



# Lotus Drivers Guide

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## The first words

FIVE YEARS of LDG Newsletters now! The first edition was published in February 2008.

Hethel seems to have woken up after a quiet period, as I did see news items passing by during the last weeks. And that is a good thing in my opinion.

I'm sorry if you are not into model cars, but lots of model car news this time, as you can expect after the Toy Fair in Nürnberg, Germany

I hope you will find the following news items interesting, please enjoy this issue!

Ronald Ringma

## News from Group Lotus

Read all about the news items in the press releases section of the website, please follow this link:

<http://www.lotusdriversguide.com/Press/index.php>

In this section of the website you will find the latest news by Lotus, normally unedited.

## New on the website

You will find all recent changes and news headlines on the 'news' page of the website. On the opening page of the website you will also see the most recent items.

If you like to know if there is an update, I suggest you become a friend on Facebook, as the updates will be mentioned there.

## Digital media

Next to the website, there is also a Lotus Drivers Guide page on Facebook, please give it a "like".

And I'm using Twitter, you can find me there as Ronald Ringma.

## Addresses needed to list Lotus specialists

In order to make the Specialists Section on the website as complete as possible, I am asking for your input. Please let me know the details of Lotus specialists that you would like to have listed on the website.

Remember, by sharing this information you may be helping others!

## Lotus LMP2 will race in FIA World Endurance Championship

Lotus announces to participate in the 2013 FIA World Endurance Championship and the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Just before the deadline for the Championship registration the squad has submitted the entry for two cars for the FIA World Endurance Championship and the legendary 24 Hours of Le Mans.



It was also announced that Briton James Rossiter and Italian Vitantonio Liuzzi will stay with the team and drive alongside American Kevin Weeda. The crew already impressed with good results in the previous season and with the Pole Position in class at the 6 Hours of Shanghai. German Thomas Holzer will lead the lineup of the sister car.

After a successful first season in FIA WEC, the team will compete in LMP2 class with two brand-new Lotus T128 in 2013. The new car will be presented to the public soon.

## Again: a Lotus in a movie

Later this year the new movie Red 2 will hit the theatres, starring famous names like Bruce Willis, John Malkovich, Catherine Zeta-Jones and a famous car: a Lotus Exige S.

In the movie we can see the Lotus Elise moving from the left to the right side of a truck, passing under the trailer!

Very promising indeed!



## Hennessey Venom GT claims Guinness World Record

I have mentioned this Lotus based supercar before. John Hennessey invented his supercar about 5 years ago and the first production car was ready about 2,5 years ago. The plan is to build a total of 29 of these Venom GT's, a third of which have already been spoken for at a cost of \$1.2 million each. Each vehicle is custom built and takes about six months to complete.

The seventh production car sprinted from a standstill to 186 mph (300 km/h) in a two-run average of 13.63 seconds. The runs were made at Ellington Airport, southeast of Houston and Guinness Book of World Records officials were present, so it is official. The Hennessey Venom GT is the world's fastest production car.



## Lotus Cortina's to race at Brands Hatch Lotus Festival

This August's Lotus Festival at Brands Hatch (24/25 August) will mark 50 years of the Lotus Cortina. Celebrations will include a special race for the all-conquering touring car classic on the full Grand Prix circuit.

The Lotus Cortina was the first of a successful series of collaborations between Colin Chapman's sportscar marque and Ford in the 1960s that included Formula 1 and the Indy 500. Instigated by Ford's visionary executive Walter Hayes, Cortina bodyshells were sent to Lotus, where Twin Cam engines were installed and suspension modifications were made.

The car was duly homologated in September 1963, and in the same month had its first outing in the Oulton Park Gold Cup. Lotus Cortina's finished third and fourth, while the following year saw a string of successes on the National and International stage, culminating with Jim Clark's easy win of the British Saloon Car Championship and Sir John Whitmore's achievements on the European stage with an Alan Mann-prepared car.

Success also followed on the rally stages, whilst the coveted road-going cars were snapped up by those inspired by Clark's exploits on the UK's circuits. A Cortina cornering sideways with a front wheel cocked in the air became a familiar sight in the mid-60s motorsport world and it helped propel Ford to the top of the sales charts.

A huge field of spectacular action from a Cortina-only grid will form the centrepiece of this August's Lotus Festival, with two races joining a packed race programme.

Other activities will include Classic Team Lotus F1 displays and demonstrations, rally demos, a trade village, music concerts, club gatherings, air displays and more. Owners of both road and race Lotus Cortina's all over the world are invited to take part in displays and parades at the event.



Carol Spagg of race organiser Historic Motor Racing said: "We had 28 Cortinas on a 60-car grid at Silverstone last year and the crowd went wild to see them racing wheel to wheel! This year's one-off race will give us the opportunity to have a record-breaking number of Lotus Cortinas all racing together on the long Brands Hatch Grand Prix circuit. It is bound to be popular with drivers and spectators."

Paul Golding of Lotus Festival organiser LoTRDC added: "Lotus Cortina's are an integral part of the Lotus history. We are thrilled to be able to invite all Lotus Cortinas to join us, both on track and for display, to a memorable anniversary weekend celebration for these great cars."

David Willey, Motorsport Events Manager at MotorSport Vision said, "We are privileged to have this opportunity to host the Lotus Cortina's for their anniversary party. Brands Hatch has a great history when it comes to Lotus Cortina racing, and I'm sure everyone attending the Lotus Festival will be looking forward to this great spectacle, and seeing the cars go wheel-to-wheel around the famous Grand Prix circuit."

(source: <http://www.brandshatch.co.uk>)

## Harder, better, faster, stronger - Lotus F1 Team E21 unveiled at Enstone and online



The Lotus F1 Team E21 has been unleashed on 28 January from the team's Enstone base in Oxfordshire, England.

Revealed to team partners on site, streamed live on YouTube and broadcast live on Sky Sports News in the UK, the E21 will contest the 2013 FIA Formula 1 World

Championship with drivers Kimi Räikkönen (E21 n°7) and Romain Grosjean (E20 n°8).

With only limited changes to the technical and sporting regulations from 2012, the E21 continues the design themes seen in its race-winning predecessor, the E20. However, it is pushing last year's concepts even further as well as incorporating some innovative technical solutions. The new car also features a slightly tweaked livery, incorporating an extra touch of red.



Joining the team as Third Driver is reigning GP2 series champion Davide Valsecchi, whilst Nicolas Prost will perform Development Driver duties. Jérôme D'Ambrosio will continue with the team as Reserve Driver.

Eric Boullier, Team Principal:

"I think it is fair to say that great things are possible from the team and the E21. The leap we made from 2011 to 2012 showed what we are capable of. Add to this the continuity and potential of our driver line-up and we have a very powerful cocktail for the season ahead. Our ambitious plan to turn ourselves into one of the top teams in Formula 1 is coming to fruition and now we need to harness this with strong and regular podium results."

James Allison, Technical Director:

"The E20 proved itself to be an effective racing car – particularly towards the end of last season – so there is an element of expectation from the E21 and plenty to build upon. We have continued with our design themes and tried to create a more efficient and faster racing car based on all the lessons we learnt last year. How successful we have been in this task will only be discovered when we take to the track at the winter tests and – more significantly – at Grands Prix."



Kimi Räikkönen, Race Driver:

"Of course, I've not driven the E21 yet so it's difficult to say what could or could not be possible for the year ahead. We know we had a good car last season, but everyone is

working hard to make the best package. I will be working with the team to help get the car as strong as we can, then in Melbourne we'll have our first taste of results. It's a long season from there. 2012 was a good start; let's see what we can do in 2013."

Romain Grosjean, Race Driver:

"I can clearly say I want to score a lot of points for the team – everybody knows that – but I think it would be wrong for me to say I want to finish in a particular position in the championship. I really want to jump out of the car as many times as possible thinking that I did a good job. Knowing that everything I could do, I did, and feeling proud of my race or session. I hope to feel that way as many times as possible this year."



### Lotus production in 2015: 4.000 to 5.000 units?

Last year Lotus produced 1.043 road cars. With this number one can not run a business like this, it is a good thing that Lotus Engineering has a lot of work.

Despite of this low production number, Lotus parent DRB-Hicom is confident that Lotus will sell 4 to 5 thousand units in 2015. This estimate is based on the fact that the global demand for sports cars is increasing. And on the fact that there is new management now at DRB-Hicom.

DRB-Hicom chief Datuk Seri Mohd Khamil Jamil: "To change something that has been there for 16 years is not easy, but the management team is very innovative and forthcoming. We know there is competition in the market. However, with our quality and standard enhancements of the Lotus, we are confident we can compete."

Lotus' biggest markets are China, Japan and North America. And as you have read in my newsletters, Lotus has been appointing new dealers, like the one in Kuala Lumpur.

### D'Aste triumphs in Varano Rally Experience

Hot on the heels of victories at Magione and Imola, Stefano D'Aste and co-driver, Miriam Marchetti, recorded another win during the weekend of 2/3 February in their Lotus Exige GT Cup in treacherously wet conditions in the Varano Rally Experience, (race two of the CSAI Rally) consisting five special stages on the Autodromo Riccardo Paletti.

Stefano D'Aste was delighted with the result: "I'm really very happy. The conditions on Saturday were extremely difficult due to the waterlogged track. We did a great job on set up and thanks to the fantastic adjustable traction

control – exactly the same as the road version of the car – we also won the first two stages in pouring rain and near freezing temperatures.



The second day was sunny and I extended the gap over [Franco] Uzzeni in the Subaru WRC and [Oscar] Donetto in the Skodia Fabia WRC. The Team worked like clockwork.

I'm also very happy with my team mate Simone Marchetti. He is improving race by race and yesterday achieved the second fastest time overall in one stage and several thirds!!"



The next race in the series is at Franciacorta on 16/17 February on mixed asphalt/soil stages.

### Where does the name "Lotus" come from?

This is a question that is keeping Lotus fans busy and I am not sure if my answer will be the correct one. Please let me know your comments.

The answer may be in the 1968 Colin Chapman video that you can see on the video page of the website! After about 2.45 minutes the narrator explains that Chapman borrowed the Lotus name from a bathroom fitting! True or not, I do not know.

If you look for Lotus bathroom fittings on the Internet you will find a lot of hits.

### Marcassus Special Edition Elise S

At the Salon Rétromobile in Paris the visitors enjoyed to see the "Marcassus Special Edition Elise S", which was revealed at the show. Lotus dealer Marcassus Sport used

This show to introduce their limited edition Lotus Elise S.

Its black and gold livery celebrates the 50th anniversary of the 1st Formula One Championship. The 'Marcassus Special Edition Elise S' is painted in starlight black with iconic features including gold wheels, central twin gold stripe, red front splitter, red wing mirrors, gold Lotus lettering on the rear wing, gold victory logos and union jack badges above both indicators.



More information: [www.marcassus-sport.com](http://www.marcassus-sport.com)

### Gulf Lotus X12

Some people seem to have plenty of money but lack of taste.... This car was seen in Dubai and is called Gulf Lotus X12. The vehicle is based on a Toyota FJ Cruiser.



Images: [www.autogespot.nl](http://www.autogespot.nl)

## LMP2 News

Production of the Lotus T128 is well underway

Lotus releases a first photo of the Lotus T128's monocoque. The driver cell of the T128 was developed in accordance with the 2014 LMP1 regulations.

Improved safety, visibility and driver comfort have been paramount in the development of the chassis. The T128 provides a better view for the driver from inside the cockpit. An extensive mock-up program has been carried through in order to verify ergonomics and driver accessibility.

Lotus gives a first insight into what to expect from the new sports cars of the 2014 generation. The T128 will run in LMP2 class in the 2013 season.



After a successful first year in FIA WEC, Lotus will compete in LMP2 class with two brand-new Lotus T128 in 2013. The ACO has invited the team to race at the legendary 24 Hours of Le Mans. The endurance classic at the Sarthe celebrates its 90th anniversary this year and it will be a great honour for the team to compete with the new black and gold Lotus sports car.

## Rebellion Racing, LMP1

As Lotus is a sponsoring partner the following news may be interesting for you:

### 1. Rebellion Racing announces 2013 racing plans

The Swiss team Rebellion Racing exceeded all expectations in 2012; they won the inaugural FIA LMP1 Endurance Trophy for best privateer in the FIA World Endurance Championship, they finished fourth overall at Le Mans 24 Hours, having been quickest of the privateer prototypes from start to finish and they won outright Petit Le Mans, the finale of the 2012 American Le Mans Series.



In 2013, Rebellion Racing will be submitting entries for the American Le Mans Series, the FIA World Endurance

Championship and the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

As confirmed last December, Rebellion Racing will enter a single Toyota powered Lola B12/60 coupe in the 2013 American Le Mans Series and a second entry will be added at the opening round for the 12 Hours of Sebring.

Rebellion Racing have submitted a full season entry application for one Toyota powered Lola B12/60 coupe in the 2013 FIA World Endurance Championship. The Swiss team will be looking to re-confirm its status as the best privateer sportscar team at the highest level of endurance racing. In addition, Rebellion Racing will be seeking to enter a second Lola B12/60 coupe Toyota in the first two rounds of the FIA WEC (at Silverstone and Spa-Francorchamps) as a preparation for Le Mans 24 Hours. Rebellion Racing have submitted applications for two cars to the Automobile Club de l'Ouest for the 90th edition of the La Sarthe classic.

Rebellion Racing have selected six drivers that will share driving duties in this year's racing programme. The team have already confirmed the renewal of Andrea Belicchi, Neel Jani and Nicolas Prost and have hired young Swiss driver Mathias Beche.

Rebellion Racing is pleased to announce that former F1 driver Nick Heidfeld of Germany and Chinese driver Cong Fu Cheng will be back with the team.

They both had successful debuts with the team as Nick won twice at Spa and Le Mans and "Frankie" won at his home race in Shanghai in 2012.

Rebellion Racing will remain the exclusive partner of Toyota Motorsport GmbH for the petrol V8 3.4 litre RV8KLM engine programme. In 2013, TMG will supply Rebellion Racing with upgraded versions of the RV8KLM engines as the successful association between the Rebellion Racing team and TMG enters into its third year.

Bart Hayden, Rebellion Racing Team Manager:

"We are looking forward to a great season of racing in 2013. In the ALMS, we definitely want to add some more overall victories to our resume. In the FIA World Endurance Championship, having won the FIA LMP1 Endurance Trophy for best privateer in 2012, it would be nice to win it twice in a row, and in June we hope to have another strong showing at Le Mans.

We are fortunate to benefit from a talented and experienced pool of drivers again this year, I'm convinced that they will all do a great job and work well together. Our first race this year will be one of the toughest races that we will face all year, but after a long and busy winter, all of us can't wait to be in Sebring racing again, particularly as we will be up against some extremely strong rivals.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our departing drivers Harold Primat and Jeroen Bleekemolen for their good work over the past year and wish them the best of luck going forward."

### 2. Rebellion Racing announces driver line-up

Rebellion Racing is pleased to announce their driver line-ups for the 12 Hours of Sebring and the first three rounds of the FIA World Endurance Championship, including the Le Mans 24 Hours.

The "3N" trio that prevented Audi's clean-sweep in last year's Le Mans 24 Hours by claiming a fourth place finish, will be reunited in the #12 Lola-Toyota. Nick Heidfeld (Germany), Neel Jani (Switzerland) and Nicolas Prost (France) will share driving duties at the 12 Hours of Sebring.

In the Team's sister car, the #13 Lola-Toyota, Andrea Belicchi (Italy) will be joined by ELMS LMP2 Champion Mathias Beche (Switzerland) and CongFu Cheng (China), his teammate during last year's FIA WEC 6 Hours of Shanghai win.

The same Rebellion Racing driver squads will also contest the 6 Hours of Silverstone (UK), 6 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps (Belgium) and Le Mans 24 Hours in the FIA World Endurance Championship.

Rebellion Racing is also pleased to announce that Nick Heidfeld and Neel Jani will lead the team's effort in the American Le Mans Series. After Sebring, they will both experience street racing with the Lola-Toyota LMP1 at Long Beach and enjoy the experience of The Corkscrew at Laguna Seca only a week after racing respectively at Silverstone and Spa !

### Outline Series N.º1, Jim Clark, Lotus 25-Coventry Climax 1962



This is a fine art print created by Ricardo Santos. Printed on natural white, matte, ultra smooth, 100% cotton rag, acid and lignin free archival paper using an advanced digital dry ink method to ensure vibrant image quality. Custom trimmed with 1" border for framing.

I found it on [www.society6.com](http://www.society6.com) (just search the site for Lotus 25) and it is available in various sizes.

### Retromobile – Paris

For me this was one of the things on my "to do" list. And I must say I am glad that I have visited this event in Paris now! This annual show started in the 1970's and this year was the 38<sup>th</sup> time.

The Retromobile show attracts enthusiasts from all over the world. It is based on a small scale approach but there is a lot to see for everyone. Of course I was concentrating on Lotus but there is so much to see that it took me 2 days before I was convinced that I did see everything. And believe me, I didn't...

One will find classic cars for sale and/or for show, automotive art, books, parts, model cars, clothes and so on. And plenty of drinks and food.



Painting by Klaus Wagger, [www.klauswagger.at](http://www.klauswagger.at)

Part of the event are the auctions. The first one was the Bonhams sale in the Grand Palais, the second one was the Artcurial's Retromobile auction, on the show floor.

On events like this you will always meet friends. I had a chat with the people from Club Lotus France (30 years young this year!) . And I enjoyed breakfast on Saturday with American modelcar specialist Jim Cowen, owner of Diecasm ([www.diecasm.com](http://www.diecasm.com)) and Automodello ([www.automodello.com](http://www.automodello.com)).

On the Lotus Drivers Guide Facebook page you can see my Lotus related pictures, here are a few to give you an idea.



MEA models



Lotus Type 49

## 2013 Lotus F1 Junior Team announced

Lotus F1 Team recently announced its roster of drivers for the newly launched Lotus F1 Junior Team.

Seven drivers will be supported by the team in all areas of driving skills, physical fitness, health and nutrition, social and mental development, business ethics and principals, as well as PR training.

These seven drivers will contest within a variety of motorsport championships from the World Series by Renault, Formula Renault 3.5 Series through the Eurocup Formula Renault 2.0 to KF category karting.



### Eric Boullier, Team Principal, Lotus F1 Team;

"Lotus F1 Junior Team takes our previous i-Race Professional young driver academy and builds on it to be more closely aligned with the Formula 1 team and all the benefits brought by this association. We have announced seven highly talented drivers, many of whom will be competing against their fellow team-mates from the programme. We're offering an in-depth and highly beneficial training regime which should encourage these drivers to develop and perform at their very best. Motorsport can be very daunting for young drivers, particularly everything that occurs away from the track, so we hope to give our drivers the very best preparation possible for their future careers."

### The members of the 2013 Lotus F1 Junior Team:

- Marco Sørensen, 22, Denmark, FR 3.5 with Lotus World Series Team
- Marlon Stockinger, 21, Philippines, FR 3.5 with Lotus World Series Team
- Alex Fontana, 20, Switzerland, GP3 with Jenzer Motorsport
- Oscar Tunjo, 17, Colombia, Eurocup FR 2.0 with Kaufmann Racing
- Esteban Ocon, 16, France, Eurocup FR 2.0 with ART Junior Team
- Alexander Albon, 16, Thailand, Eurocup FR 2.0 team TBA
- Dorian Boccolacci, 14, France, Go Kart International KF category with Energy Corse

In the article in the "Press F1" section on the website you can find some Q & A with these seven drivers.

## Formula One - start of the season at Jerez

Those of you who are interested in Formula One racing know that the new season always starts with testing. This year from 5-8 February at Jerez, 19-22 February at Catalunya and 28 February until 3 March at Catalunya again. I like to share the Lotus F1 team experiences at Jerez with you;

### Jerez, day 1

Lotus F1 Team's 2013 car, the E21, took to the track for the first time with race driver Romain Grosjean at the wheel under bright blue skies in Jerez, Spain.

Romain was the fastest man on track for much of the day, ending the afternoon with the third quickest time. 54 laps were completed as the team went through its first day programme of shakedown and assessment.

### Jerez, day 2

Romain Grosjean ended the second day of testing at Jerez as comfortably the fastest man on track as the team continued its evaluation programme with the E21.

Under blue skies with occasional cloud coverage, Romain completed 95 laps; many of which dipped into the 1min 18s. He ended the day with the best time set thus far this week - a 1min 18.218secs - with no other car running under 1min 19.000secs.

### Jerez, day 3

Kimi Räikkönen had his first taste of the E21 on track during the third day of testing in Jerez, Spain, ending the day with the 4th fastest time after a programme of aerodynamic assessment.

A crisp morning gave way to glorious blue skies as the team ran through a variety of exhaust evaluations. Running for Kimi ended early due to a clutch issue.



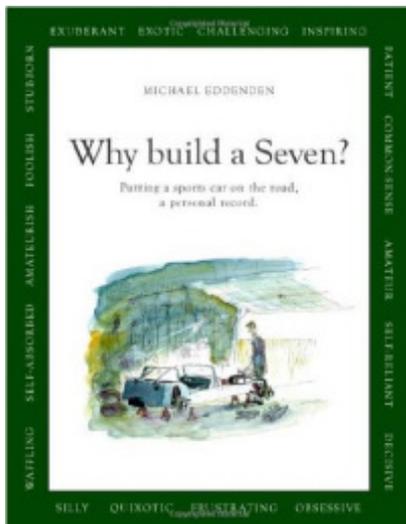
### Jerez, day 4

Kimi Räikkönen completed his second day at the wheel of the E21 by setting the fastest time to conclude an encouraging week for Lotus F1 Team at the first pre-season test in Jerez.

The Finn ran through a continued programme of aerodynamic assessments as the fine Jerez weather continued. Proceedings today were interrupted by red flag periods including a lengthy pause for track run-off repairs, meaning track running concluded 30 minutes later than billed.

The car seems to be competitive, and while there is always a background hubbub of problems to be solved, the team was delighted with the basic reliability of the E21. After Jerez the team returned to Enstone. Testing resumes in Barcelona on February 19.

## Books and video



### Why build a Seven? Putting a sports car on the road, a personal record.

Not really a brand new book, but I did not yet mention this.

When Michael Eddenden sets out to build a Caterham Seven the fingertip ease of the digital age is replaced by unheated garages, fumes and typed instructions obscured by oily fingerprints. For anyone who has ever wanted to build something with their own hands - despite skill, aptitude and experience.

Paperback, 148 pages , ISBN-10: 0557543983, ISBN-13: 978-0557543984, size: 24.4 x 19 x 1.2 cm

## Rare cars for sale



The picture on the left shows you what used to be a **Lotus Type 27**.

This car was offered on Ebay where I did follow the bidding to USD 25.000 plus, but the car was withdrawn.

There are not many of these around, but with this one there is some work to be carried out, I guess. The chassis was modified to accept a VW engine for racing in the SCCA Formula Super Vee. And the wheelbase was shortened as the car was used to do short track races. The chassis number 63 22 is still present.

This 1959 **Lotus Elite** is for sale at Hyman Ltd. Classic Cars, [www.hymanltd.com](http://www.hymanltd.com)

Documentation includes a complete ownership history from 1967, MOT test records from 1970, notes through the years, period magazine articles and photos of the car before, during and after its restoration in the late 90's by Dave Bruzas in the UK. Its Coventry Climax FWE engine is backed up by the desirable ZF 4-speed gearbox and a high capacity aluminium radiator augments the engine's cooling.



This Lotus-Cortina was first registered on June 17th, 1965. It has had two previous owners, the last one since 1995. It is one of approximately 900 units produced and features the A-bracket rear suspension.

The body and interior are in immaculate condition and has been kept with great care throughout its lifespan with a very low mileage on its clock. It has undergone one full restoration in 1989 and a second, light one, in 2009.

Information: [www.veloceclassic.com](http://www.veloceclassic.com)

## Model Cars

This time more model car news as usual, thanks to the international Toy Fair in Nürnberg, Germany. And thanks to Carel

van Kuijk for providing me with information and images to share with you.

I had never heard of **Ditech Produktion** before, but now that I did I like to share this information with you. This company is specialising in slot cars and has some models that may interest you.



Elan Plus 2

How about this 1:24 scale **Elan +2** resin body shell? Nice isn't it?

The next one that I like to show you is a Formula One car, this 1:24 Lotus **Type 97T**. They produce the body only, you have to get a chassis and the other parts to be able to create the car as you see on the picture.



Type 97T



And there is more, like this **Lotus Esprit Turbo Group 5** body. Available in 1:24 and 1:32 scale

And I am sure you will remember the **Lotus Europa Turbo Group 5**. Here is a picture of the 1:24 slot race body shell that is produced by the same company. Also available in 1:32 scale.



Europa



Esprit V8 GT2

...and an **Esprit V8 GT2**, of course also a 1:24 or 1:32 scale slot car body.

For the Lotus miniatures collector who likes to put a different item in his cabinet, this may be it. A 1:2 scale replica of the **Bell helmet**, as used by Ayrton Senna in 1985. Made by Bell, high quality. This item will soon appear in the shops.



Bell helmet



Ebbro Type 72E

**Ebbro** has started the production of their **Lotus Type 72E** 1:20 scale kit now

Time for some limited edition models now, basically normal Spark models but in a different box.

On the right you can see an image of the **Lotus Type 79** as driven by J.P. Jarrier during the 1978 Canadian GP. Made by **Spark** for the Planex Collection, limited run of 500 pieces...



... and on the left and below an image of the **Lotus Type 79** as driven by M. Andretti, winner GP Belgium 1978. Made by **Spark** for the Planex Collection, limited run of 1000 pieces.



And on the right again a **Type 79**, this time The Winner of the 1978 Austria Grand prix, Ronnie Peterson. Also made by **Spark** for the Planex Collection, limited run of 1000 pieces.





The Lotus **Type 77** that you can see on the left is also part of the Planex Collection and made by **Spark**. As far as I can tell, the only difference with the normal version is the box. This is the 1976 Brazilian Grand Prix version, driver R. Peterson.

And then we have this version of the **Type 79**, also made by **Spark** for the Japanese Planex Collection.

Hector Rebaque, French Grand Prix of 1979, limited run of 500 pieces.

Expected May 2013



Here is a 1:64 version of the **KV Racing Technology Lotus Indy car**, driver Takuma Sato. Made by **Greenlight**

When you see these three 1:24 **Evora's**, you are not looking at Bburago models. These are made by **Motormax** and expected to be released in this year.



The keyring on the left represents the 1985 **Lotus 97T** as driven by Ayrton Senna. This 1:87 scale diecast keyring by **Ixo** will be available later this year



On the right a new 007 model, this time part of a series of 1:43 James Bond cars that is promoted in the Czech Republic in 2013. This is the famous **Esprit** from the movie *The Spy Who Loved Me*. The other Lotus, used in "For Your Eyes Only", is also part of the series.

<http://www.auta-jamese-bonda.cz>



This is the new 1:43 **Lotus 93T model**, made by Jarmark in 1:43 scale.

**Jarmark** makes very limited production hand built models, modified from existing kits such as Tameo to create some previously unmodelled subjects. Made in Czech Republic.

(image: Grand Prix Models)

**Minichamps** has announced a 1:18 scale model representing the 2012 **Lotus E20** as driven by Kimi Räikkönen and Romain Grosjean. The model will be released later this year.

There will also be a model representing the "winner Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 2012"



Räikkönen



Grosjean

And also from **Minichamps** for release in 2013, the Lotus **Type 79** , 1:18, in both Hector Rebaque and Jean Pierre Jarrier livery as driven in 1979. I do not yet have images.

Further more, there will be new **Lotus Type 72D** versions by **Minichamps**, 1:43, 1972 US Grand Prix D. Walker, 1972 Canadian Grand Prix R. Wisell and 1972 F1 South African GP (Scribante Lucky Strike Racing), Dave Charlton



New from **Tameo**, this 1:43 **Lotus Type 97T** model.

This is the 1985 Ayrton Senna GP Portugal version.

Tameo never produced this model in built up version before. The same model is in their kit range as TMK 20 since 1985.

This TMB 007 is a limited edition of 277 models and will not be produced again.

Next to model cars, we also tend to collect additional items to put on our shelves. From that point of view it may be interesting for you that **True Scale Miniatures** has announced a 1:18 scale figure representing **Ronnie Peterson**, 1978 JPS Team Lotus.

And how about 1978 JPS Team Lotus **Mario Andretti's** helmet in 1:8 scale? Also announced by **True Scale Miniatures**.



**Ixo** has announced a 1:43 and a 1:18 scale model representing the **Lotus Type 97T**, 1985 Portugese Grand Prix, driver Ayrton Senna.

**Spark** is going to produce a 1:43 model representing the **Honda N360 Pick Up** that was used by Team Lotus. I have seen two versions, have a look at the images.

Release date not sure yet.





(image: TSM)

The 1:18 **Lotus Type 78** that was announced by **TrueScale Miniatures** a while back, has arrived! I do not know when it will be in the shops, but here is an image so that you know what to look out for.

On the right you can see the new **Spark 1:18 Lotus Type 33** model, Jim Clark version. There will also be a Graham Hill version, Monaco 1967. I do not yet know the release date.



(image: Grand Prix Models)



Announced by **Scalextric**, this **Lotus Evora GT4** slot race car in two versions, scale 1:32



Now that I am into slot race models, I have to share the following models with you, all announced for release in 2013: From **Scalextric**, the **Lotus Type 49B** as driven by Jo Siffert in 1968 and the new **Lotus E21**, both 1:32.

And from **Flyslot** the Lotus **Type 78** JPS as driven by Hector Rebaque. Further more, from **Slotwings** the **Lotus Type 97T** (Senna,1985) and the **Lotus Type 99T** (Senna, 1987). All in 1:32 scale.



This is the new **Bburago** 1:24 **Lotus Evora** Carabinieri, should be released early 2013 as far as I know.

And there are going to be more diecast **Evora's** in 1:24 scale this year as **Mondo Motors** has announced a red one, a yellow one and.... a Carabinieri version!

I believe the **Elan Plus 2** 1:43 model that was announced by **Oxford Diecast** last year is almost ready for production now. See the picture on the right hand side. It will come in yellow or in blue.

Further more, Oxford Diecast has announced three 1:76 Lotus models, an **Elite** in red, an **Elan Plus 2** in yellow/silver and an **Evora** in red.



This is the **Exige S** 1:24 radio controlled model that is announced by **Welly**.

**Corgi** is preparing the release of their new **E20** 1:43 model, here is an image to show you how far they are already!



**Spark** has some more new Lotus items in their planning and I like to share these plans with you, so that you know what to look out for in the (near) future. I do not yet have images of these models.

1:43  
 Lotus Seven S4, Elan Plus 2, a new version of the Exige S, Lotus Elite S2 Essex, Type 30 1964 Jim Clark 3<sup>rd</sup> Riverside, Mark XI Le Mans 1956 Bicknell-Jopp, Type 18 1961 Monaco Grand Prix Michael May, Type 18 1960 British Grand Prix Innes Ireland, Type 18 1961 Monaco Grand Prix Cliff Alisson, Type 16 British Grand Prix 1960 David Piper, Type 33 1966 British Grand Prix Mike Spence, Type 38 winner Indy 500 1965 Jim Clark,

1:18

Type 25 1964 Mike Hailwood. Mark XI Clubsport 1956

**Ebbro** has announced 1:20 scale kits of the Lotus Type 49B and type 49C

**Premium X** has announced a 1:43 scale Elan M200 concept car

From **Scalextric** we may look out for their new 1:32 slot race Lotus type 49B Jo Siffert (Rob Walker Racing) and their 1:32 slot race Lotus E21 (yes, the 2013 car)



**Lotus-Renault GP R31** 2011 Limited Edition, 1:32 scale slotrace car

This Scalextric Limited Edition model is fitted with a high performance 20,000rpm motor, hardened rear axles and enhanced decoration detail to the driver's helmet.

Only available direct from Scalextric and Lotus

This is a limited edition of 1,500 models.

## Events

**Race Retro, 22-24 February 2013, Stoneleigh Park, Coventry, England**



Race Retro, the international historic motorsport show, is back and gearing up for three high octane filled days of the very best in classic motorsport.

Celebrate the magnificent racing history of Team Lotus with stunning displays of the legendary cars involved in Lotus' most iconic victories.

More information: [www.raceretro.com](http://www.raceretro.com)

Adult tickets for Race Retro, sponsored by Peter James Insurance and HERO, start at £20 in advance with children's tickets at £5 for Friday and Saturday and free on Sunday. Car parking is free and has been moved to a hard surface area nearer to the halls. The show is open from 9.30am each day and closes at 5.30pm on Friday and Saturday and 4.30pm on Sunday.

**Club Lotus Festival, 20-21 April 2013, Donington, England**



The Club Lotus Festival will be back in Donington, an event you really should visit!

The show will be bigger than before and there will be a new show layout inside the halls. All the regular trade, club, autojumble and memorabilia stands will be there and many will have special offers just for the weekend. You'll also be able to talk to Club Lotus technical experts who'll be running live technical and practical demonstrations on engines, chassis, gearboxes, interior trim, glass fibre repairs and painting. Lotus Cars and Classic Team Lotus will be there with special displays as well as celebrating the 50th anniversary of Jim Clark winning his and Lotus' first Formula One World Championship.

Ticket info:

Adult £9.00 each

Family (2 adults & up to 4 children) £27.00 each

OAP/13-17 year olds £5.00 each

To book phone 01362 691144 / 694459, fax 01362 695522 or email [events@clublotus.co.uk](mailto:events@clublotus.co.uk)

### **Lotus Festival, 24-25 August 2012, Brands Hatch, England**



The Brands Hatch Lotus Festival celebrates Britain's most charismatic sportscar marque and its illustrious heritage spanning over 60 years. From coveted cars to Formula 1 glories, Norfolk's famous brand will be on display over one glorious weekend.

On track, demonstrations of Colin Chapman's famous racers and road cars will be complemented by superb action from the Elise Trophy and Lotus Cup UK Championship, plus a race commemorating 50 years of the Lotus Elan and a packed support bill.

Meanwhile trade stands and club displays presenting the very best from the iconic brand makes this a weekend to remember on a track that has provided many of the marque's most glittering moments.

Brands Hatch is located 20 miles outside Central London, just off the M25.

More information: [www.lotus-festival.com](http://www.lotus-festival.com)

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