


# CLASSIC DRIVER

## 1961 Lotus Elite - S2

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| Lot sold            | <b>USD 82 719 - 106 353</b><br>EUR 70 000 - 90 000 (listed) | Drive           | LHD   |
| Year of manufacture | 1961  | Interior colour | Black   |
| Gearbox             | Manual  | Condition       | Restored  |
| Chassis number      | 1205  | Location        |  |
| Number of seats     | 2   | Fuel type       | Petrol  |
| Drivetrain          | 2wd   | Exterior colour | Orange  |
| Lot number          | 396   | Car type        | Coupé   |

### Description

US registration

EU customs cleared

Chassis # 1205

Engine # 8163

- In superb condition
- Exceptional on-road dynamics
- A very rare model (approximately 1000 made)

The coupe Lotus Elite is a pure Lotus product and specifically addresses the concerns of Colin Chapman. This is a real customer competition car, which, in an elegant and sober shape, conceals sporting qualities of the highest order. Minimalist and clever design of this monocoque using mainly fiberglass, allows the weight to be limited to just 640kg, while offering excellent rigidity. It features an aluminum engine, a Coventry Climax with a single overhead cam of 1216cc, with power ranging from 75 to 105bhp depending on the version. With four independently sprung wheels, disc brakes on all four corners and a ZF gearbox for the series 2, this car corresponds to the essence of what makes Lotus' lightness and efficiency a legend. The car is very lively, precise and capable of giving a headache to many more powerful machines. It has to his credit a victory at Silverstone in 1958, an eighth position overall in the 24 Hours of Le Mans, six class victories at the same event and two in the energy index. Its production exceeds hardly a thousand units.

Among the Lotus Elite survivors, few come in as good a condition as the one we are offering. Orange colour with black leather upholstery and gray carpeting, this car features spoked wheels and Pirelli tyres. The car comes accompanied by three binders containing workshop manuals, parts catalogues and other documents relevant to an understanding of this car and for its maintenance. A Lotus Elite makes an average driver the very best of rally drivers, as it is well balanced, lively and energetic. Rare and desirable, it is a guarantee for pure pleasure in a sporting atmosphere worthy of the most prestigious GTs.

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