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Investing in Historic Cars

Introducing the HAGI®

Classic Car Indices

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1956, Mercedes-Benz 300SL coupé, in a wonderful photo by US photographer John Marian. The lightweight aluminium doors are opening upwards giving the car its distinctive “gullwing” look. This construction was necessary because sections of the tubular frame on the side of the car prevented the use of more traditional doors. Although not intended as such, the gullwing doors contributed to making the car commercially very successful, especially in America. It is also an instantly recognisable and attractive collectors’ automobile today. The reason for the relatively low price (example transaction for a similar 300SL in 2010: £506,000¹) is that 1,400 units were produced, most of which have survived until today.

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