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1997 Lotus Esprit - GT3 S

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- Lot sold
USD 34 566 - 47 528
EUR 32 696 - 44 957 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1997
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Drive** RHD
- **Interior colour** Other
- **Condition** Used
- **Location**  
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Coupé
- **Exterior brand colour** Yellow
- **Airbags** Yes
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Description

Lot No: 328

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Registration no. KAP-120C (ACT expiry 5/8/11)

Chassis no. SCC082910VHA62199

Engine no. LN910970829780T

Unveiled in 1987, the Peter Stevens redesign of the venerable Lotus Esprit saw the mid-engined rocketship's sharp edges softened, the interior revamped and the mechanical specification improved. Indeed, the Esprit was now a genuine supercar contender, with over 160 mph available from the Special Equipment model of 1989, largely thanks to the adoption of a water to air intercooler on the 2.2-litre four. In 1993, Lotus further updated the Esprit with exterior styling by Julian Thompson. Relatively minor changes to the front and rear bumpers, side skirts and a new wheel design were nicely resolved and the Esprit's dramatic styling was suitably updated for a new decade. It wasn't until 1995 that the mechanical specification came in for change, when the S4 was replaced by the S4S; power jumped to 300 bhp, with 290 lbs/ft of torque on tap. To achieve thes

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