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## 1992 Mercedes 400e with RennTECH 6.0L Engine (Woodstock)



I believe in full disclosure. I purchased this car from someone that made a number of modifications to this car...some that were disclosed to me, others that were not. In the time I've had this car, I think I have discovered everything there is to know about the condition of this car and will share it below. So sorry for the length of this description but this is everything I wish someone would have told me before my purchase.

Up for sale is a 1992 Mercedes 400e with a RennTECH 6.0L engine modification with 154k miles. The RennTECH 6.0L engine was installed by the first owner shortly after purchasing the car new in 1992 (a \$27k upgrade back in the 1990's). The RennTECH 6.0L is based on a Mercedes M119 5.0L engine, with output increased to 381 hp (+113 hp) and 398 lbs-ft torque (+103 lbs-ft). Yeah...this car screams.

The first owner had the car until 2005 and 132k miles at which time it was purchased by the owner of a performance shop. As you can imagine, this car became a "project car" for him. I was not provided a list of all the modifications, but here is what I have observed:

The second owner mentioned the following work he performed on the car:

- rebuilt the RennTECH 6.0L engine shortly after he purchased the car
- replaced the rear differential with a 2.82 ratio and installed a Quaife LSD
- installed genuine Mercedes glass euro front headlamp assemblies with what appear to be Bosch clear corner assemblies
- headlights have been retrofitted with a xenon lamp/power supply (not bi-xenon so no high beams)
- created a custom exhaust comprised of 3-inch pipe starting from the joining of the exhaust headers, with Magnaflow cat and muffler/tip, and perhaps a Borla resonator (he mentioned he installed a Borla/Magnaflow system to achieve the right sound but the resonator is wrapped in insulation so guessing that is the Borla component)
- headliner replaced...feels like suede or alcantara
- replaced front/rear brake rotors and pads, drilled rotors...not sure of manufacturer or rotors or pads...plenty of life left on both

Other modifications observed but not sure who implemented them:

- AMG 17 wheels
- Lowering springs (not sure if manufacturer)
- Bilstein HD rear shocks (not sure if front are Bilsteins too)
- car appears to have been repainted (not sure when)
- the interior has been recolored...was originally gray but the dash/trim and seats are now black...not sure what process was used for the recoloring, perhaps trim paint on the dash/console/door panels...not sure how the seat/leather surfaces were handled
- replaced shift knob with Burl wood matching console wood trim

Things I have done since owning:

- installed Magnaflow universal catalytic converter (there was no cat in the car when I purchased it)
- replaced driver's side valve cover and gasket due to oil leak
- replaced console light bulbs
- replaced windshield wiper fluid reservoir and pump due to missing at time of purchase
- replaced transmission filter, fluid and pan gasket
- replaced fuel hose downstream of pump/filter at connection to main fuel line

Things you need to know:

- engine is very strong, pulls great, and sounds incredible with the exhaust system...a loud growl during acceleration but quite under constant speed
- transmission needs to be rebuilt...reverse does not engage (reverse clutch needs to be replaced) and there is some flaring in the 2-3 shift if shifter left in drive (flaring can be minimized if shifted manually)
- The driver's side seat belt clip is missing a piece (see picture)...does not affect usability...cosmetic only
- the wheels are in poor cosmetic condition (see pictures)...clear coat chipped/peeling, some curb rash, 2 center caps missing
- the tires installed are wrong size...should have 225/45/17 but prior owner installed 245/45/17 just before selling it...when driving over speed bumps, tire may rub fender due to overall circumference being too big...otherwise has not been an issue for me
- prior owner may have removed the dash lights for the bulb indicator, ABS and SRS systems as those indicators do not come on when key inserted...or bulbs may be burned out
- front grill has a dent and grill inserted has been painted black
- the fiberglass front bumper valence is cracked on the driver's side and rear has some cracking on passenger side (see pictures)
- the car appears to have been repainted and is in good condition...there is a chip near the trunk lid but other than that it looks very good
- the first owner installed an Alpine CDA-9815 stereo with iPod/iPhone interface...power antenna in fixed position...not sure if it is inoperable or like this by design but antenna is raised ~8 inches at all times
- all buttons/switches functional except for headrest position on passenger side...have not troubleshot yet
- second owner rerouted valve cover vent lines to feed into exhaust system downstream of the headers...not sure why...I have returned driver's side to factory but have not fixed passenger side yet
- there is a hose that would normally come from the carbon canister, route through a switch near the EZL and return gas vapor into the engine to be burned...this line has been cut before/after the switch...not sure why or when this was done...or if just left over from the 4.0L engine that was removed...has had no impact on performance of engine
- the car pulls slightly to the left...I had alignment adjusted...shop said there is a radial pull from the tires...they swapped tires around to minimize but you'll need to replace the tires to correct permanently
- there is a small oil leak in the area of the oil level and oil pressure senders...I have not troubleshot yet but research indicates this could be an o-ring that needs to be replaced if original
- there is some steering fluid leakage around the power steering pump...have not troubleshot yet but research indicates could be a hose/fitting that needs to be replaced if original

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Have a number of pictures that I can share upon request. Leave message or send me an email.

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