


CLASSIC DRIVER

1968 Lotus Elan

- Lot sold
USD 0
GBP 0 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1968
- **Mileage** 63 790 mi / 102 661 km
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Lot number** 107
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- **Drive** RHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
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Description

"Launched by Lotus in 1962, the two-seater Elan which had been a classic GT style 2+2 model was developed using a stretched chassis and widened track to accommodate two small rear seats. Improvements to the interior and the addition of front fog lights, in 1969, characterised the new Elan +2S but it wasn't until the much-awaited big valve head engines arrived early in 1971 that the Elan +2 really came of age thanks to the new 126bhp output. Known as the Elan Sprint, the same engine was transplanted into the +2S to create the Elan +2S 130. This version was capable of 125mph and 0-60 in just 7.4 seconds. It wasn't just the rapid performance that boosted Lotus's image but the fact that this model was the first that Lotus chose not to supply in kit form.

This example has recently been imported from South Africa where it resided in a private collection. Presented in Team Lotus livery, the coachwork is well although there are some minor blemishes as you would expect for a car of this age. The interior is also in presentable order displaying a light patina. Powered by a 20 valve 'silver top' 4A-GE Toyota engine producing 160bhp and mated to a five-speed Toyota gearbox, this is a very fast example indeed and fitted with the desirable Toyota running gear it is rare opportunity not to be missed. The car is offered with an MoT test certificate valid until October 2022, UK Taxes paid documents and the NOVA form, ready for UK registration.

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