



Mercedes Benz

GE 200

1989



A photograph of a Mercedes-Benz G-Class vehicle, likely a G-Wagen, driving on a sandy dune. The vehicle is shown from a low angle, with its front end and wheels visible as it moves across the sand. The background is a clear, light blue sky.

The Mercedes G-Class was born in 1977

However, the first studies go back as far as 1972, when Mercedes Benz and Steyr Daimler puch joined forces in a consortium to produce an off-road vehicle.

Hence the name of the future model: G, for Geländewagen, meaning off-road car.

After years of development and testing under the most extreme conditions and in the most remote places on earth, the German off-roader was ready to hit the market.

It was immediately decided to start production in Austria, at Steyr Daimler Puch, as the brand was already dedicated to off-road production and therefore had more suitable production lines than the Stuttgart-based company.

Two features that were decided on during the development phase are still present in the current production of the G-Class today: a short wheelbase model, a long wheelbase model and two available body styles: Torpedo cabriolet and closed station wagon.

The Mercedes G-Class is still in production and is now in its fifth generation.

**The car I am proposing is part of the first series: called the w460.
The GE 200, i.e. the G-Class with a 2-litre engine, was a specific model created for the Italian market, in order to circumvent the heavy VAT that was levied on cars over 2 litres at the time.**

This was necessary because the base engine of the G-Class was a 2.3-litre and made it very difficult to sell on the Italian market.

This example was registered on 04/01/1989 and like all the cars I offer has a very clear history.

It was bought by a count at the Mercedes Benz branch in Bologna who used it on his country estate.

It was later donated to a company in the Bologna area that, after a few years of little use, sold it to a private individual who used it very little.

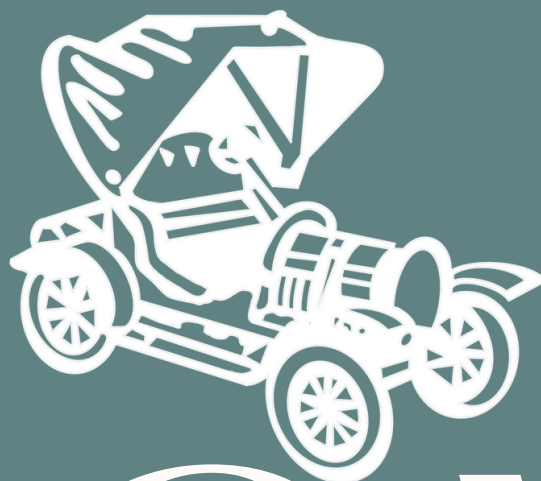
The current owner, after buying it, subjected the car to a manic complete restoration, restoring it to superb condition.

I believe that of the 850 examples produced, it is certainly one of the most beautiful to date.

Above all, it is a car that has lived a 'quiet life', mostly on country roads but certainly not extreme off-road use.

It is just waiting for an owner who knows how to love this wonderful, Teutonic German off-roader.





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