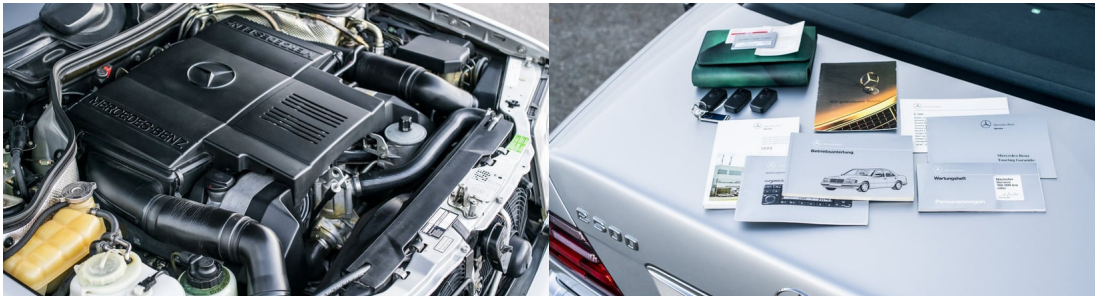


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How would you like your Mercedes-Benz E500? With extra airbrushing, please!

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We've seen our fair share of unique mid-1990s Mercedes-Benz models pass through the Classic Driver Market, but this striking silver E500 Limited from Andreas Wüest well and truly stopped us in our tracks, and that was before we laid eyes on the interior...



If you were lucky enough to earn a pretty penny or euro back in the 1990s, but, in some ways unlucky that your time was often spent blasting along soulless motorways day in, day out, you had some rather large decisions to make. While some opted for the BMW E34 M5, the more dog-obsessed might have gone for Audi's R52, and those looking for a true brute in a suit would be sprinting to their nearest Mercedes-Benz dealership asking for a shiny new E500. All perfectly viable options, but for us the 500E takes the crown, especially when it looks like this one.

That's because this one isn't just your typical variant of the Porsche-Mercedes-Benz collaboration of the century, this is an E500 Limited. It still boasts the usual M119 5.0-litre V8 engine, good for an even 2024-impressive 326 horsepower, meaning this is one super saloon that still has a sting in its tail.



For those who were looking to take their already outrageous Bähnstormer one step further, the E500 Limited was their ticket to greatness. Despite being practically identical to the standard car, it did take the concept even further. The standard variant oozed road presence like few other cars, thanks to a wider track and lowered suspension, but the Limited variant goes one step further, with suspension tweaks that lowered the ride height further still.



The most interesting upgrade, though, is undoubtedly when you step inside, only to be greeted with an outrageous mix of black leather and contrasting green airbrushed seats. The art continues along the door cards, gear selector and even the carpets. The coolest part? With this example, you can let your friends know how cool it is using the onboard phone, a symbol of 1990s bragging rights.

It's reported less than 10% of the initial 10,479-strong E500 production run were Limited models, making this Swiss-registered [example from Andreas Wüest](#) a true classic of the future!

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