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F1 World Champion Jochen Rindt's road and racing cars are for sale

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One Classic Driver dealer in Germany is offering the unique chance to own two cars associated with the great Austrian racing driver Jochen Rindt — his personal Porsche 911 S from 1967 and a Brabham BT23 Formula 2 car he drove in the same year...

Arguably one of *the* greatest drivers of his generation, Jochen Rindt was a force to be reckoned with in the 1960s and '70s. In the fiercely competitive Formula 2 series, the German-born Austrian racing driver won 22 races, and he even claimed overall victory at Le Mans in 1965, sharing a NART-entered Ferrari 250LM with Masten Gregory. Driving for Lotus in Formula 1, Rindt won five races in 1970, before he was killed in a tragic accident at Monza — he was posthumously awarded the World Championship.

Boys and their toys





The Bahama Yellow Porsche 911 S was delivered to Rindt in June 1967, and, if the ultra-cool period photos of him and the car are anything to go by, he clearly got much use out of it. There were prangs and dents, and it was also fitted with a roof rack — Rindt was a keen skier and made the most of the winters in Vienna. Today, the special 911 is presented in beautifully restored condition (we'd almost certainly get that roof rack back on, though).

A formidable pairing





The Brabham BT23 suited Rindt's exuberant driving style to a tee. In 1967, the Austrian won nine Formula 2 races with the car, including the Guards 100 at Snetterton and the Pau Grand Prix. This car, chassis number five, was used by Rindt during that successful year, after which it was exported to Australia by Denny Hulme. It's since been restored and is ready for either the concours lawn or the race track. Two genuine slices of motorsport history, these cars embody the mystery and allure of one of the greatest racing drivers to ever have lived.

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