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GOZZY SSK - 1928/1932 Mercedes-Benz SSK Reproduction -

In the 70's, a Japanese clothing tycoon who had restored his original Mercedes Benz SSK 1928 found out that the Mercedes factory had the car's blueprints as well as some parts and tooling of the original production.

He then flirted with the idea of having an SSK model for his daily use. He commissioned Paul Weldon of Church Green Engineering in the UK to carry out the work. In charge of the project was the well-regarded former Formula 1 and IndyCar/Indianapolis 500 designer Len Terry.

The engineering cost of the project required over four million US Dollars in 1978. The official presentation of the GOZZY SSK took place at the Geneva Motor Show in 1979.

There are only 4 examples known to exist that are entirely handmade in aluminum exactly to the factory standards and utilizing original parts.

The GOZZY SSK had a purpose-built steel chassis equipped with factory original 6-cylinder Mercedes 280 engine, producing roughly the same horsepower as the original 7-liter SSK monster and 4 speed manual transmission. The ash frame and body were all hand built by English craftsmen. The outcome is a remarkable reproduction of the famous SSK car.

From 1978 to 1983 Church Green Engineering based in East Knoyle, Dorset, UK. was in charge of the production for Italya Co. Ltd. – Tokyo, Japan.

This GOZZY, a true barn find, is one of the only 4 examples built. It was kept in storage by the only one previous owner for more than 40 years, has been brought to road-worthy conditions through a thorough maintenance, ready to take to the road.