

SLR McLaren

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WHAT THIS CHECKLIST IS, AND WHAT IT IS NOT

This checklist gives an enthusiast the context to follow what is being discussed around an SLR McLaren transaction. It replaces nothing. 2,157 cars from Woking: a carbon monocoque, a supercharged M155 built on the register's most trusted V8 base, and a reputation for running costs that was always more accurate than its reputation for fragility. The mechanics are the calm part. What decides is the carbon structure, the completed alternator recall, the service history in a world where only few operations may work on the car, and the honest pricing of ceramics and SLR-specific parts. Without the specialist verdict on structure and history, do not touch the car.

A · IDENTITY & THE RECORD

- ☐ Identity first: coupe or roadster, 722, 722 S, Stirling Moss or McLaren Edition, per data card.
- ☐ A Black Series story ends the conversation: none exists.
- ☐ Mercedes AND McLaren history read together: the car has two homes.
- ☐ ALTERNATOR_RECALL_COMPLETED verified in the record on every early car.
- ☐ Original carbon parts and wheels confirmed; accident history documented.
- ☐ VIN check for all service measures; every document photographed.

B · POWERTRAIN

- ☐ Cold start filmed: even idle, oil pressure, no smoke.
- ☐ Compressor listened to: bearings, belt drive, boost delivery.
- ☐ Cooling circuit checked through: the fleet's known age chapter.
- ☐ Compression on evidence; oil loss and engine mounts inspected.
- ☐ 722.6: oil history, conductor plate, connector sleeve, converter, adaptations.

C · STRUCTURE, BRAKES & AGE

- ☐ Carbon walk: monocoque, crash structure, underbody, any repair with documentation.
- ☐ Ceramics measured: discs, pads, surfaces, temperature history: the big wear position.
- ☐ Chassis: bearings, dampers, measurement; door dampers by age.
- ☐ Battery and standing time read honestly: the standing-time doctrine applies.
- ☐ Rubber, hoses and mounts assessed by CALENDAR on a twenty-year car.

D · PRICE & INVESTIGATION ITEMS

The mechanics are the calm part: the price sits in the structure, the ceramics, the service world and the paper.

- ☐ Any structural finding: works-competent verdict before any price is discussed.
- ☐ Ceramic discs near limits: quoted, the most expensive wear position of the car.
- ☐ Open alternator recall on an early car: resolved before money moves.
- ☐ The age-item package (bearings, dampers, mounts, hoses, battery): quoted for year one.
- ☐ Scheduled maintenance due: quoted at SLR-centre level, including access labour.
- ☐ SLR-specific parts needs: sourcing priced realistically, many exist for this car alone.
- ☐ Negotiate from the record: structure verdict, recall status, service file, originality.

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E · RED FLAGS · WALK-AWAY OR ESCALATION

- Carbon repairs without documentation.
- An early car with unverified alternator recall status.
- A service history outside the authorised SLR world for major work.
- A 722, Moss or MSO story the data card cannot confirm.
- Deferred maintenance discounted as "just servicing": on this car it is the price.
- A long-stored car sold with no recommissioning file.
- A seller who resists the specialist inspection.
- A car whose findings cannot be named, quantified and priced.

F · FIRST WEEK OF OWNERSHIP

- ☐ The dossier archived: structure verdict, recall confirmations, both service histories, originality list.
- ☐ The SLR-centre relationship established: the small circle is the service plan.
- ☐ Ceramics, fluids and age items baselined; the maintenance calendar set by works schedule.

"Woking built it, Stuttgart signed it, and the engine never was the problem. Guard the carbon, close the recall, pay the service its honest price. The SLR repays exactly that kind of owner."

Deep dive: Supercar Models Paper 104 · Model File 104 · Owner's Intelligence series.

FINDINGS & NOTES