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A black and white photograph capturing three surfers on a rocky coastline. The surfers are silhouetted against a bright, overcast sky and the ocean. One surfer stands on the left, another in the center, and a third on the right, all holding their surfboards. The ocean waves are breaking in the background, creating a white foam. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

**Some things are worth  
waiting for.**



Anticipate the experience. The Mercedes-Benz SLK is coming.



bigger skies  
a new viewpoint

an open mind

hunting rainbows  
shooting stars

enormous

shade trees

time

openness

velocity

images in the mind's eye

snaps

the sound of air  
revolutions per minute

flight of birds

moment

senses

calm places

incredibly

poetry in motion

light and shadow

flags unfurled

seasons



clothes for the climate

amber waves

so

blossoms

sensibility

flight

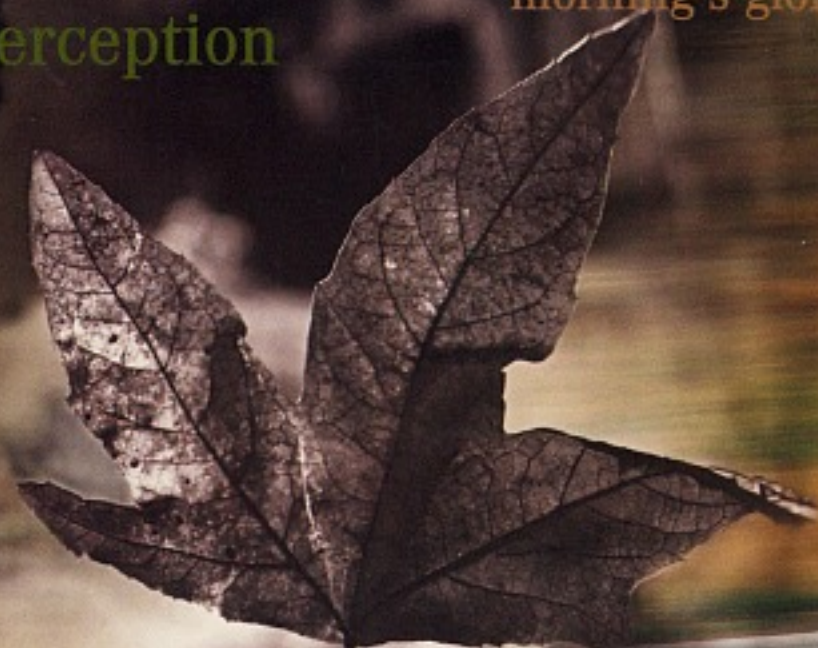
sunbathing at 60 mph

vastness

morning's glory

moment

altered perception



le detail

tender nights

shafts of light

clearly now

the color of w

the sound of color

flight

memories

scapes

star-spangled skies

the deepest blue



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time

stars

blossoms

moment

detail  
purple mountains

cloud shapes

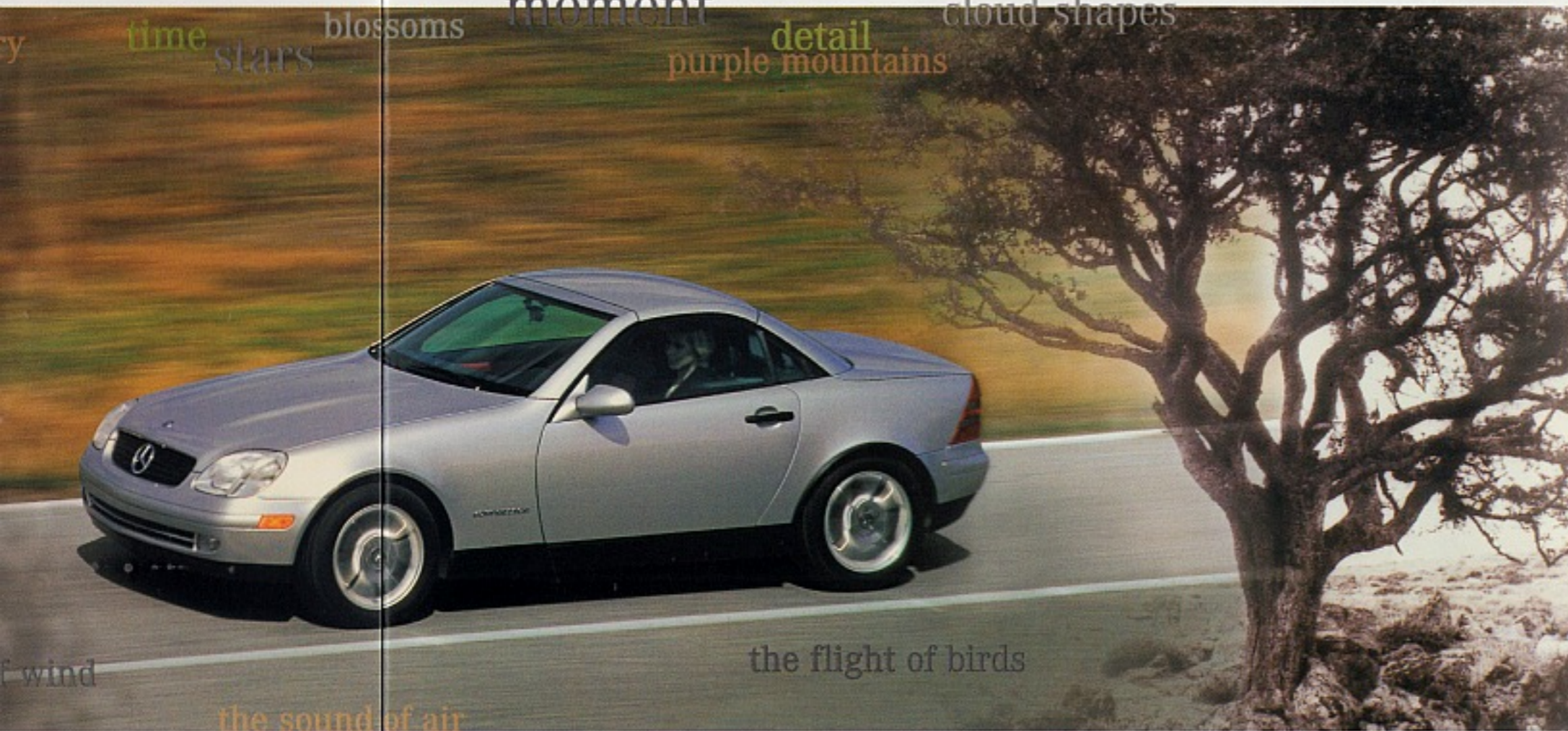
f wind

the sound of air

the flight of birds

convergence

light and shadow



**Some sensations are worth waiting for. There won't be another sports car quite like the new SLK. Its hardtop roof will retract and disappear at the touch of a button, transforming the SLK from stylish coupe to sensational roadster in a matter of seconds. Its driving character is literally supercharged, the result of a powerful new *Kompressor* engine. Its safety engineering includes integrated rollover bars and side-impact air bags. The SLK. Coming February 1997. (Patience is a virtue.)**







**Some shapes are worth waiting for.** The SLK — first as a show car, now in production form — has captured something rare and elusive. It's a design that's innovative and advanced, yet evokes the rich tradition of Mercedes-Benz. Inside, the SLK combines bold shapes, expressive colors and attention to detail. The white-



faced gauges, framed in polished aluminum, sit in a classically styled instrument panel. And the new SLK successfully captures the most elusive element of all: value.



The interior of the new SLK promises to be just as fun, functional and unique as the car's striking exterior.



**Engine:** Intercooled supercharged 2.3-liter DOHC 16-valve inline 4-cylinder.  
191 hp @ 5,300 rpm. 206 lb-ft torque @ 2,500-4,800 rpm.

**Drivetrain:** Driver-adaptive 5-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission. Rear-wheel drive.

**Traction system:** Automatic Slip Control (ASR) standard.

**Brakes:** 4-wheel disc, front discs ventilated. Antilock Braking System (ABS).

**Front suspension:** Independent double wishbone with antidive geometry, separate gas-pressurized shock absorbers and stabilizer bar.

**Rear suspension:** Independent 5-arm multilink rear, with antilift and antisquat geometry, separate gas-pressurized shock absorbers and coil springs and stabilizer bar.

**Wheels:** Polished aluminum alloy, 7.0J x 16" front and 8.0J x 16" rear.

**Tires:** Performance steel-belted radial, 205/55R16 91V front and 225/50R16 92V rear.

**Body:** High-strength/low-alloy steel-reinforced monocoque with dual integrated rollover bars<sup>1</sup> and retractable hardtop. Curb weight 2,922 lb.

**Exterior dimensions (in):** Wheelbase 94.5. Length 157.3. Width 67.5.  
Track 58.6 front/57.7 rear. Height 50.8 (top up).

**Restraint systems:** Driver and passenger are each provided with: a front air bag, a door-mounted side-impact air bag, a 3-point seat belt with Emergency Tensioning Retractor (ETR) and belt force limiter, and a padded knee bolster.

**Mercedes-Benz Child Seat Recognition System:** An innovative system that automatically disables the passenger's front air bag whenever the Mercedes-Benz child seat is properly installed.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> No system, regardless of how sophisticated, can eliminate the chance of injury in an accident. Please always wear your seat belt.  
<sup>2</sup> Warning: Seat Recognition System does not operate with non-Mercedes-Benz child seats. See warnings and instructions in Owner's Manual with regard to use of child restraints.



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