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## McQueen's Dune Buggy from The Thomas Crown Affair could be yours

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*Forget the Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow and the Ferrari 275 GTS/4 NART Spyder – the coolest car from The Thomas Crown Affair is the Dune Buggy in which Steve McQueen's Crown took Faye Dunaway's character for a white-knuckled ride across the beach. Rather excitingly, it's now for sale...*

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"I helped them design it, so I'm kinda proud of that," Steve McQueen once said of the classic Meyers Manx Dune Buggy belonging to his on-screen character Thomas Crown in the 1968 flick *The Thomas Crown Affair*. "It's set on a big Volkswagen chassis with big ol' wide weenies - big wide tyres on mag wheels, Corvair engine stuffed in the back. It's packing about 230 horses and weighs about a thousand pounds."



Together with Pete Condos of Con-Ferr, McQueen extensively modified Crown's dune buggy to ensure it made a lasting impression. And make a lasting impression it certainly did – in fact, the Manx played such a prominent role that for many people, it actually made the film. Now, Bonhams – which has already sold the Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow and McQueen's iconic Persol sunglasses from *The Thomas Crown Affair* – will offer this dinky piece of Hollywood history at its Amelia Island auction next March. Expect fireworks – and *potentially* Faye Dunaway – when it crosses the block in Florida.

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