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Frankfurt / Pleidelsheim Founded almost 16 years ago by Frank Rickert, today **Mechatronik GmbH** sets standards in the trading and restoration of classic cars of the Mercedes Benz marque. The Pleidelsheim-based company has readied itself to face the challenges and tasks of the future and occupies a unique position within the sector. **Mechatronik Trade, Mechatronik Classic and Mechatronik Engineering** are the three subsidiaries grouped beneath the umbrella of **Mechatronik GmbH**.

Mechatronik aims to provide a one-stop solution, be it vehicle trading, restoration, technical maintenance and servicing, repairs or even the fitting of modern technology into the classic cars with the star.

Mechatronik Trade is dedicated to trade in vehicles, in which it enjoys an outstanding international reputation. Trust, reliability and transparency are the pillars of the Mechatronik Trade philosophy. Mercedes-Benz classics are inspected with full transparency for the customer, according to specified criteria and standards unique in the market. Particular focus here is set upon safety features such as brakes, steering, engine and gears on the one hand, and originality on the other. Only after this has been satisfied, the vehicles are labelled with the Mechatronik quality seal – offering guaranteed driving enjoyment and value retention. “Quality vehicle trading will continue to gain in significance, classic cars have become key investments in recent years,” says Frank Rickert, the owner of Mechatronik. “With Mechatronik Trade we are in an ideal position, our customers appreciate our understanding of quality.” The Mercedes-Benz classics at Mechatronik Trade range from vehicles dating from 1949 to cars of the 1980s, in other words from vintage classic cars to modern classics.



With perfection and passion, using experience combined with modern restoration technology and techniques, Mechatronik Classic sets its own standards of quality and originality. One key factor in achieving this is the unique range of manufacturing, at Mechatronik Classic the customers truly receive everything at one stop. Whether it is full or partial restoration, maintenance work, accident repairs or technical overhauls, detailed attention to originality goes without saying. The experts at Mechatronik Classic take no compromise, they are dedicated purists: in restoration projects, each vehicle is stripped down to its component parts, cleaned, tested and lovingly restored, using only original or authentic replacement parts – with as many parts as possible reworked instead of being replaced. The result is not just pure driving enjoyment, the value of the classic vehicle is also maintained. “Our aim is to become the best restoration company in the world,” says Rickert, with regard to the future direction of the company. “And the quality of our restorations makes it apparent that we are well on the way to achieving this.” Over the years Mechatronik Classic has assembled a wealth of experience, all aspects of restoration are mastered, with workshops of over 4,000 square metres in size, offering a one-stop solution for all core expertise such as automotive engineering, engine construction, bodywork technology including high-quality chrome work and direct access to a specialist paint operation within the Mechatronik group.

Tradition meets High-Tech: in addition to authentic original restoration, Mechatronik also follows another philosophy with the Mechatronik Engineering part: the individual definition of a classic Mercedes-Benz. Completely invisible from the exterior, Mechatronik Engineering implants the capabilities of modern automotive engineering in Mercedes-Benz classics. The result is known as Mechatronik SL / Mechatronik Coupé, M-SL / M-Coupé for short, and offers ultimate driving enjoyment with a classic car. The immense power within it calls for a precise concept of “new tech restoration“, as well as a driver that knows how to handle and appreciate a vehicle such as this with up to 265 kW/360 hp. “In this niche we have undoubtedly triggered a truly interesting trend, which has grown clearly in the past years,” says Rickert. “Many of our customers would like to drive classic cars but without having to go



without the convenient and safe aspects of modern technology, and we are happy to provide them with this at Mechatronik Engineering.“

The combination is what makes the difference. Modern serial technology in otherwise original Mercedes-Benz classics – and reversable to their original state at any time – this is the new tech restoration from Mechatronik Engineering. Outwardly, it is not apparent that any of the classic cars converted in this way conceal the power and safety of modern Mercedes automotive technology. In their modified form the vehicles offer everything that is state-of the art for modern technology: from V6 and V8 engines to comfortable 5-speed automatic gearboxes, ABS, ASR, electronic fuel injection and a chassis specifically developed to meet the respective requirements.

Meeting modern emission regulations means that on top all modified vehicles also carry the green particle tag. Optimal conditions for truly exclusive driving enjoyment on the one hand and pure understatement on the other.

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