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## 1983 Talbot Sunbeam Lotus - Avon 'Hatchback' Saloon

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- Lot sold  
USD 18 244 - 24 325  
GBP 15 000 - 20 000 (listed)  
**Year of manufacture** 1983
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Drive** RHD
- **Interior colour** Other
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
- **Exterior brand colour** Blue
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### Description

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The Lotus company developed many models for client concerns, and this Lotus Type 81 Sunbeam-Lotus celebrated this activity within the Glasius Collection. The notion of a world-class rally car tailored for the open road appealed to the Chrysler (later Talbot) dealer network, and the basic recipe was to provide the basic Talbot Sunbeam hatchback model with extra vigour and so to appeal to a moneyed go faster market.

A 2.2-litre Type 911 version of the Lotus 16-valve 4-cylinder engine was specified, driving through a five-speed ZF gearbox. Borrowing something from Lotus-Cortina experience, the new Sunbeam-Lotus was to be offered only in black and silver, with Marchal spotlights mounted above the front bumper and tailored 'double four-spoke' cast-alloy road wheels.

The Sunbeam-Lotus was launched in 1979 with the Lotus name receiving particular prominence. The finalized 2172cc Twin-Cam engine breathed through t

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