
1968 Lotus Elan S3 FHC ****Regretfully Withdrawn****

Lot sold	USD 27 138 - 33 922 GBP 20 000 - 25 000 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1968	Interior colour	Black
Gearbox	Manual	Condition	Used
Chassis number	36/7781	Location	
Number of seats	2	Fuel type	Petrol
Drivetrain	2wd	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	357	Car type	Other
		Engine number	36/7781
		Exterior brand colour	Wedgewood Blue
		Interior brand colour	Black

Description

Guide price: £20000 - £25000. **** REGRETFULLY WITHDRAWN****

- Subject to a recent complete restoration, including the mechanicals
- Presented in a lovely shade of Wedgewood Blue
- From a true Lotus marque enthusiast

- Amazingly packaged, extremely capable and surprisingly roomy sports car - ready to be enjoyed

The Lotus Elan burst onto the scene in 1962 as the first road-going Lotus to use the now synonymous combination of a steel backbone chassis coupled to a separate fibreglass body. Colin Chapman proudly announced in the launch literature that "We wanted to build you a fun car..." A technologically advanced DOHC development of Ford's proven 'Kent' engine, bored out to 1558cc provided the propulsion, whilst cutting-edge features such as all-round disc brakes, fully independent suspension, and rack and pinion steering provided agility and handling that was second-to-none. The Series 3 Fixed Head Coupé arrived in 1965 closely followed by the S3 soft top. In line with Lotus's intention to move upmarket and justify an increase in prices, the quality of fit and finish had been improved over

the earlier Elans and the Coupé sported a considerably smarter dashboard. The new S3 further benefited from revised windows with frames to reduce cabin noise and, of course, the windows were now electrically operated. This superb Series 3 presents beautifully in Wedgewood Blue and has clearly been very well maintained by its five former keepers. Owned by our vendor since 2007, it has recently been subject to a complete restoration, including all mechanicals, and now drives as well as any Elan should. Details of all this attention can be found in the extensive owner's file containing lots of invoices and vehicle history. Quite rightly, the Lotus Elan is today regarded as one of the finest British sports cars of all time and the S3 coupé is arguably the most beautiful of all the early Elans. 'On the button' and ready for the next chapter in its life, this little Lotus has many more years of enjoyment to offer.

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