

CLASSIC DRIVER



1968 AC Cobra

Lot sold	USD 0 GBP 0 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1968	Condition	Used
Mileage	17 886 mi / 28 785 km	Location	
Lot number	221	Exterior colour	Other
		Car type	Other

Description

"We are pleased to be able to offer this RAM SC Cobra, it being the original RAM demonstrator, professionally built by RAM Automotive. Ram Automotive cars, although similar in appearance to the other Cobra replicas, offer a quality not seen with many of the others. The RAM differs, under the double-skinned fiberglass shell, by way of a space frame chassis, instead of the cheaper ladder frame alternatives, and was developed in conjunction with the race constructor, Adrian Reynard and Adrian Cocking, the man behind RAM Automotive, an ex-DAX employee who left Dax to begin and develop the RAM Automotive business. The very nature of the RAM's chassis construction gives increased rigidity over most ladder frames and offers benefits in the cars handling. Jaguar top and bottom wishbones are hung onto the front of the chassis and used in conjunction with uprated road springs and dampers. At the rear of the car, a modified Jaguar XJ series rear axle is used with narrowed drive shafts. The space frame design, not only offers excellent handling characteristics, but also gives the safety conscious a well-braced body shell, there are many impact absorbing zones and the driver is surrounded by substantial framework. Also the fuel tank is set deep into the chassis behind the seats for protection. Most RAM Cobra replicas were fitted with a mildly tweaked Rover V8 engine; in some cases, such as this, an American V8 power unit was used giving similar performance to the original Shelby Cobra. 'Moffy' has recently undergone works totalling over £10,000 to bring the car up to the condition that is presented today. These works included; a new handmade stainless steel exhaust

system, replacement clutch cover, plate and bearings, new cylinder heads, refinished exhaust manifolds (headers), alloy sprayed, new double roller timing chains, special length push rods to suit the roller lifters, new crankshaft damper, heat shields to foot boxes and a new brake system bias valve. We are informed, that this Cobra, driven by its American Chevrolet 5357cc V8 engine via a five-speed Getrag gearbox and limited slip differential, is as raw as they come, having no driver aids, the intimidating V8 sounds superb and is nothing less than pure brutish fun! RAM Automotive have a pedigree endorsed by Shelby; this endorsement came about when a RAM replica was used as a centrepiece by Carroll Shelby at the Autosport Racing Car Show at the NEC Birmingham for the UK launch of the Shelby Transplant Trust. Today, 'Moffy' comes with its history file, including, 'How to Rebuild your Small Block Chevy' by David Vizard, historic number plate, its UK V5C registration document with it being correctly registered as a RAM Automotive SC and an MoT test certificate valid until June 2019. This Cobra is an important piece of the replica Cobra history, and we believe will surely only appreciate in time."

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