

C 63 BLACK SERIES

M156 FIRST · TRACK BIOGRAPHY · PACKAGES VERIFIED · VIN CAMPAIGN CHECK

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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 a C 63 Black Series transaction. It replaces nothing. Roughly 800 coupes, the widest and angriest expression of the M156 naturally aspirated V8, and a car that, unlike a regular C63, was usually DRIVEN: track use is the biography of this fleet, not the exception. What decides is the M156 history, the chassis condition, the honest track record and the paper. The service world is open, any authorised AMG workshop can care for it, and precisely that openness makes the DOCUMENTATION the rare commodity. Without the specialist verdict on engine and chassis, do not touch the car.

A · IDENTITY & THE RECORD

- ☐ Identity first: Black Series specification confirmed against the data card, never the bodywork.
- ☐ Track Package and Aero Package verified against the record.
- ☐ Original wheels and original equipment confirmed; conversions listed and priced.
- ☐ Service book and AMG service history complete.
- ☐ VIN campaign check run: Takata twice, airbag grounding, replacement modules, all closed.
- ☐ Accident history documented; the wide body hides nothing from a lift.
- ☐ Every document photographed for the collector dossier.

B · THE M156 · FIRST PRIORITY

- ☐ Cold start filmed: even idle, oil pressure, no valvetrain noise.
- ☐ Compression and leakdown measured, not assumed.
- ☐ Valvetrain and camshafts inspected: the M156 chapter is read, not guessed.
- ☐ Head bolt history established: repaired, updated or open, in writing.
- ☐ Oil loss, engine mounts and oil cooler checked.
- ☐ Any engine repair documented with parts and workshop named.

C · CHASSIS, TRACK & DRIVELINE

- ☐ Track biography read honestly: events, tyres, brake sets, then priced, not feared.
- ☐ Coilovers: adjusters, dampers, top mounts, control arms, full measurement.
- ☐ Brakes: disc thickness measured, heat cracks, pads, calipers.
- ☐ Differential: noises, play, leaks, oil service history.
- ☐ MCT: shift quality, adaptations, oil history, fault memory.
- ☐ Tyres by age and by use: Cup rubber ages faster than it wears.

D · PRICE & INVESTIGATION ITEMS

The price sits in the M156 history, the chassis state, the originality and the paper.

- ☐ Any open M156 point: quoted at specialist level before purchase.
- ☐ Worn chassis bearings or dampers on a tracked car: the full package quoted.
- ☐ Brake and tyre state: renewal priced into the first year on any tracked example.
- ☐ Differential service due: quoted, a biography item, not a drama.
- ☐ Missing original parts (wheels, aero, interior): sourcing priced at Black Series rates.
- ☐ Open campaigns or service actions: closed before money moves.
- ☐ Negotiate from the record: engine file, measurements, track biography, originality list.

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E · RED FLAGS · WALK-AWAY OR ESCALATION

- An M156 with unknown head bolt and valvetrain history at full asking price.
- A track car sold as a garage queen: tyre dates and brake wear tell the truth.
- Package claims the data card cannot confirm.
- Structural or accident repairs without documentation.
- Open Takata or airbag campaigns.
- Heavy modification sold as improvement without the original parts.
- 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: engine file, measurements, campaign confirmations, originality list, track biography.
- ☐ The AMG specialist relationship established for engine and chassis work.
- ☐ Fluids, tyres and brake state baselined; the differential service scheduled if open.

“The last great AMG naturally aspirated V8, in the angriest suit the C-Class ever wore. Read the engine’s history, respect the track biography, verify every package. The rest is the best kind of simple.”

Deep dive: Supercar Models Paper 97 · Model File 97 · Owner’s Intelligence series.

FINDINGS & NOTES