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[Channel your inner Thomas Crown with McQueen's personal Persol sunglasses](#)

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On 24 March in Hollywood, a pair of Persol 714 sunglasses personally owned by Steve McQueen will be sold in Beverly Hills, Los Angeles. So, if you've always fancied yourself as a bit of a Thomas Crown but don't quite have the wherewithal for a Ferrari 275 GTB NART Spyder, this is your opportunity...

Another piece in the puzzle



The foldable Persol 714 sunglasses were a staple of Steve McQueen's inventory of accessories, so much so that he often chose to wear them in his films, such as the impossibly stylish cult classic *The Thomas Crown Affair* in 1968. The pair offered by GWS Auctions at its [Legends of Hollywood & Music Auction on 24 March in Beverly Hills](#) came from the estate of Dennis Roberts, Hollywood's go-to guy for custom-made eyewear. The auction house attached a very conservative pre-sale estimate of 2,500–3,500 US dollars, which has already been exceeded by online bids. But given the extraordinary prices other items associated with McQueen have garnered in recent years — 27.5m-dollar Ferrari 275 NART Spyder, anyone? — we expect these special shades to soar when they're hammered away later this month.

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