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## 1982 Lotus Excel

Lot sold	<b>USD 0</b> GBP 0 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1982	Condition	Used
Mileage	82 407 mi / 132 622 km	Location	
Lot number	TBA	Exterior colour	Other
		Car type	Other

### Description

"Launched in October 1982, the Excel received two major upgrades during its 10 year production run. With the introduction of the Excel SE, a 180bhp engine, versus the standard 160bhp engine car. In October 1985, the bumpers, wing and interior were changed, including a new dashboard. In October 1986 the Excel SA with automatic gearbox was introduced. Further facelifts in 1989 saw Citroën derived mirrors, as featured on the Esprit, and 15 inch OZ alloy wheels to a similar pattern as the Esprit's. Toyota engaged Lotus to assist with engineering work on the Supra. During this period, Toyota became a major shareholder in Lotus, later giving up their holding when General Motors bought Lotus. Part of the deal between Lotus and Toyota included the use of many Toyota mechanical components in Lotus' cars. The original Excel (aka the Eclat Excel) used the W58 manual transmission, driveshafts, rear differential, 14x7 inch alloy wheels, and door handles from the Supra Mk. II, which was made from 1982 to 1986. The engine was the familiar all aluminium, DOHC 2.2 L Lotus 912 slant-4 engine used in the Lotus Esprit S3.

We are informed by the vendor that this 1982 Lotus is one of the three original prototype cars used in development with Toyota. The car presents well in the colour combination of red with beige interior. The Lotus Excel is known for its good cornering and excellent handling thanks to 50:50 weight distribution, we are told due to this the car is a huge amount of fun to drive. The Excel remains a fantastic and reasonably affordable alternative to the more obvious 1980s sports cars, its

unique styling and great driving characteristics continue to appeal to motoring enthusiasts. This Lotus is presented to auction with a V5C registration document and valid MoT test certificate."

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