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Your valuation report for a:

1971 Mercedes-Benz 280SL

Body Type: Roadster Engine Specification: 6-cyl. 2778cc/180hp FI

Your annual Hagerty Insurance amount would be:

\$536/year*

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Welcome to Hagerty Price Guide, the most accurate, up-to-date, and relevant price guide for those involved in the post-war classic car marketplace. Hagerty Price Guide was originally published under the name of Cars That Matter in August of 2006, and was later renamed Hagerty's Cars That Matter in September of 2008. Currently, Hagerty Price Guide is published three times a year, and it has quickly become an authoritative and respected resource for valuing classic, collectible, and historic vehicles.

Model History

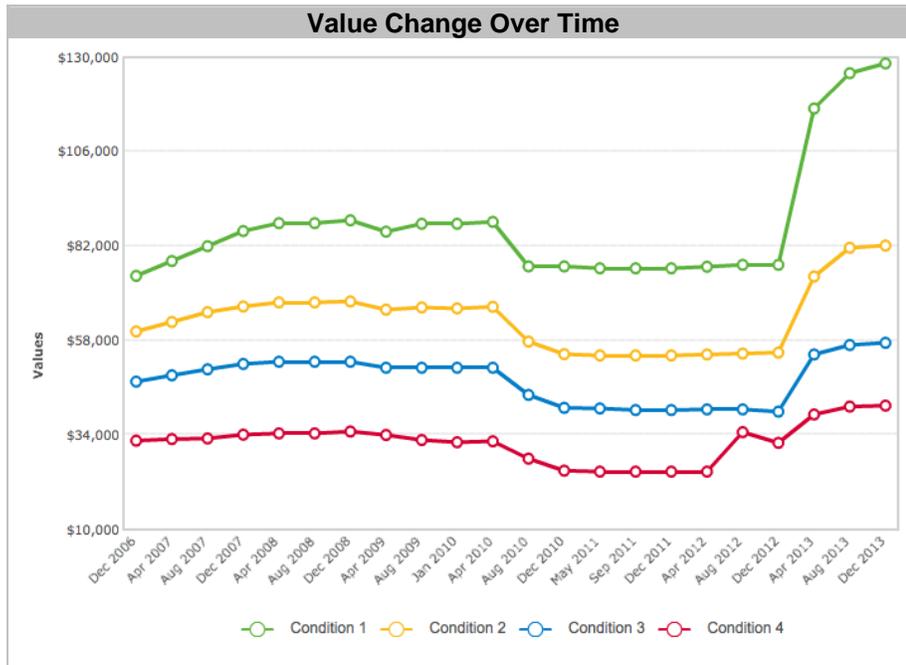


Specifications:

- 6-cyl. 2778cc/180hp FI
- Length 169 in.
- Curb weight 2,998 lbs.
- Wheelbase 94.5 in.

The original SL roadster series – the 230SL, 250SL and 280SL – rode on Mercedes-Benz' W113 monocoque chassis and wore a detachable hard top with a unique design that resembled a Japanese pagoda, earning the series its "pagoda top" epithet. A 2.8L straight-six delivered a healthy 170hp for the flagship 280SL, which became the sole representative of the pagoda series shortly following its December 1967 introduction. Most 280s in the U.S. were automatics, with a few four-speed manuals, but the elusive ZF5 five-speed is very rare and highly valuable today. For 1972, a 4.5L V-8 replaced the 2.8L six-cylinder in U.S. 280s, which now rode on a longer, heavier R107 chassis along with a fresh body style and new name: 350SL (450SL after 1973). The six-cylinder 280SL lived on, but only in Europe, with just a few making their way back to the U.S. Although not known for the agile handling or high performance that Americans had come to know from sports cars such as the Corvette, SLs were considered one of the most comfortable and "civilized" sports cars on the market.

Vehicle Values*



Value Change Over Time

This graph provides a visual representation of how the values for this vehicle have changed since Hagerty Price Guide first began publishing details for it. Prices assume that the car is a “no-stories” example and that no major modifications to the vehicle are present.

Vehicle Value Detail

Date	Condition 4	Condition 3	Condition 2	Condition 1	Notes/Buzz
Dec-13	\$41,500	\$57,500	\$82,200	\$128,500	+\$4,500 for hard top. +10% for 4-spd. +17% for ZF 5-spd. +15% for a/c.
Aug-13	\$41,300	\$56,900	\$81,600	\$126,000	
Apr-13	\$39,300	\$54,500	\$74,300	\$117,000	
Dec-12	\$32,100	\$40,000	\$55,000	\$77,300	
Aug-12	\$34,800	\$40,600	\$54,800	\$77,300	
Apr-12	\$24,800	\$40,600	\$54,500	\$76,800	
Dec-11	\$24,800	\$40,400	\$54,300	\$76,400	
Sep-11	\$24,800	\$40,400	\$54,300	\$76,400	
May-11	\$24,800	\$40,800	\$54,300	\$76,400	
Dec-10	\$25,000	\$41,000	\$54,600	\$76,900	
Aug-10	\$28,100	\$44,300	\$57,800	\$76,900	
Apr-10	\$32,500	\$51,200	\$66,600	\$88,200	
Jan-10	\$32,200	\$51,200	\$66,200	\$87,700	
Aug-09	\$32,800	\$51,200	\$66,500	\$87,700	
Apr-09	\$34,100	\$51,200	\$65,900	\$85,700	
Dec-08	\$35,000	\$52,700	\$68,000	\$88,600	
Aug-08	\$34,500	\$52,700	\$67,800	\$87,900	
Apr-08	\$34,500	\$52,700	\$67,800	\$87,900	
Dec-07	\$34,200	\$52,100	\$66,700	\$85,900	
Aug-07	\$33,200	\$50,800	\$65,300	\$82,000	
Apr-07	\$33,000	\$49,200	\$62,800	\$78,300	
Dec-06	\$32,600	\$47,600	\$60,400	\$74,500	

Vehicle Value Detail

The Vehicle Value Detail table enumerates all four condition values for this vehicle since Hagerty Price Guide first began publishing details for it. Prices assume that the car is a “no-stories” example and that no major modifications to the vehicle are present. Review possible equipment that may impact this vehicle’s value under the “Notes/Buzz” heading.

*Please note: All prices shown here are based on various data sources, as detailed in About Our Prices. For all Hagerty Insurance clients: The values shown do not imply coverage in this amount. In the event of a claim, the guaranteed value(s) on your policy declarations page is the amount your

vehicle(s) is covered for, even if the value displayed here is different. If you would like to discuss your Hagerty Insurance policy, please call us at 877-922-9701.

Vehicle Condition Ratings:

Condition 1:

Condition #1 vehicles are the best in the world. The visual image is of the best car, in the right colors, driving onto the lawn at the finest concours. Perfectly clean, the car 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. The one word description for #1 cars is "concours."

Condition 2:

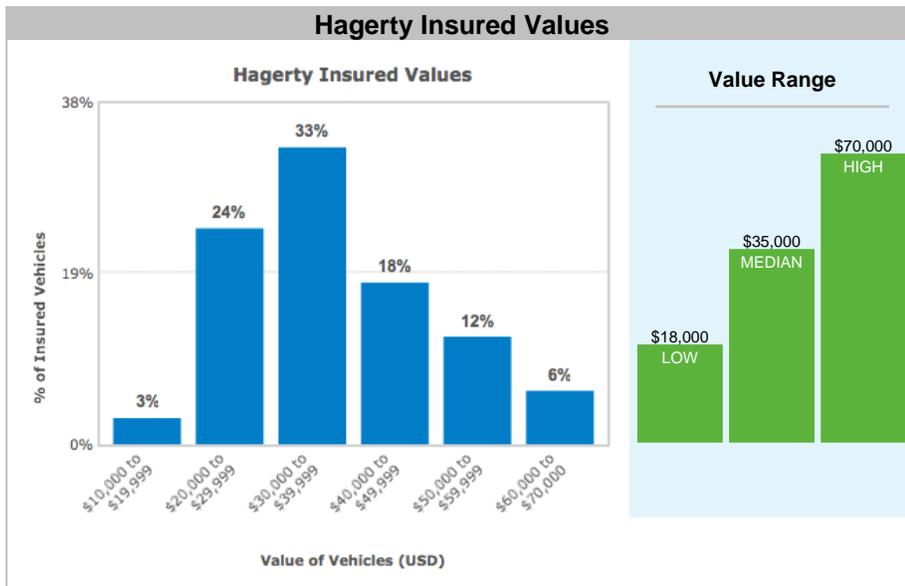
#2 cars could win a local or regional show. They can be former #1 cars that have been driven or have aged. Seasoned observers will have to look closely for flaws, but will be able to find some not seen by the general public. The paint, chrome, glass and interior will all appear as excellent. No excessive smoke will be seen on startup, no unusual noises will emanate from the engine compartment. The vehicle will drive as a new car of its era would. The one word description for #2 cars is "excellent."

Condition 3:

#3 cars could possess some, but not all of the issues of a #4 car, but they will be balanced by other factors such as a fresh paint job or a new, correct interior. #3 cars drive and run well, but might have some incorrect parts. These cars are not used for daily transportation but are ready for a long tour without excuses, and the casual passerby will not find any visual flaws. "Good" is the one word description of a #3 car.

Condition 4:

#4 cars are daily drivers, with flaws visible to the naked eye. The chrome might have pitting or scratches, the windshield might be chipped. Paintwork is imperfect, and perhaps the fender has a minor dent. The interior could have split seams or a cracked dash. No major parts are missing, but the wheels could differ from the originals, or the interior might not be stock. A #4 car can also be a deteriorated restoration. "Fair" is the one word that describes a #4 car.



Hagerty Insured Values

Hagerty is the world's leading provider of collector car insurance. We've pored through our extensive database to provide a glimpse at the highest, lowest and median insured value for your collector car. Of course, every car is unique, but this range provides an idea of what can be expected in the market today. Please note that in some cases, insured values may differ from price guide values. Often, higher values are accounted for by factors unique to the individual example such as low or high serial numbers, extreme low mileage or complete originality combined with a high state of preservation. The current market places a premium on such unrestored original cars.

Vehicle Identification Number

1	1	3	0	4	4	2	2	0	1	8	5	0	6
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14

VIN Details:

- 1-3 – [Model] - *280SL*
- 4-6 – [Body Style] - *Roadster*
- 7 – [Drive Type: RHD]
- 8 – [Transmission: Automatic]
- 9-14– [Serial Number]

A vehicle identification number, or VIN, can reveal a lot about a car: manufacturer, model, build date, plant of origin, body type, and even engine in many cases. But standardization wasn't introduced to VINs globally until 1981, and early vehicles' VINs were composed of nothing more than a serial number. Over time more information has been introduced to VINs, but what information is carried in a VIN is largely left to the discretion of the manufacturer. Because of the variance in VIN structures prior to 1981, there are few comprehensive VIN decoders in use today for the majority of collector cars, and many decoders focus solely on a single brand or nameplate. In an effort to better understand all the information that is embedded in a vehicle's VIN number, regardless of the year that vehicle was manufactured, Hagerty has developed a collector car VIN decoder that grows in coverage on a daily basis. Today Hagerty's VIN decoder covers more than 22,100 vehicles from 1945 to present. Hagerty's collector car VIN decoder can be a valuable resource when buying a car because it indicates details about how a vehicle was originally constructed. Differences between a car's original and current configuration can have a tremendous impact on value, and those differences should be disclosed by a seller when they are known. Utilize the Hagerty VIN Decoder to better understand cars you are considering buying, and see if you know the whole story.

FOR SALE

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Body Type: Roadster Engine Specification: 6-cyl. 2778cc/180hp FI

VIN:

Notes:

Odometer:

Contact Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

Price:

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