

CLASSIC DRIVER

2000 Lotus 340R

- Lot sold
USD 65 927 - 77 914
GBP 55 000 - 65 000 (listed)
Year of manufacture 2000
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Chassis number** SCCGA1115YHE69737
- **Number of seats** 2
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Lot number** 305
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- **Drive** LHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
- **Engine number** 18K4FM16 3184411
- **Exterior brand colour** Grey and Black Metallic
- **Interior brand colour** Blue Alcantara
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Description

Guide price: £55000 - £65000.

- One of just 340 built, outstanding condition showing little signs of use
- Odometer indicating just 351 miles and wearing the all-important tyres unique to the 340R
- Recent body off inspection and full service at leading Lotus specialist

- A zero compromise concept that made it through to production, interesting and unusual

Built by Lotus in 2000 as the ultimate track-day car, the 340R is a special edition based on the Lotus Elise and uses the Elise's bonded aluminium mid-engine chassis, basic running gear, and the 1.8litre Rover 'K' Series in its 177bhp form. Performance was exceptional with 0-60mph in just over 4 seconds and 100mph arriving in 10.7 seconds. Just 340 were built sharing the same silver and black colour scheme and all were sold before manufacture. Despite looking like a dedicated track day special, a role at which it excels, it's potentially fully road legal and delivers a level of ride comfort totally unexpected in such a performance-focused car. This example, build number 104, was the last of 8 left-hand-drive units delivered new to the USA for track or competition use only, and therefore featured some performance enhancements rather than downgrades as is often the case when sports cars 'cross the pond'. With very little use and showing just 351 miles in total, the car still sits on its

original Yokohama tyres, a very important factor for collectors as the 340R had been developed in collaboration with Yokohama. These unique tyres are now hard to obtain and were developed specifically for this car alone. Upon arrival in the UK during January 2018, the car visited a known marque specialist for a full body off inspection and was treated to a cambelt service, fresh fluids and filters at the same time. Presented with the supplying dealer book packs, a Certificate of Provenance, invoices for the recent inspection, and all related import documents showing duties paid. A rare opportunity presents to own a highly collectable, track focused, zero compromise, limited production-run special.

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