

## CMC's Magnificent Mercedes 300SLR

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Blame it on Ken Purdy; "All But My Life" got me hooked on the Mercedes 300SLR and while my friends were reading custom car magazines and talking about Watson Roadsters I was (and still am) collecting everything I could find on the greatest sports-racing car ever built. There's no way I can fully describe CMC's 1:18 scale model in the space available-- pick up a copy of Ludvigsen's "Mercedes Benz 300SLR" and anything you can see in those photos is there, in perfect scale. What's more, CMC has modeled the car as it actually was in the 1955 Mille Miglia, not as it looks now in the Mercedes Museum with small "parking lights", chrome trim over the vents, a chrome star instead of the painted emblem on the nose, and enlarged the gas filler opening all added after the 1955 season. CMC's model is exactly right for the Mille Miglia race, along with Stirling's 3-spoke steering wheel and open service panel. The engine has every wire, hose and line that can be seen, with photo-etched metal clamps on the hoses. The serial number is stamped in the cam cover and the small data plate is bolted right where it should be. The door lifts correctly, with real leather and fabric upholstery and perfectly legible instruments, while one spare of each size is crammed into the trunk. CMC provides a special tool so you can remove them to see all the hidden fuel system detail. Suspension details are correct, including the finned Fichtel & Sachs shock absorbers and inboard drum brakes. Contact CMC or CMC-USA (cmc.usa@hotmail.com or PH: 585/292-7280) for more information on the best 300SLR model I've seen. Oh yes-- this museum-quality miniature is only \$269.00.