


CLASSIC DRIVER



1972 Lotus Elan

Lot sold	USD 0 GBP 0 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1972	Condition	Used
Gearbox	Manual	Location	
Chassis number	7110260379E	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	268	Car type	Other
		Engine number	N25297
		Exterior brand colour	Pistachio over Cirrus White

Description

Home market, right-hand drive Elan Sprint Coupe, indicating just 52,710 miles (atoc) Beautifully presented in the desirable Sprint livery of Pistachio over Cirrus White Replacement chassis in 1997 then subject to an extensive restoration between 2001 - 2003 Offered with a large history folder documenting the life of this remarkable example A fabulous little Lotus. Elan by name and Elan by nature You can now book a one-to-one appointment (up to one hour) to view this lot at our central location of Stoneleigh Park (CV8 2LG) Monday to Friday, from Thursday 29th October until Thursday 12th November (inclusive). Please contact Joe Watts on 07779 082707/ joe@silverstoneauctions.com to secure your appointment or to discuss the car in more detail. The health & safety of both our customers and team remain the utmost priority, we are therefore operating to strict COVID-19 guidelines and full instructions for arrival and inspection protocols will be given when making your appointment. The desirable Sprint' model was introduced in 1971 and was the ultimate incarnation of Lotus' revolutionary little Elan. It justified its name thanks to a substantial increase in power to 126bhp resulting from the adoption of a big-valve head with high-lift cams, a raised compression ratio and (initially) Weber 40 DCOE 31s. The drivetrain was suitably toughened

and braced and the front callipers were redesigned to cope with the increased performance. This home-market Sprint Coup was first registered in the height of summer 1972 and is particularly striking in the attractive period 'Sprint' livery of Pistachio Green over Cirrus White. 48 years later this example presents superbly and could almost be described as being in showroom condition. We are advised that it was fitted with a new chassis in circa 1997 and that between 2001-2003 the car was subject to extensive restoration. The latter involved a complete strip-down and re-spray, an engine rebuild (believed to have been completed by marque specialist 'Nick Stagg Engineering'), conversion to unleaded compatibility, an overhaul of the steering, suspension and brakes, a new interior, and the fitting of a host of other new parts. A fascinating history file accompanies the little coup and includes a record of all journeys from 1979 at 23,377 miles through to December 1985 at 47,133 miles, showing just how cherished this car has been. In the years that followed, it appears that the car was only lightly used after being restored, as by 2007 the mileage indicated was still just 48,000 (approximately) and to date is only 52,525. There is an invoice for a recent service at 52,498 miles, MOT Certificates from 2006 to 2018, plus numerous invoices for work/maintenance/parts (from 2002 up to 2018, totalling almost 15,000) from specialists Christopher Neil Lotus, Paul Matty Sports Cars, and QED Motorsport Ltd. Furthermore, there are specific invoices from 2008 that indicate further restoration, plus 3,131 spent with Paul Matty in 2012 for various maintenance items. There is no doubt that NHN 620K has received more than its share of care and attention and continues to look sharp and fresh. We understand that it's as agile and eager as a 'Sprint' should be and imagine that Mr Chapman, whose signature is etched into the steering wheel, would be proud that his inspired creation is as desirable now as the day it rolled out of Hethel all those years ago. 1972 Lotus Elan Sprint <https://youtu.be/QiP4sZMW4rsfalse>

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