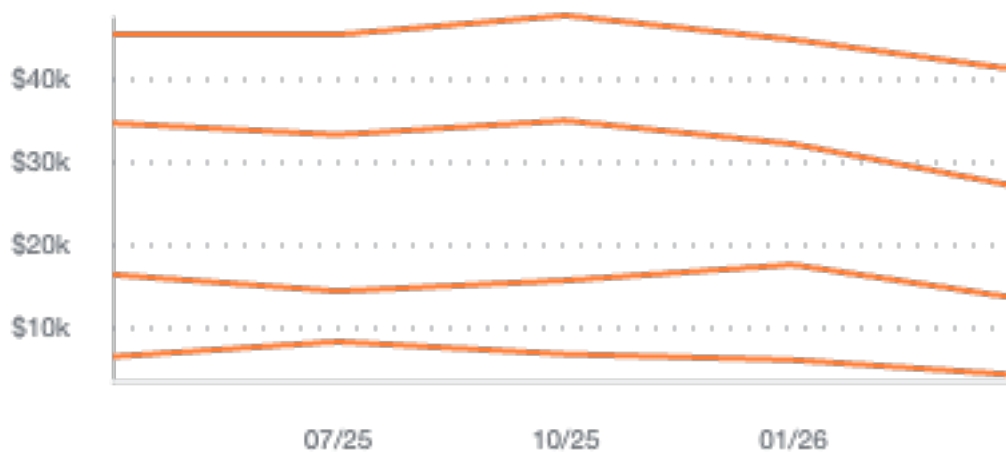
\$13,500*

▼ -17.2%

#4 Fair condition

\$4,200

▼ -34.4%



NOTE: The chart displays price changes for the last year.

Value adjustments

+10%
for sunroof

Model description

Mercedes-Benz model nomenclature in the 1960s is difficult to follow once the tailfins disappear. The W108 and W109 family of sedans can mostly be recognized by the grille and front fenders from the 1961 W111 design, with cathedral headlights in the European versions, which were replaced by vertically stacked 5-inch lights in the U.S.

Mercedes-Benz's 250 series replaced the 220 and 230 six-cylinder models, and served as the company's sensible sedan, with subdued design, leatherette interior, durable construction, and decent performance.

The rear fins went away in 1965, and the new body was longer and lower. A new 2.5-liter 7-main bearing, 128-hp, six-cylinder engine appeared in the 250S and 250SE sedans and was replaced in 1968 by the 2.8-liter variation which generated 180 hp. The 280S, 280SE and 280SEL – "E" is the extended wheelbase version – all have Bosch fuel injection and gained four-wheel disc brakes. The hood and grille were lower by a couple of inches for 1969 giving the car a more modern appearance.

A series of handsome W111 280SE coupes and convertibles were made in parallel, with the same engine advances and a 3.5-liter V-8 were available from 1969 to 1971. Well maintained SE convertibles are prized possessions today and command strong prices. The ultimate version of this series is the 6.3-liter 300SEL, which offered the 250-hp, hand-built V-8 from the 600 and 600 Pullman. Capable of eclipsing 140 mph they are one the most sophisticated cars of the era, and can be correspondingly complex to keep in good running order.

Body styles

4dr Sedan

Engine types

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1959-1972 Mercedes-Benz W108, W109 & W111 stats

Highest sale	Lowest sale	Most recent sale	Sales
\$105,113	\$2,800	\$19,425	55

Vehicle's condition classification

#1. Concours

#1 vehicles are the best in the world. Imagine the best vehicle, in the right colors, driving onto the lawn at the finest concours. Perfectly clean, the vehicle has been groomed down to the tire treads. Painted and chromed surfaces are mirror-like. Dust and dirt are banned, and materials used are correct and superbly fitted.

#2. Excellent

#2 vehicles could win a local or regional show. They might even be former #1 vehicles that have been driven or have aged. Seasoned observers will have to look closely for flaws but will be able to find some. The paint, chrome, glass and finishes will all appear as excellent. The vehicle drives as a new vehicle of its era would

#3. Good

#3 vehicles drive and run well but are not used for daily transportation. The casual passerby will not find any visual flaws, but these vehicles might have some incorrect parts. #3 vehicles could possess some, but not all, of the issues of a #4 vehicle, but they will be balanced by other factors such as fresh paint or a new, correct interior.

#4. Fair

#4 vehicles are daily drivers, with flaws visible to the naked eye. The chrome might have pitting, the windshield might be chipped and perhaps the body has a minor dent. Imperfect paintwork, split seams or a cracked dash might be present. No major parts are missing, but there might be non-stock additions. A #4 vehicle can also be a deteriorated restoration.

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