

CLASSIC DRIVER



1972 Lotus Elan

Lot sold	USD 44 508 - 50 072 GBP 32 000 - 36 000 (listed)	Lenkung	Rechts
Baujahr	1972	Zustand	Gebraucht
Getriebe	Schaltgetriebe	Standort	
Chassisnummer	7110260379E	Außenfarbe	Sonstige
Losnummer	150	Automobiltyp	Sonstige
		Markenfarbe außen	Green

Beschreibung

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1997 and that between 2001-2003 the car was subject to extensive restoration. The latter involved a complete strip-down and re-spray, an engine rebuild (believed to have been completed by marque specialist 'Nick Stagg Engineering'), conversion to unleaded compatibility, an overhaul of the steering, suspension and brakes, a new interior, and the fitting of a host of other new parts. A fascinating history file accompanies the little coupand includes a record of all journeys from 1979 at 23,377 miles through to December 1985 at 47,133 miles, showing just how cherished this car has been. In the years that followed, it appears that the car was only lightly used after being restored, as by 2007 the mileage indicated was still just 48,000 (approximately) and to date is only 52,525. There is an invoice for a recent service at 52,498 miles, MOT Certificates from 2006 to 2018, plus numerous invoices for work/maintenance/parts (from 2002 up to 2018, totalling almost 15,000) from specialists Christopher Neil Lotus, Paul Matty Sports Cars, and QED Motorsport Ltd. Furthermore, there are specific invoices from 2008 that indicate further restoration, plus 3,131 spent with Paul Matty in 2012 for various maintenance items. There is no doubt that NHN 620K has received more than its share of care and attention and continues to look sharp and fresh. We understand that it's as agile and eager as a 'Sprint' should be and imagine that Mr Chapman, whose signature is etched into the steering wheel, would be proud that his inspired creation is as desirable now as the day it rolled out of Hethel all those years ago. Video of the Lotus Elan Sprint 1972 Lotus Elan Sprint https://youtu.be/ft2Bx_88YUgtrue

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