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## **Classic Parts**

Did you know that Mercedes-Benz USA has a Classic Center in Irvine, California? They specialize in repairs of classic vehicles, including high-value models as well as daily drivers. Perhaps you don't see many Gullwings in your shop, but that fellow with the 108 model needs parts just like a new S-Class owner, and that's where the Classic Center really shines. With over 50,000 Genuine Classic Parts available, they set the industry benchmark in classic vehicle support.

The Classic Center sells genuine Mercedes-Benz parts to workshops just like yours. While most of the parts they sell are also available from your local dealer, some are offered exclusively by the Classic Center. If a part is no longer manufactured, and the Classic Center can't find one for you, they can put you on the interest lists they maintain; when demand for an obsolete part becomes large enough, they can commission a manufacturing run to satisfy the demand. Of course not every part can be manufactured new, but you'd be surprised at how many items have been made available again with this process.

Classics are vehicles that have been out of production for about 20 years. For example, the Model 210 was last produced in 2003, and soon the Classic Center will become responsible for the model. Also note that the original Mercedes-Benz Classic Center located in Fellbach, Germany serves as a partner to the Classic Center California, and they share product knowledge and expertise regularly.



The Mercedes-Benz Classic Center specializes in both hard-to-find and common parts for older models. Here we see a fuel tank for the W198 Gullwing.

Give the Classic Center parts team a call at 866.622.5277 or email them at <u>classicparts@mbusa.com</u> to discuss your needs. They're open 8-4 Pacific, Monday to Friday. If they can get the part, they'll have it shipped right to you, or in some cases, recommend an alternative supplier. The folks at the Classic Center live, eat and breathe classics, so get the benefits of their expertise.



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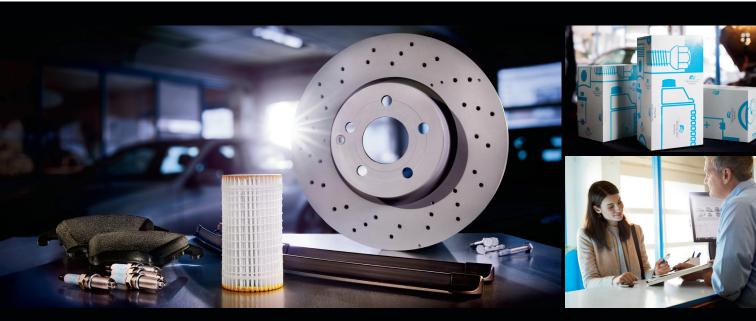
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