

CLASSIC DRIVER

1966 Lola T70 - Mark II

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- Price
Price on Request
- **Year of manufacture** 1966
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Chassis number** SL71/29
- **Competition car** Yes
- **FIA Papers** Yes
- **Performance** 470 BHP / 477 PS / 351 kW
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Interior colour** Black
- **Condition** Restored
- **Location** 
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Blue
- **Car type** Convertible / Roadster
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Description

The LOLA T70 Mark II has benefited from an important evolution compared to the Mark I. The LOLA T70 was launched in 1965 and in its first year, Walt Hansgen won the Monterey Grand Prix on October 17, 1965.

For the 1966 season, LOLA Cars Limited has planned substantial improvements to the LOLA T70, this will be the launch of the LOLA T70 MARK II. The T70 Mark II had evolved in the right direction as it won five of the six rounds of the Can Am Championship, allowing John Surtees to become the 1966 Champion.

SL71/29, Bobby Brown's car

The model presented for sale was the SL71/29 chassis which was sold in the United States by local dealer John Mecum on 3 June 1966 to Bobby Brown. This American driver, who won many victories at the wheel of his AC Cobra in the SCCA in 1963, seems to have turned a corner in 1966. Indeed, in February 1966, he took part in the 24 Hours of Daytona at the wheel of a Chevrolet Corvette Sting Ray, finishing in 20th position, then the following month he went on to take part in another first-rate race, taking the start of the 12 Hours of Sebring at the wheel of a GT 40.

Bobby Brown entered his LOLA T70 Mark II at Watkins Glen in the SCCA in August 1966 where he finished a

remarkable second place. The following month he finished second again in the SCCA National Thompson race. A very good start!

He then entered SL71/79 in the second round of the 1966 Can Am season held at the Bridgehampton circuit. Wearing the number 00, he finished in 13th position. A week later he started the third round of the championship at Mosport and finished in 8th place.

A car sold ready to race with a new engine

The car was the victim of a fire, apparently caused by a cigarette butt. Lilo Zicron, the owner of Toluca Lake Historics said that he bought the damaged car and undertook to restore it. He entered it in 2009 and 2010 in several historic races in the United States: Laguna Seca, Phoenix, Daytona, Road Atlanta, Willow Springs, Chicago, Road America, as his log book attests. She was imported to France in 2011 and entered by her previous owner in Classic Endurance Racing in 2014.

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