

CLK DTM AMG

ORIGINALITY FIRST · CARBON BODY · M113K LOW RISK · 180 CARS

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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 CLK DTM AMG transaction. It replaces nothing. One hundred coupes and eighty cabriolets, built to crown Mercedes-Benz's DTM title era, and the spiritual forerunner of the Black Series. The technology is the calm part: the M113K compressor V8 and the 722.6 automatic count among the most robust drivetrains AMG ever paired. The real risk is exclusivity: model-specific carbon body parts that are today only limitedly available, and an originality question that decides the collector value. Without the specialist verdict on body and originality, do not touch the car.

A · IDENTITY & ORIGINALITY

- ☐ Identity first: coupe or cabriolet, build number of 100 or 80, data card read.
- ☐ Original DTM components and carbon parts confirmed piece by piece.
- ☐ Any carbon repair or replacement documented with source and workshop.
- ☐ Accident history established: the wide body hides nothing from a lift.
- ☐ Works documentation and history complete; ownership chain traced.
- ☐ VIN check for general Mercedes service actions, all closed.
- ☐ Every document photographed for the collector dossier.

B · POWERTRAIN · THE CALM PART

- ☐ Cold start filmed: even idle, oil pressure, no smoke.
- ☐ Compressor listened to: bearings, belt, tensioner, idler pulleys, boost delivery.
- ☐ Intercooler and cooling circuit checked through.
- ☐ Oil loss, engine mounts and belt drive inspected: age items, not fear items.
- ☐ 722.6: oil change history, converter, shift quality, connector sleeve, conductor plate.
- ☐ Differential: noises, play, oil service.

C · CHASSIS, BRAKES & BODY

- ☐ Chassis biography read: control arms, top mounts, dampers, rear axle bearings, measurement.
- ☐ Height-adjustable hardware checked for function and originality.
- ☐ Brakes with track use in mind: discs, calipers, pads, heat history.
- ☐ Carbon walk on the BODY: splitter, fenders, wing, diffuser, sills, decklid.
- ☐ Rubber, hoses and bushings assessed by CALENDAR on a twenty-year-old car.
- ☐ Storage history read honestly: the standing-time doctrine applies.

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D · PRICE & INVESTIGATION ITEMS

The drivetrain is the solved part: the price sits in the carbon body, the originality and the paper.

- ☐ Any missing or non-original carbon part: sourcing priced at collector-market rates.
- ☐ Carbon damage: specialist verdict and quote before any price is discussed.
- ☐ Chassis wear on a driven car: the full package quoted.
- ☐ Brake and tyre renewal priced by age and use.
- ☐ Age-item package (mounts, hoses, belts, bushings): quoted for the first year.
- ☐ Documentation gaps: priced as provenance risk, decisive at 180 cars.
- ☐ Negotiate from the originality list and the specialist report, never the badge.

E · RED FLAGS · WALK-AWAY OR ESCALATION

- Non-original or retrofitted body parts sold as original.
- Carbon repairs without documentation.
- A chassis identity or build number that cannot be cleanly verified.
- An accident history that only surfaces on the lift.
- A long-stored car sold with no recommissioning file.
- Twenty-year-old rubber and hoses defended as originality.
- 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: originality list, carbon verdict, service file, measurements, VIN confirmations.
- ☐ The specialist relationships established: AMG mechanic and DTM-experienced body specialist.
- ☐ The age-item package scheduled: fluids, hoses, belts, bushings by calendar.

"One hundred coupes, eighty cabriolets, one championship's crown for the road. The engine will never be the story: guard the carbon, prove the originality, and the DTM stays what it was built to be."

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