

CLASSIC DRIVER

1980 Lotus Eleven

- Lot sold
USD 0
GBP 0 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1980
- **Mileage** 302 mi / 487 km
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Lot number** 203
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- **Drive** RHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
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Description

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The Eleven was designed by Colin Chapman and fitted with a sleek body designed by aerodynamicist Frank Costin. Its top version, dubbed Le Mans, was generally fitted with a 1100cc Coventry Climax FWA engine and occasionally with a 1500cc Coventry Climax FWB engine mounted in the front of a tubular space frame and featured a De Dion rear axle and Girling disc brakes. Several cars were fitted with alternative engines by their owners, these included Coventry Climax 1500cc, Maserati 150S 1500cc and 750cc engines. There were two main body styles, one with a headrest and the other with no headrest, just two small fins. Some cars were later fitted with a closed body with gullwing doors to meet GT specifications. This superb looking Lotus Eleven Replica has recently been imported from South Africa where it resided in a private collection. It was professionally built in 1980 by coachbuilder Andrew Denton to replicate the original Lotus Eleven that, in 1957, won the Index of Performance for the Le Mans 24hr Race. Fitted with a tubular chassis this Eleven has been built to 'Club model' specification which includes a live rear axle. In 2018 and 2019 this Eleven was successfully campaigned by Diane Dugmore at multiple HSSA events such as the South African Historic Grand Prix. In good order throughout this Eleven runs and drives very well. The engine sounds fantastic when on song and coupled with its light body it makes for a rather quick example indeed. Offered without reserve, this fantastic example comes with all UK Taxes paid and is offered with a Nova document. Eligible for many Historics racing events, we are sure it will soon be

at the front of the grid once more.

Interested parties should not that contrary to the catalogue description the body panels are made from GRP fiberglass and not aluminium.

It should also be noted that the vendor has two other Coventry Climax engines for sale by separate negotiation. A standard FWB 1500 engine and a race specification FWA 1100 engine. For more details please speak with a member of the Historics team.

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