



# Lotus Drivers Guide

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## The first words

This is the first newsletter for 2013 and I decided to have a changed lay-out. Please let me know your comments.

I hope you will find the following news items interesting, please enjoy this issue!

Ronald Ringma

## Lotus Evora Sports Racer edition

It's been a busy year for Lotus; the arrival of the new Exige S; featured marque at the Goodwood Festival of Speed; a new flagship retail store in Regent Street; third place in the F1 Drivers' Championship and fourth in the F1 Constructors' Championship; and amongst various racing exploits, another series win for a Lotus with an Evora GTC taking the MSA British Endurance Championship.

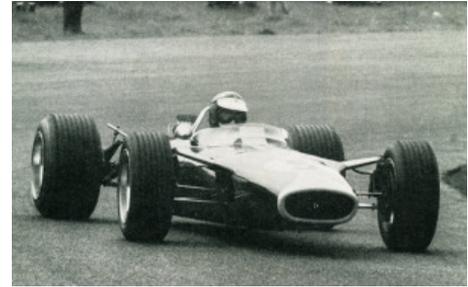


Following the excitement of this race series win, the new Evora 'Sports Racer' is a visually enhanced and optimised version of the mid-engined 3.5 litre V6 sports car, available in both naturally-aspirated or supercharged variants. The Evora 'Sports Racer' proves its value on the pocket, as well as on the road and track - it delivers phenomenal performance, exclusive style, incredible excitement and genuine affordability!

There are three main factors that set the 'Sports Racer' apart from the existing Evora range; firstly, it receives a unique exterior colour scheme with an optimised interior to match. Secondly, it comes fully loaded, boasting Lotus' ultimate specification. While thirdly, it's more affordable than ever, representing great value. Here's the detail:

### Aesthetics:

The Evora 'Sports Racer' is available in a choice of four colours: Aspen White, Carbon Grey, Nightfall Blue and Ardent Red. To stand out from the crowd, the 'Sports Racer' receives unique contrasting accents of gloss black across the roof, front splitter, rear diffuser and side sills, exaggerating the Evora's aggressive stance and sleek silhouette. Further black elements include black rear badging, black door mirror pods and gloss black forged wheels with a choice of either red or black brake calipers



Jim Clark, Zandvoort 1967

which all work to give the 'Sports Racer' a more dramatic and focused appearance.

Inside, the 2+2 seating option is standard and comes adorned with black leather 'Premium Sports' seats trimmed with red contrast piping and stitching. The dash, doors and centre console receive a liberal dose of Slate Grey SuedeTex™ with red contrast stitching, highlighting the car's sporting character.

Like your interiors a bit louder? Go for Venom Red leather 'Premium Sports' seats with black contrast piping and stitching. All Evora 'Sport Racer' interiors are complemented by gunmetal dashboard panels, as is standard in the Evora S.

### Gadgets:

The Evora 'Sports Racer' comes loaded with optional extras as standard. The 'Sports Pack' provides switchable sports mode with sharper throttle response, increased rpm limit and sportier setting for Dynamic Performance Management (DPM), sports diffuser and cross-drilled brake discs. The 'Tech Pack' provides upgraded speakers and stereo system, DVD player, 7" WVGA touch screen display, Bluetooth® mobile phone connection, USB connection for various iPod® models, MP3 players and memory sticks, tyre pressure monitoring, cruise control and rear parking sensors. This is topped of with electric power-fold mirrors and a reversing camera as standard.

### Price:

Available in the UK and across Europe, the Evora 'Sports Racer' adds outstanding value to the already exceptional Evora range, priced in the UK at £57,900\* for the Evora with 280 PS or £65,900\* for the 350 PS supercharged Evora S. For UK customers, the cost benefits are clear; by opting for the pre-packaged Evora 'Sports Racer' savings range from £6,450 to £7,150 respectively.

## Digital media

Next to the website, there is also a Lotus Drivers Guide page on Facebook, please give it a "like".

And I'm using Twitter, you can find me there as Ronald Ringma.

## News from Group Lotus

Read all about the news items in the press releases section of the website, please follow this link:

<http://www.lotusdriversguide.com/Press/index.php>

In this section of the website you will find the latest news by Lotus, normally unedited.

## New on the website

You will find all recent changes and news headlines on the 'news' page of the website. On the opening page of the website you will also see the most recent items.

If you like to know if there is an update, I suggest you become a friend on Facebook, as the updates will be mentioned there.

## Addresses needed to list Lotus specialists

In order to make the Specialists Section on the website as complete as possible, I am asking for your input. Please let me know the details of Lotus specialists that you would like to have listed on the website.

Remember, by sharing this information you may be helping others!

## Lotus racing in 2012 (Lotus news release)

Although not every Lotus that we have seen on various tracks in 2012 was a 'real' Lotus, 2012 has been a successful year for Lotus in Global Motorsport, with black and gold the colours flying high this season.

Lotus has achieved their 80th win in F1, made a valiant effort in the GP2 championship, scooped the GP3 title, shown their power in LMP1 and their promise in LMP2, and clearly demonstrated their GT prowess. Lotus is a force to be reckoned with in the World Series by Renault and took the German ATS Formel 3 championship by storm plus. More Lotus fans than ever took to the track in the global Lotus Cup series.

## Formula One



Kimi Räikkönen wins at the Abu Dhabi GP

Formula 1™ has delivered a thrilling season with the Lotus F1 Team putting in a fantastic effort from start to finish. Both drivers had their share of podium finishes and fought bravely earning valuable points for the team.

However, it wasn't until Abu Dhabi that Lotus secured its 80th F1™ win. It was Kimi Räikkönen who raged home at the Yas Marina circuit having capitalised on Lewis Hamilton's early retirement in the McLaren and staving off competition from Fernando Alonso who finished in second place.

What was Kimi's nineteenth win, aided the teams ascension and Lotus F1™ ended the season up one place from 2011 coming fourth in the Constructors Championship. Kimi Räikkönen secured the third spot in the Driver's Championship, where Romain Grosjean came eighth.

## GP2

The thrills and spills of racing were also clearly demonstrated throughout the season in GP2, where the battle for Lotus was fought hard right up to the race finale. Despite a dogged fight and a second place finish in race one for Esteban Gutiérrez, Lotus just missed out on the series title.

Never-the-less the team came in second overall, and Esteban claimed third place in the drivers standings with James Calado coming fifth.



James Calado wins Race 2 at Hockenheim in July 2012

## GP3

In GP3 however, we followed our own trend with Lotus GP winning the GP3 series title for the third year running. This was confirmed when Daniel Abt took victory in race one at the season finale at the Monza circuit. Together with Conor Daly's points for fourth place in race one, the team wrapped up the title with one race in hand!

## World Series by Renault (Formula 3.5)

The World Series by Renault (Formula 3.5) was another competition where Lotus proved a formidable opponent taking the podium in the third round at Spa, thanks to the skilful driving of Danish driver Marco Sørensen. In fact, he had a great season and finishing second at the Nürburgring delivered him the rookie classification.

With essential points in the bag, Lotus continued to deliver consistent performances both at Silverstone and the Hungaroring rounds. The team put in a fantastic effort all season, and testimony to their hard work, stamina and tenacity on track, Lotus made a celebrated 5th position overall.

## German Formula 3 Series (ATS FORMEL 3 CUP)

More celebrations followed in the German F3 series, ATS FORMEL 3 where the up and coming Lotus talent really had something to say.

In the first round at Zandvoort Lotus driver Jimmy Ericksson battled hard and took a much deserved win in race one. Teammate Kimiya Sato followed suit in the third race and romped home for the top spot. 2 victories during the first round was a good portent for the rest of the season.



Jimmy Ericksson wins Race 1 - Zandvoort 2012

Both drivers went on to secure wins in the following rounds where some impressive performances led them to outpace their rivals. The Hockenheim season finale finished in style when Ericksson secured the coveted ATS Formel 3 title. Congratulations Jimmy, good job!

### LMP1

Lotus also showed its stamina in the LMP1 and LMP2 series. For LMP1, Lotus team Rebellion Racing had a phenomenal season, which saw them crowned as 2012 FIA World Endurance Champions, taking home the endurance trophy for private LMP1 teams.



It took the 12hrs of Sebring for them to get into their stride and by the 6hr race at Spa, the second round of the championship, they celebrated first and second place for the privateer teams, coming fifth and sixth overall. In the 24 Heures-du-Mans the oldest and most prestigious endurance automobile race in the world again Rebellion rose to the challenge, finishing the highest place petrol car and topping the privateer field. Overall, they came in fourth place, two places up from last year's ILMH assault.

The season continued in a similar vein where successful wheel to wheel battles saw them collect precious points and claim a well deserved title.

### LMP2

Lotus LMP2 also made great viewing. This was its first year in endurance racing and the team successfully completed the season delivering a commendable performance. Former F1™ test driver and Lotus works driver James Rossiter joined the team and in the 6hrs of Spa qualified the car a mere 4 hundredths of a second behind the pole sitter,

finishing the race in eleventh position. The team went on to take the checkered flag in sixth and eight place in Brazil

and had a good season end in the 6hrs of Shanghai with James Rossiter delivering the best qualifying result of the season. We look forward to seeing the team back in action and aiding their LMP2 offensive for 2013.

### GT Racing

Lotus Racing, the motorsport division of Group Lotus really has been in full support mode the year round, aiding competing teams around the world to victory as the demand for Lotus Racing's GT cars grows.



They were on hand when the newly developed Evora GTC raced to triumph in the Britcar MSA British Endurance Champions competition this year. Having secured the class honours in August, The Bullrun Team competed in the final round of the Championship at Donington Park where they were crowned the winners. A great result for a great car and a great team.

Across the pond, another great team Lotus Racing is happy to work with is Alex Job Racing (AJR) who has been making strides in the American Le Mans Series (ALMS) with the Evora GTE. Notably, the team came sixth in Virginia, and enjoyed a seventh place finish at Road America in August.

Meanwhile, the Evora GT4, has been out in-force around the world racing successfully in the Brazilian GT, the Iberian Supercar Trophy, Campeonato de España/IBER GT, Campeonato de Portugal GT, the Dutch GT championship and 24-hour races in Dubai, Barcelona and at Silverstone.

The Evora GT4 also competed with Lotus Sport UK in the 2012 Avon Tyres British GT Championship. Oulton Park was where it all kicked off earlier in the year, and we started strong with 3 podium finishes from 2 races, proving again just how competitive the Evora is.

The second round held in May at the Nurburgring also left the team on a high as after topping times in the free practice, drivers Sailesh Bolisetti and Phil Glew flew home to victory in arguably the most stylish car on the grid! Lotus Sport UK in 5th position overall in the championship.



## Lotus Racing Karts

Lotus is all about fun, and one of the best ways to enjoy the spirit of our company is with Lotus Karting. This year we announced we were taking up the Karting mantle, the main aim to develop driving talent from an early age. With participants at the ready and Karts that look, well just amazing, the CIK-FIA KF1 Karting World Championship got off to a good start and our professionals of tomorrow continue to cut their teeth earning reward along the way. To all our youngsters, keep doing what you are doing, we're watching!

Karting draws as much interest as Rallying, and following extensive development the Exige R-GT rally car finally made its competition debut in the FIA European Rally in Madeira, Portugal this year under the helm of Lotus works driver Bernardo Sousa. Much to the delight of the fans he also demonstrated just how awesome this car is at the 2012 Goodwood Festival of Speed, where Lotus was celebrated as the marque of choice.



So, looking ahead, 2013 has already a lot to live up to, for Lotus' presence in global motorsport in 2012 has been nothing less than dominant. Whilst we have strived for podiums in every race and worked our way up the grids, we have undertaken many competitions, raced in many classes and at multiple levels. Our fan base has never been more active and with black and gold the colours to support once more, Lotus enthusiasts are experiencing the spirit of Lotus on track in what is the ever popular Lotus Cup Series. With 7 series racing around the world, we welcome more of you into this unique competition and hope to see the grids continue to flourish for 2013, and with the Exige V6 Cup now making its way to all you lucky owners, we are sure to see much in the way of motorsport entertainment on the grid as the prowess and muscularity of these cars really pack a punch. In fact, look out for the new Motorsport brochure where you can learn of the new Exige and the newly developed Exige V6 Cup R Range, which is already drawing much interest. To all of you that race in the Cup around the world, a whole hearted thank you and to all the winners, well done.

So, whilst celebrating a great year, we also say goodbye to IndyCar where we have stepped down as official engine supplier to the IZOD Indycar Series. Never-the-less we look forward to 2013, when we hope to further improve on our big strides made this year, see more podiums, and welcome more Lotus drivers and fans into the sport.

## Bob Dance honoured at London awards ceremony

Bob Dance, former Lotus chief mechanic in both the 1960s and again from 1976-94, has been honoured with a John Bolster Award at the Autosport Awards on 2 December 2012, in recognition of his outstanding achievements in motorsport. The John Bolster Award was presented to Dance by F1 commentator Murray Walker.

Dance's motorsport career is as impressive as it is extensive. From his first forays into the sport in 1950 through to his Formula 1 spells with Lotus, March and Brabham and later work with the Audi and Bentley Le Mans projects, he has been driven by unstinting passion and fastidious attention to detail.

Dance, who was presented with his award by Murray Walker, said that Lotus founder Colin Chapman had tried to dissuade him from joining the F1 team in the early days. "I asked him if I could switch from the components and developments department at Lotus to the race team," Dance said. "But Colin said 'Don't do that. It's a dead end job.'"

"He was right because here I am all these years later still doing it!"

The 1950 International Trophy Meeting at Silverstone sparked Dance's enthusiasm for motor racing, and within 10 years he had joined Lotus. He began working on gearboxes and other components, earning the nickname Boblotti due to his scrupulous attentiveness, knowledge and skill with the Colotti boxes.



Yours truly having a chat with Bob Dance

After spending time working for Lotus' customer car racing division, Dance initiated a transfer into the F1 department in 1963. He worked closely with Jim Clark along the way. In 1968 he became chief mechanic, playing a significant role in Graham Hill's 1968 championship triumph in the Cosworth-powered Lotus 49.

Alongside such dramatic highs there were devastating lows, with Clark losing his life in a tragic Hockenheim crash in April the same year.

Dance moved away from Lotus to work with Max Mosley's new March outfit, and then later joined Bernie Ecclestone's Brabham. At the time he worked not only with Carlos Pace and Carlos Reutemann but also the man he calls the best designer of the time, Gordon Murray.

Lotus beckoned once more in 1976, with Dance joining as chief mechanic. He stayed until the doors closed in 1994, as a result working with Mario Andretti, Emerson

Fittipaldi, Ayrton Senna and Mika Hakkinen.

The F1 team's demise failed to put Dance out of motorsport. He joined TOM's GB and then Audi subsidiary RTN, becoming involved in the R8C Le Mans project that morphed into Bentley's 2003 race-winner.

RTN shut in 2004 but Dance found a new opening at Clive Chapman's Classic Team Lotus. Dance, now 77, still works with the team at Classic Team Lotus.

(source: Autosport)



Yours truly with Bob Dance

### New Esprit is coming (?)

I am not a regular user of a Lotus forum, but sometimes I have a look and see something interesting, like a person explaining that he was informed by people who are very close to Lotus that the Esprit is close to ready to go.

According to this person, an announcement about this new car can be expected in the coming weeks and the car is now supposed to show up in 2014.

Apparently the car is real and in final validation production form. It will have an front design that looks different as the original design on the picture below.

Let's wait and see. And hope....



### In the Spotlight: Race Retro 2013

During this event the visitors will see stunning displays of the legendary cars involved in Lotus' most iconic victories and meet the team that took them there as the 50th anniversary of the marque's first World Championship title is celebrated.

Since winning its first World Championship title in 1963, racing driver Jim Clark, founder and chief

designer Colin Chapman and Team Lotus have remained icons of Grand Prix motor Racing.

Today, Team Lotus remains one of the most successful racing teams of all time, winning seven Formula One Constructors' titles, six Drivers' Championships as well as the Indianapolis 500 in the USA between 1962 and 1978. And, as we all know, Colin Chapman and Team Lotus initiated many innovative and experimental developments in motorsport, technical as well as commercial.

Also interesting for us, Lotus enthusiasts: Sir Stirling Moss will be there and participate in Q&A sessions as well as signing autographs and memorabilia for fans.

You can visit the show from 22-24 February 2013, Stoneleigh Park, Coventry, England.

(see the events section of the website)

### Lotus opens flagship showroom and launches Exige S and Elise S in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 January 2013 – LOTUS CARS MALAYSIA today announced the official opening of the first Lotus Flagship Showroom and Centre in Malaysia, strategically located in Sungai Penchala. In conjunction of the opening, Lotus also unveiled two of its latest stars, the Exige S and Elise S for the Malaysian market.



The opening of the showroom and launch of the Exige S and Elise S was officiated by PROTON Advisor YABhg Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who was accompanied by Dato' Sri Haji Mohd Khamil Jamil, the Executive Chairman of PROTON. Lotus is a wholly-owned subsidiary of PROTON Holdings Berhad.

Part of DRB-HICOM's plans to revive Lotus, the Flagship Showroom and Centre is built on 10,520m<sup>2</sup> of land, and offers a complete Lotus experience with a Showroom, a Customer Interactive Block, and a Service Centre, where owners will be able to service, and obtain the spare parts for their Lotus cars.

The Showroom covers an area of approximately 1,060m<sup>2</sup>, and consists of sale areas for new and pre-owned Lotus cars. Elegant and minimalist, the Showroom was designed to convey the heritage of the Lotus brand. Retail areas for Lotus car accessories, Lotus Originals merchandise, a delivery room, and open deck garden and customers lounge are also located in the Showroom building.



The advanced and fully-equipped Lotus Service Centre is approximately 1,009m<sup>2</sup> in size and will offer the highest level of customer service to current and future Lotus owners. The Service Centre is able to accommodate up to 20 cars a day and 480 cars a month.

According to Dato' Sri Haji Mohd Khamil, when DRB-HICOM first took over PROTON and all its subsidiaries, including Lotus, one of the Group's top priorities was to look into reviving the Lotus brand. "We have many times affirmed our commitment to the future of this brand, and with the launch of Malaysia's first Lotus Flagship Showroom today, we are again reiterating our commitment to the future of Lotus."



"There are currently about 140 Lotus Cars showrooms around the world, and approximately 65 percent are 3S Showrooms, but what makes this Flagship Showroom extra special is the 372m<sup>2</sup> Customer Interactive Block, which was designed for Lotus customers in mind," he added. "

The opening also marked the official launch of LOTUS' latest power players, the supercharged Exige S and Elise S. Already making waves globally, the powerful Exige S was recently awarded the coveted Car of The Year title by EVO magazine, while the Elise S – the latest addition to the Elise range, is perfect for the enthusiast wanting to enjoy the thrill of the ride with even better performance, without compromising on weight.

"These cars represent the best that LOTUS has to offer right now, and I can truly say that the best is yet to come. For LOTUS to remain competitive and relevant, it will be necessary for us to introduce more and more exciting products to our customers in the future," acknowledged Dato' Sri Haji Mohd Khamil, who added that the way for LOTUS moving forward is to launch products sensibly, and with due regards to proper compliance of quality, cost and delivery.

## ABOUT THE CARS

### *Lotus Exige S*

The new Exige S is the ultimate in focused sports cars. Capable of reaching 0-100 km/h in 3.96 seconds, it not only boasts impressive stats, but is recognised by experts as a benchmark of superior ride and handling. Its dynamic performance is also enhanced by the 345hp (350 PS) supercharged 3.5 V6 engine.



### Technical Specifications

#### ENGINE

Mid mounted, transverse 3.5 litre 24valve DOHC V6 dual VVT-I equipped with Harrop HTV 1320 Supercharger utilising Eaton TVS Technology

#### TRANSMISSION

6-speed manual gearbox with sports ratios  
Constant mesh helical gears and open differentials

#### PERFORMANCE

0-100 km/h 3.96 seconds  
Max speed 170 mph (274 km/h)  
Max power 345 hp at 7000 rpm (350 PS) (258 kW)  
Max torque 295 lbft at 4500 rpm (400 Nm)  
CO2 emissions (manual) 236 g/km  
Unladen vehicle mass 1176 kg

Fuel consumption with manual gearbox : Urban 19.5 mpg (14.5 I/100km), Extra Urban 37.2 mpg (7.6 I/100km), Combined 28.0 mpg (10.1 I/100km)

### *Lotus Elise S*

The latest addition to the popular Elise range is the new supercharged S model. With its soft top and big personality, the car is perfect for city drives or countryside escapades. Its 1.8 litre supercharged engine, which delivers 217 hp / 220 PS, marries speed, versatility and fun in one sporty package.

### Technical Specifications

#### ENGINE

Mid-mounted, transverse, 1798cm<sup>3</sup>, 2ZR-FE inline 4 cylinder DOHC 16-valve Dual VVT-I with Magnuson R900 supercharger utilising Eaton TVS™ technology

#### TRANSMISSION

6-speed manual gearbox with sports ratios  
Constant mesh helical gears and open differentials



**PERFORMANCE**

0-100 km/h 4.6 seconds  
 Max speed 145 mph (234 km/h)  
 Max power 217 hp at 6800 rpm (163 kW) (220 PS)  
 Max torque 184 lbft at 4600 rpm (250 Nm)

Fuel consumption with manual gearbox: Urban 27.3 mpg (10.3 I/100km), Extra Urban 47.6 mpg (5.9 I/100km), Combined 37.5 mpg (7.5 I/100km)

CO2 emissions (manual) 175 g/km

Unladen vehicle mass 924 kg

**Lotus unveiled two new Exige models during the Autosport International show**

Lotus Racing, the motorsport arm of Group Lotus Plc, unveiled two new Exige models, both set to wow race car aficionados during the 2013 Autosport International show.

These new cars are the Exige V6 Cup, the latest Cup version for track or road and its pure race-bred sibling the Exige V6 CupR.



Lotus Exige V6 Cup

Both new Exige race cars were presented as part of a three car line-up, where the race winning Evora GT4 was also on display as a perfect contender for race teams looking to compete in, amongst others, the newly announced SRO GT4 European Trophy.



Lotus Exige V6 CupR

Lotus Exige V6 Cup specs:

**PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION**

|                       |                                       |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 0-100 (km/h)          | 3.8 seconds*                          |
| 0-160 (km/h)          | 7.9 seconds*                          |
| Max speed             | 274 km/h / 170 mph*                   |
| Max power             | 345 hp / 350 PS / 257.5 kW @ 7000 rpm |
| Max torque            | 400 Nm / 295 lb ft @ 4500 rpm         |
| Unladen vehicle mass  | 1080 kg*                              |
| Power to weight ratio |                                       |
| hp per tonne          | 319*                                  |
| PS per 1000 kg        | 324*                                  |

Lotus Exige V6 CupR specs:

**PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION**

|                      |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 0-100 (km/h)         | 3.8 seconds*              |
| 0-160 (km/h)         | 7.9 seconds*              |
| Max speed            | 274 km/h / 170 mph*       |
| Max power            | 366PS @ 7200rpm           |
| Max torque           | 413Nm/295 lb ft @ 5000rpm |
| Unladen vehicle mass | 1040kg                    |

The complete specifications can be downloaded from the Lotus Drivers Guide website.

**Lotus F1 Team: 2013 car**

Romain Grosjean may have said to much to Stade 2 Television in France, when he stated "The next few weeks for me will be intense training, with the presentation of the new car at the end of the month, Then I will have six days of testing in February before the beginning of the season in March."

So let us wait and see, as soon as I get any news about the 2013 car I will put it on my website.

## Motoring stools

Put your feet on a motoring stool created by Vintage 60 after a long day. I found these unique stools and like to share this information with you.



Ayrton Senna JPS Lotus #12 footstool



Emerson Fittipaldi JPS Lotus #9 footstool



Graham Hill #7 footstool



Jim Clark Lotus 25 #8 footstool

Hand made in England, available in either premium leather or synthetic leather look contract vinyl.

If you like to know more, have a look at [www.vintage60.com](http://www.vintage60.com)

## F1 Calendar 2013

If you are, like me, interested in following the Formula Ones races this calendar may be very useful for you.

17/03 Grand Prix of Australia  
24/03 Grand Prix of Malaysia  
14/04 Grand Prix of China  
21/04 Grand Prix of Bahrain  
12/05 Grand Prix of Spain (Barcelona)  
26/05 Grand Prix of Monaco  
09/06 Grand Prix of Canada  
16/06 Grand Prix of Jersey (New York) \*  
30/06 Grand Prix of Great Britain  
14/07 Grand Prix of Germany  
28/07 Grand Prix of Hungary  
25/08 Grand Prix of Belgium  
08/09 Grand Prix of Italy  
22/09 Grand Prix of Singapore  
06/10 Grand Prix of Korea  
13/10 Grand Prix of Japan  
27/10 Grand Prix of India  
03/11 Grand Prix of Abu Dhabi  
17/11 Grand Prix of USA (Austin)  
24/11 Grand Prix of Brazil

\* to be confirmed

## Lotus Originals sale at the Hethel store

Exclusive to the Hethel store in Norfolk Lotus has a sale of up to 50% discount\* across the Lotus Originals collection. Please note, this is While stocks last. The offer is available at the Hethel store only from now until 31st January 2013.

Opening Hours  
Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm  
Friday 9am to Midday

Also open exclusively on Saturday 26th January 10am to 6pm

Find the store at Lotus Cars, Potash Lane, Hethel, NR14 8EZ, UK.

## A Lotus as a movie star, again!

Coming soon to the big screen: 'The Host' which sees not one, but a fleet of Lotus Evoras making their movie debut!

"The Host" is the next epic love story from the creator of the "Twilight Saga," worldwide bestselling author, Stephenie Meyer. When an unseen enemy threatens mankind by taking over their bodies and erasing their memories, Melanie Stryder (Saoirse Ronan) will risk everything to protect the people she cares most about.

The Evoras form part of the arsenal of the 'Seekers' headed by Hollywood A-lister Diane Kruger who pursues Melanie and her crew for the duration of the story. To gear-up for this stealth mission the Evoras were given a chrome wrap to give the already dramatic aesthetics of the Evora the Sci-Fi edge that the part demands!



## Class win for Cor Euser Racing with Evora in Dubai



The first international endurance race of the 2013 season, kicked off last weekend at the Dubai Aerodrome, with the Dunlop 24H Dubai.

Cor Euser Racing, competing in the Lotus Evora GT4 and driven by Vic Rice, Shane Lewis, Henk Thijssen and Trevor Knight led their SP3 class through the night, battling hard to stay at the front of the pack. The team deservedly took victory in their SP3 GT4 category, coming 17th overall.

The Motionsport Team also competed well in their Lotus Elise, coming second in the A5 Touring class. They also enjoyed a decent finish and came 30th, out of 80 entrants.

## Lotus F1 Team partnership with Henri-Lloyd

World leading British marine clothing & lifestyle apparel specialists Henri-Lloyd commence new partnership with Lotus F1 Team, with a new range of travel clothing for the team and consumers.

On the occasion of the London Boat Show, Lotus F1 Team welcomes a new partnership with respected British clothing manufacturer, Henri-Lloyd. The relationship will see Lotus F1 Team personnel wearing Henri-Lloyd clothing whilst travelling as well as a Lotus F1 Team range of travel clothing being launched, available in Henri-Lloyd stores and to team partners.



The partnership will continue to expand over the coming seasons to see Henri-Lloyd take advantage of Lotus F1 Team's business and marketing channel as Henri-Lloyd looks to develop new markets.

Founded and based in Manchester, England, Henri-Lloyd is extremely proud of its British heritage and delighted to be supporting the Oxfordshire based British team, using the shared values to continue its product development ambitions in the unique environment of Formula 1.

*Eric Boullier, Team Principal, Lotus F1 Team:*

"Henri-Lloyd is a fantastic brand which shares the same passion and ambition as Lotus F1 Team. That our distinctive colours will be represented in the high streets with a quality range of clothing is great for the team, great for Henri-Lloyd and great for discerning consumers. The long journey to Melbourne for the first race of the season will be all the more stylish for us. We look forward to growing this partnership over the coming years."

*Paul Strzelecki, Joint Chief Executive of Henri-Lloyd:*

"We are thrilled to announce our partnership with Lotus F1 Team, a team that reflects our proud British heritage, product technology and innovation. We are very excited about our future together and wish the team every success in the 2013 season"



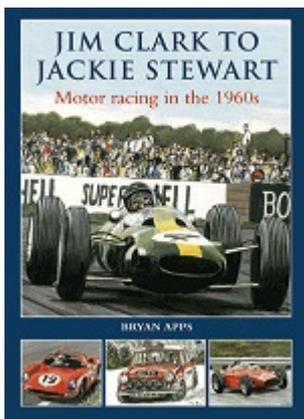
## News from Malaysia

In Malaysia DRB-Hicom organised an event for the media with the aim to discuss their future plans with Lotus.

It became clear that the original plan that was presented in Paris in 2010 has been cancelled. The majority of the 5 new cars had already been cancelled before DRB-Hicom acquired Proton. It is not yet clear if the work on the Esprit that has been ongoing has also been cancelled.

However, DRB-Hicom does expect to produce replacements for the Exige and Evora that will be based around a new platform and engine, by 2015 or 2016. If this platform has any relation with that from the Paris cars was not confirmed.

DRB-Hicom group MD Datuk Seri Mohd Khamil Jamil stated once again that they have no plans to sell Lotus.



### Jim Clark to Jackie Stewart

A total of seven drivers won Formula 1 World Championships in the 1960s. Motorcycle Racing World Champion John Surtees gained his in a Ferrari in 1964, after exchanging two wheels for four; Graham Hill won his driving a B.R.M. in 1962 and a Lotus-Ford in 1968; Jack Brabham won his in a Cooper-Climax in 1960 and in a Brabham-Repco in 1966; the American Phil Hill won his with a Ferrari in 1961, and Denny Hulme gained his World Championship title with another Brabham-Repco in 1967.

The achievements of all these drivers and their cars, along with many others, are recorded in this book, each expertly depicted through the author's inimitable illustrations.

Hardcover, 160 pages, Language: English, ISBN-10: 0857041894, ISBN-13: 978-0857041890

### Lotus/Caterham Sevens and replicas.

This book will be released in June 2013.

Having this book in your pocket will be like having a real marque expert by your side, according to the publisher. Benefit from the author's years of Lotus/Caterham 7 experience, learn how to spot a bad car quickly, and how to assess a promising one like a professional. Get the right car at the right price!

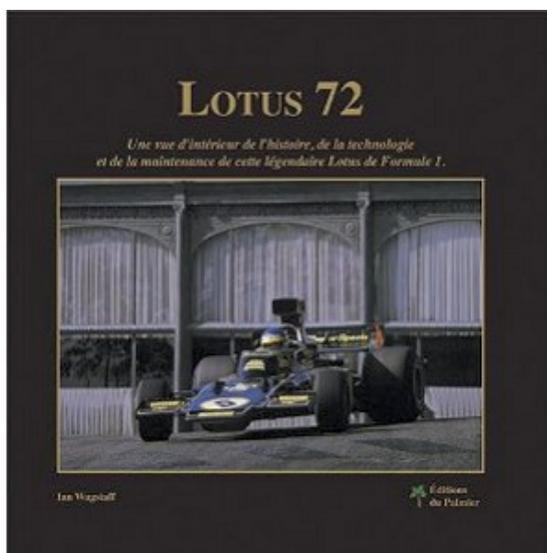
Paperback, 64 pages, Language: English, ISBN-10: 1845844866, ISBN-13: 978-1845844868



### Lotus 72

French version of the book by Ian Wagstaff.

Hardcover, Language: French, ISBN-10: 2360590324, ISBN-13: 978-2360590322, size 24 x 22.6 x 1.6 cm



## Rare cars for sale



This Lotus Elite, chassis 1461, was built in 1960 and first sold in 1962. The second owner is selling it now, after having had the pleasure of this car for 46 years.

US \$90,000.

If you want to know more, you may contact the owner by email, [dennisortenburger@gmail.com](mailto:dennisortenburger@gmail.com)

The Lotus Eleven that you see here is for sale. Chassis 198. This car has an extensive racing history both in Australia and the UK. It is fitted with a full race Coventry Climax FWA engine and close ratio 4 speed BMC synchromesh gearbox.

In a recent interview Jon Leighton explained how he helped build the car at the Lotus factory alongside Graham Hill who at the time was building Yellow Peril.

The car is currently located in Renmark, South Australia, and can be seen on the Ruston's Roses website – <http://www.rustonsroses.com/LotusEleven.php>.

Price \$130,000 Aus.

Contact: [richard.fewster@arran.com.au](mailto:richard.fewster@arran.com.au)  
or +61 418820209



This 1972 Lotus Seven S4 has had one owner from new!! Fully restored in 2008, for further information please inquire.

€27,500

Contact FS Automoveis Portugal at +35 1216021142

This Seven S2 (March 1962) is offered for sale by a private seller. 1340cc Cosworth Ford, Twin Weber 40dcoe, Cosworth rocker cover, Revolution alloy wheels, oil cooler, electric fan, correct AC gauges, Smiths speedometer & Rev Counter. Comes with hood, tonneau & sidescreens. Unused twenty years (garaged) now needing some restoration. Asking GBP 24.500

Contact the seller : +44 (0)1890870698





This 1965 Lotus Type 31 Formula 3 (1000 cc) is for sale, the car is in Italy. Price on request.

Contact the seller: +39 336392194

## Model Cars

Soon expected in the shops: **Lotus Type 56B**, the car that was driven by Emerson Fittipaldi during the 1971 Italian Grand Prix.

Model in 1:18 scale by **True Scale Miniatures**



And how about this **Lotus Type 56** that was driven by Graham Hill during the 1968 Indianapolis 500?

Also a 1:18 scale model made by **True Scale Miniatures**, expected early 2013



The next image is showing you the new **Minichamps** 1:43 diecast model of the #9 **Lotus E20** which Kimi Räikkönen drove to second place in the 2012 Bahrain Grand Prix.



E20

The good people at **SMTS** are planning the release of their new **Lotus Type 59** model this year. Although I do not yet have pictures, I can already reveal that there are plans for a 1:43 kit to create the 1969 Gold Leaf Team Lotus version of this model, and a 1:43 kit to create the 1969 Jim Russell Racing version.

More **SMTS** plans for the (near) future:

**Lotus VI** – will it finally arrive?

**Lotus 25** - 1964 - M. Hailwood 1:43

**Lotus 38** - 1967 - J. Clark 1:43

**Lotus 63** 4WD 1969

**Lotus 64** 4WD Andretti 1969 1:43

**Lotus 72D** - 1st British Grand Prix 1972 - #8 E. Fittipaldi 1:43

**Lotus 72D** - 1972 - E. Fittipaldi 1:43

**Lotus 72E** - 1974 - #1 R. Peterson 1:43

**Lotus 87** - 1981 - #12 N. Mansell 1:43

**Lotus 87** - 1981 - #11 E. De Angelis 1:43

**Lotus 87** - 1981 - #12 N. Mansell 1:43



On the left you can see an image of the new Lotus **Type 18** model by **Spark**, scale 1:43. This is the version as driven by Jim Clark during the 1960 Portuguese Grand Prix.

Expected in March 2013

Another new 1:43 scale model by **Spark** is this 1959 Lotus **Type 16** as driven by Graham Hill during the Dutch Grand Prix.

Expected in April 2013



Here is one of the first images from Minimax, showing the new **Eclat S2** 1:43 model, made by **Spark**.

Due for release in April

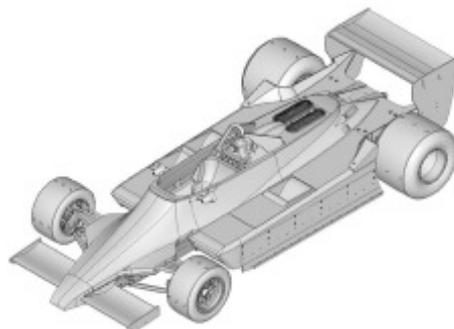


**Model Factory Hiro** has announced the release of their new Lotus **Type 79** (1978 version) for February 2013. This multi material 1:43 kit will be available in various versions:

Version A : 1978 Swedish GP or French GP

version B : 1978 Austrian GP or Dutch GP or Italian GP

Andretti or Peterson, so #5 or #6



(image: MFH)

Later this year there will also be a 1979 version of the Lotus Type 79 (Andretti or Reutemann)



We did already see the "Lotus" LMP2 car and now I can show you the 2012 LMP1 cars:

Nr. 12 is the Lola B12/60 Toyota Rebellion Racing **LMP1** car that finished 4° at Le Mans 2012. Drivers: Heidfeld, Jani and Prost



Nr. 13 is the Lola B12/60 Toyota Rebellion Racing LMP1 car that finished 11° at Le Mans 2012. Drivers: Belicchi, Primat and Bleekemolen

I do not yet know when these 1:43 **Spark** models will be released.

Not "real Lotus cars" of course, but I can imagine that a collector likes to add these to his collection.

Until now I was not able to show you pictures of the new **Tameo E20** kit, scale 1:43, but here they are:



Räikkönen



Grosjean

I did not know that anyone produced a miniature model of the **KV Technology Lotus Indycar**. Now I do! Here are some images showing the model that was made by **Greenlight**, scale 1:18. Yes, Takuma Sato's car.

This die-cast replica features metal body, functional parts, a removable engine cover and detailed engine. The Lotus factory paint job and all sponsor logos, including INTERUSH, iPhytter, ChiKuu and iRacing.com logos on the front-wing side panels are accurately replicated. Takuma's charity program 'With you Japan' logo is also predominantly carried on the side pods of the car.



## Events

### Race Retro, 22-24 February 2013, Stoneleigh Park, Coventry, England



Race Retro, the international historic motorsport show, is back and gearing up for three high octane filled days of the very best in classic motorsport.

Celebrate the magnificent racing history of Team Lotus with stunning displays of the legendary cars involved in Lotus' most iconic victories.

More information: [www.raceretro.com](http://www.raceretro.com)

Adult tickets for Race Retro, sponsored by Peter James Insurance and HERO, start at £20 in advance with children's tickets at £5 for Friday and Saturday and free on Sunday. Car parking is free and has been moved to a hard surface area nearer to the halls. The show is open from 9.30am each day and closes at 5.30pm on Friday and Saturday and 4.30pm on Sunday.

### Club Lotus Festival, 20-21 April 2013, Donington, England



The Club Lotus Festival will be back in Donington, an event you really should visit!

The show will be bigger than before and there will be a new show layout inside the halls. All the regular trade, club, autojumble and memorabilia stands will be there and many will have special offers just for the weekend. You'll also be able to talk to Club Lotus technical experts who'll be running live technical and practical demonstrations on engines, chassis, gearboxes, interior trim, glass fibre repairs and painting. Lotus Cars and Classic Team Lotus will be there with special displays as well as celebrating the 50th anniversary of Jim Clark winning his and Lotus' first Formula One World Championship.

Ticket info:

Adult £9.00 each

Family (2 adults & up to 4 children) £27.00 each

OAP/13-17 year olds £5.00 each

To book phone 01362 691144 / 694459, fax 01362 695522 or email [events@clublotus.co.uk](mailto:events@clublotus.co.uk)

### Lotus Festival, 24-25 August 2012, Brands Hatch, England



The Brands Hatch Lotus Festival celebrates Britain's most charismatic sportscar marque and its illustrious heritage spanning over 60 years. From coveted cars to Formula 1 glories, Norfolk's famous brand will be on display over one glorious weekend.

On track, demonstrations of Colin Chapman's famous racers and road cars will be complemented by superb action from the Elise Trophy and Lotus Cup UK Championship, plus a race commemorating 50 years of the Lotus Elan and a packed support bill.

Meanwhile trade stands and club displays presenting the very best from the iconic brand makes this a weekend to remember on a track that has provided many of the marque's most glittering moments.

Brands Hatch is located 20 miles outside Central London, just off the M25.

More information: [www.lotus-festival.com](http://www.lotus-festival.com)

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