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## 1955 Lotus MK VIII - 'The White Lotus' ex-Tip Cunane

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Lot sold	<b>USD 166 429 - 208 036</b> GBP 120 000 - 150 000 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1955	Interior colour	Other
Gearbox	Manual	Condition	Used
Competition car	Yes	Location	
Drivetrain	2wd	Fuel type	Petrol
		Exterior colour	Other
		Car type	Convertible / Roadster
		Exterior brand colour	White

### Description

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1955 Lotus-MG Mk VIII Aerodynamic Sports-Racing Two-Seater

Chassis no. MK6/2-1

Colin Chapman's emergent Lotus series of ever-more sophisticated competition cars featured cycle mudguard or open-wheeled trials special-type design until what proved to be his landmark design for the Lotus Mark VIII series.

These sports-racing cars were the first to feature fully wheel-enveloping aerodynamic bodywork conceived and designed by De Havilland Aircraft aerodynamicist Frank Costin. His brother Michael was one of Colin Chapman's closest and most influential collaborators, and would become technical director of the growing Lotus Engineering Company before joining engineer Keith Duckworth in partnership as the 'Cos' of Cosworth.

It was during the winter of 1953 that Colin Chapman began design study for such a car, for which detail chassis design and stress calculation was completed by Peter Ross and G

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