



# Lotus Drivers Guide

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## The first words

As you may have noticed I did take a break, so there was no newsletter for a while.

The work on the website and the newsletter is taking a lot of time, and I just had to stop for a while. But now I have added new information to the website and as you see, a new newsletter has been made covering highlights of the past 3 months.

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 Driving Academy

The Lotus Driving Academy has recently announced the re-introduction of the high octane, and ever popular Scare Yourself Sensible Lotus experience.

Held at the Hethel headquarters, participants will not only enjoy a comprehensive tour of the Lotus production facility, including a 'behind-the-scenes' look at the hand-crafted build of the Lotus Evora, but will also discover just why the driving public become smitten once they venture behind the wheel of a pure-bred Lotus sports car.

You will take your place, with one of the professional Lotus driving tutors out on the Lotus test track. Tread the same tarmac as Nigel Mansell and 2013 Lotus F1 driver Romain Grosjean. Learn the characteristics of driving excellence that stem from the Lotus gene pool. The Lotus Driving Academy guarantee ear to ear smiles from a heady mix of dynamic attributes including powering from 0-60mph in just 6 seconds.

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



## Motor Sport Magazine Hall of Fame opens its doors to Lotus



Sir Jackie Stewart, Clive Chapman and Jackie Oliver

Colin Chapman CBE, was recently recognised for his contribution to the automotive and motorsport industry at the 2013 Motor Sport Magazine Hall of Fame annual inauguration event.

The motorsport glitterati attended a star-studded evening at the prestigious Royal Opera House where this outstanding engineer and visionary that became known for his technical innovations and Formula 1 'firsts' was celebrated.

Driven initially by his desire for motor racing, Colin Chapman built his first racing car in 1948 in a garage belonging to his girlfriend's father. Now, over 60 years later Lotus has become both a class-leading manufacturer of desired sports cars and a globally respected automotive engineering consultancy. Team Lotus, the racing team Chapman formed went onto win seven Formula One Constructor's Championships and six Drivers' Championship titles. Today, the Lotus name in F1® has competed in over 500 Grand Prix races and had 80 Grand Prix wins. The 80th win was scooped last season when Lotus F1® driver Kimi Räikkönen stormed to victory during the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

Chapman's genius saw him exploit engineering principles, applying them in new and innovative ways that would give his team the competitive edge on the circuit. Whilst a few of the innovations were banned, others went onto revolutionise the sport and still underpin F1® today.

#### LOTUS LIST OF FIRSTS..

- First to use a sequential transmission in F1, Lotus Type 12 in 1957
- First to use reclining driving position – Lotus Type 21 in 1961
- First to put the spring damper units inboard for improved aerodynamics on the Lotus Type 21 1961
- First to use a fully stressed monocoque chassis – Lotus Type 25 in 1962
- First to introduce aircraft style bag tanks for fuel (big safety improvement) Lotus Type 25 1962
- First to "mould" the car precisely to the driver size and shape – Lotus Type 25 in 1962
- First to successfully use the engine as a structural member – Lotus Type 43 in 1966
- First in F1® to use full sponsors colour schemes – Lotus Type 49 in 1968
- First in F1® to use a wedge shape front – Lotus Type 63 in 1969
- First in F1® to use side mounted radiators – Lotus Type 72 in 1970
- First to use a multi-element rear wing – Lotus Type 72 in 1970
- First to introduce left foot braking and automatic clutch operation to F1 with the "four • pedal" Type 76 in 1974
- First to manage airflow under the car including ground effects – Lotus Type 78 in 1977
- First to introduced the concept of a rear diffuser on the Lotus Type 80 in 1979.
- First to design a carbon fibre monocoque – Lotus Type 88 in 1981
- First to use twin chassis – Lotus Type 88 in 1981
- First to use active suspension – Lotus Type 92 in 1983
- First to use aerodynamic bargeboards – Lotus Type 97T in 1985

This great accolade sees Colin Chapman alongside other 2013 hall of fame inductees Niki Lauda, Damon Hill OBE, Graham Hill OBE, and Tom Kristensen join other similarly revered motorsport greats.

(source: Group Lotus)

## Marcassus

Seen at The Retromobile Show Paris: Marcassus Special Edition Elise S.

Marcassus Sport presented a preview of a special series based on the Lotus Elise, called "Victory".



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)

## Recall of 2005-2008 Elise/Exige

A number of owners in the USA have reported that the oil line(s) have detached from the oil line fitting at the oil coolers or at the engine. A detached oil line can potentially spray oil on a tire increasing the risk of a crash or spray oil throughout the engine compartment increasing the risk of fire.

Recall letters were sent by Lotus and received by owners notifying them to contact a dealer to have rectify the oil lines on certain vehicles manufactured between June 1, 2004 and November 30, 2006. Later, certain model year 2007-2008 Elise and Exige vehicles manufactured from December 1, 2006, through October 31, 2007 have been included in the recall action.

Case History: In the USA, the NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) notified Lotus Cars of the recall on October 26, 2011. In January 2012 Lotus Cars USA sent a preliminary notification letter to all current owners of the affected cars.



On September 6, 2012, Lotus Cars sent a letter to the NHTSA with a proposed solution for the oil cooler line problem.

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Text:

"Lotus can now offer an oil cooler line rectification it consisting of a replacement hose assembly which is fitted between the vehicle's front mounted oil coolers and modified hose connectors fitted to both the front to rear oil cooler lines. You Lotus dealer will carry out this work without charge to you."

"Please contact your Lotus dealer as soon as possible to arrange a service date and to enable the dealer to order the necessary for the repair. Instructions for making this correction have been sent to your dealer and the parts are available. The labour time necessary to perform this service correction is approximately 4 hours."

Now that certain 2006 and 2007 cars are included in the action Lotus will notify owners, and dealers will replace the oil cooler hose fittings and the entire lateral oil cooler hose, free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin on March 4, 2013.

### **Dominik Kraihamer will race with Lotus LMP2**

Dominik Kraihamer is going to compete with Lotus in the 2013 FIA World Endurance Championship. The 23-year-old Austrian will drive alongside German Thomas Holzer in the Lotus T128 sports car #32.



Kraihamer is a young and talented race driver, who has gained experience in FIA World Endurance Championship, European Le Mans Series and also at the legendary 24 Hours of Le Mans.

"Dodo", as he is called by his friends and colleagues in the paddock, participated two times in the endurance classic at the Sarthe. However, he could not finish the race yet. At his third attempt at Le Mans, Kraihamer is keen on racing until the end with Lotus.

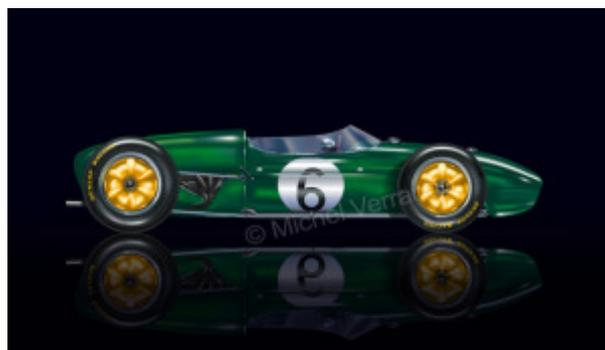
The aspiring young man from Salzburg (AUT) was already contesting in the 2012 FIA World Endurance Championship and has proved that he is a fast and intelligent driver with great potential.

Lotus is pleased to team up with Dominik Kraihamer and is looking forward to working with him in the 2013 season.

Dominik Kraihamer commented: "I am extremely happy to compete with Lotus in FIA WEC this year and I am glad that this cooperation came into being with the help of my sponsor 'Eat the Ball'. Lotus is a myth in motor racing and especially for me as an Austrian, the history that Jochen Rindt used to have with the make inspires me. I followed the team last year and I am very pleased to work with such an experienced and professional squad throughout the whole season. I grew up in endurance racing and I know that team spirit is very important. I will give my best to help the team and I am looking forward to having those great results that I failed to achieve in the last two years due to many technical problems. I can't wait to be in the car for the first time and to do the first quick laps."

### **Michel Verrando**

Something to impress you. At least, I was impressed after seeing the art created by Michel Verrando!



Lotus type 18

When, as a young child, Michel Verrando doodles pictures of the racing cars driven by Moss, Clark and Hill, his parents are not unduly concerned. After all, crazes come and go at that age, and his father, a fine arts graduate and Grand Prix fan, must be partly to blame...

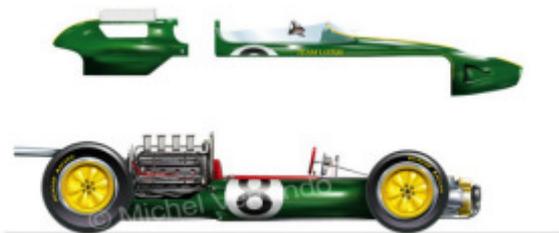
However, things get worse as he approaches adulthood. His chosen profession, that of commercial artist, allows him to grow richer, graphically speaking, and to sharpen his often gently irreverent take on the automobile world. Gouaches, oils, pencil sketches, Michel Verrando has absolutely no intention of confining himself to one particular style or technique, and would rather explore the countless facets of his great passion in his own way.

Any idea is worthwhile, provided it is anecdotal, unusual or amusing. So don't be surprised if you see an elephant instead of a Lancia HF engine, a Bugatti dashboard riveted onto a painting, or slices of toast popping out of a Ferrari.

The jury sponsored by the Maeght Foundation must have appreciated his style, awarding him first prize in Mechanical

Arts in Marseilles, France in 1986, and the Principality of Monaco commissioned him to design its commemorative stamps of Enzo Ferrari, the Formula 1, 3000, and historical Grand Prix.

In short, by having fun and playing tricks with what he loves more than anything, Michel Verrando draws us into his secret world, a world from which we don't necessary ever want to escape...



As a Lotus enthusiast you just have to see this:  
<http://www.art-auto-verrando.com>

### JPS Esprit #001

The original Number 1, a RHD UK domestic JPS, ended up in the USA. 0567G, is now a hulk sitting outside in California of all places. Somebody from the USA bought it in Scotland back in the late 1980s. It was previously used by Bell & Colvill as a test platform for turbo charging. It had a monster size turbo on it when he acquired it.

He imported it to the USA then took it apart to restore it. It was never finished and ended up being sold on as a job lot to California in the 90s.

The current owner plans to return it to its former glory in the near future.



If you like to know more about the JPS Esprit, have a look at [www.jpsest.com](http://www.jpsest.com). The owner of this website is the source where I got the information about #001.

### Exige S Roadster

At the Geneva show in 2012 Lotus did already show the Exige S Roadster. And now it will become reality, as Lotus has announced that the production of this ultimate roadster will commence in the summer of 2013.

Vital statistics of the Exige S Roadster:

Mid mounted, transverse 3.5 litre DOHC V6 VVT-i engine, 4 valves per cylinder, equipped with Harrop HTV 1320 Supercharger utilising Eaton TVS Technology.



max power 345 hp at 7000 rpm (350 PS / 258 kW), max torque 295 lbft at 4500 rpm (400 Nm).

0-60 mph 3.8 seconds, 0-100 km/h 4.0 seconds, Max speed 145mph (233 km/h)



(See more news on the Exige S in this newsletter)

### Second chance: British Government approves Regional Growth Fund £10m for Lotus

In the year 2011, when Dany Bahar was CEO at Lotus, Group Lotus was granted extra cash from the Government. This was based on the Regional Growth Fund and Lotus secured this money when the factory promised to create 1.100 new jobs in the region by increasing manufacturing output. After the takeover by DRB-Hicom the grant was cancelled.

Now it looks like Lotus must have presented a very solid and convincing new business plan, as Norfolk's EDP Newspaper reports that Business secretary Vince Cable has given the green light to a £10m regional cash boost for the Norfolk car maker in a sign of his confidence in the firm's future. The government is set to announce details of a revised bid for Regional Growth Fund money from the Hethel-based luxury sports car business in the coming weeks.

### New Lotus Dealer

Yes, an other new dealer will celebrate its opening. This time it is Lotus Hedge End in Southampton, part of the Snows Motor Group. Details: Snows House, Botley Road, Hedge End, Southampton, Hampshire SO30 2RA, UK, phone +44 (0) 1489 775045.



The fully trained Lotus sales team and technicians at Lotus Hedge End are on hand to advise you on all Lotus models, from signature Lotus cars such as the Lotus Elise to the stunning new Lotus Exige S. As well as a range of new Lotuses, you can also view a range of approved used Lotuses.

From May 17 - 19 they are celebrating the launch of the new Lotus showroom and you will also be able to undertake a test-drive with one of the latest Lotus creations – the Elise S, the new V6 Exige S and the new Evora S Sports Racer.

But this will be an event like no other, if you decide to join us you can:

- Get up and personal with Lotus' favourite former F1 driver – Martin Donnelly
- See the Lotus F1 and GT4 cars in the flesh
- Have the chance to win a pair of Silverstone F1 Grand Prix paddock passes when you test drive a Lotus (booking essential)
- Keep the children entertained with the Snows Scalextric-fest
- Enjoy a succulent hog roast bap to keep the energy levels up (Saturday and Sunday only)

RSVP's and test drives can be booked through Chris Chevasco by emailing [lotus@snowsgroup.co.uk](mailto:lotus@snowsgroup.co.uk) or calling +44 (0) 1489 775045.

Lotus boss Aslam Farikullah will be making an appearance at the opening of the newest addition to the Lotus dealership network.

### Lotus Returns to the Big Screen

The long awaited movie adaptation of 'The Host' written by Stephanie Myer, author of 'The Twilight Saga' premiered in LA on 19th March and was on international release from March 22nd onwards, with big screens all over the world showing a fleet of awesome looking Lotus Evoras.



The movie follows the plight of 'Melanie' played by Irish actress Saoirse Ronan as she battles an unforeseen enemy lead by 'Seeker' played by Hollywood favourite Diane Kruger. A romantic action-adventure which sees Melanie join resistance fighters as they battle for the survival of the human race, 'The Host' is a tale of spirit, individuality and determination - traits that echo Lotus' own character.

Treated in a chrome vinyl wrap and fitted with special-effect lighting, the Evoras are driven by the 'baddies' of the piece. It is the mission of 'The Seekers' to rid earth from all human negativity achieving this by invading human 'hosts' and cleansing their minds and erasing their memories to build a neutral race devoid of character and emotion.

Negotiations for a "hero car for 'Lead Seeker'" started in early October 2011 and by the end of the month Lotus had agreed to provide a number of Evoras to the project directed by its screenwriter Andrew Niccol who was looking for an extraordinary car for the role. The Lotus Evora was chosen for its stunning and futuristic aesthetic, which when juxtaposed with contemporary locations, gives a truly alien element to the Sci-Fi movie.

Lotus has a strong cinematic history; with appearances in two 'Bond' films - in 'The Spy Who Loved Me' out-racing a motorbike and helicopter before taking to the sea as the iconic submersible Esprit, and in a cool role in 'For Your Eyes Only'; "cornering like its on rails" with Julia Roberts at the wheel in 'Pretty Woman'; and taking part in an adrenaline fuelled chase sequence along the San Francisco coastline with Sharon Stone in 'Basic Instinct'.

No doubt the dynamic driving scenes featured in 'The Host' will take their place alongside these exciting movie moments as stand out performances for Lotus.

### Over the top?

I recently noticed a 1973 Elan Sprint DHC for sale, the price drew my attention. With £45,995 (approx. €58,782 or \$76,076) as asking price I was wondering if the prices for good Elans are really going in that direction now.



And my next question was: what is a good Elan?

I noticed perfect fitting doors – I did not know that there was an original Elan with perfect fitting doors... Further more, the solid drive shafts are mentioned as a plus – no donuts? And a front window with a so called "top tint" – that may be useful to protect your eyes and give a better view, but did Lotus make these cars with a "top tint screen"? I'm not sure.

If I would be working on an Elan, I would go for originality as part of my restoration job. I do understand that some things can be improved but I strongly believe that the original specifications should be applied. What do you think about this?

## Bonhams: The Spa Classic Sale, 25 May 2013

During this auction at Francorchamps there were some nice Lotus items on sale, how about a 'Lotus Seven' Child's Car by Tony Gillett



A 1973 Lotus Europa Big Valve Special, that was restored by JMW Racing of Gueux, France in 2010 and comes with a detailed, illustrated report on its condition compiled by Cabinet Rodex in September of that year. Presented in commensurately good condition, the car is offered with restoration invoices, valid French Carte Grise and Contrôle Technique.



And this And this 1956 Lotus Eleven 1.5-Litre Sports-racer, Chassis no. 231, Engine no. 11686GE. Manufactured in May 1956, chassis number '231' originally formed part of a batch delivered to Jay Chamberlain, the California-based Lotus distributor for North America. The car was originally fitted with a 1,100cc Coventry-Climax FWA engine but now has the 1,460cc FWB unit installed. In 2008 the Lotus was restored by GT Label of Ronchin, France and after completion featured in Sport Auto magazine (February 2009 edition). The article states that '231' has been upgraded with the superior wishbone/coil spring front suspension of the 'Series 2' version first seen in 1957.



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

## Goodwood Revival 2013: Jim Clark tribute



The 2013 Goodwood Revival (13-15th September) is set to pay a tribute to the legendary Scottish F1 and rallying star, Jim Clark.

Fifty years since the first of his two World Championship victories, the Goodwood Revival annual driver tribute will be to the legendary Jim Clark.

A daily track parade will include a number of his famous cars, representing his many and varied achievements. In the course of an all too brief career, Clark achieved success in single-seater, sports, GT and saloon cars, he even turned his hand to rallying, setting fastest stage times on the 1966 RAC Rally in a Lotus-Cortina.

The track parade will read like a shopping list of great racing cars from the 1960s, including the Lotus 25 in which Clark won the F1 World Championship in 1963, the Lotus-Cortina in which he won the 1964 British Saloon Car Championship, and the iconic Lotus 49.



Such was the esteem in which the inimitable Scot, who sadly died in an F2 race at Hockenheim on April 7th 1968, was held, that many of his contemporaries will make the trip to West Sussex to pay tribute. Star names confirmed so far include Sir Stirling Moss, Sir Jackie Stewart, John Surtees and Tony Brooks.

Jim Clark competed at Goodwood on many occasions in the early 1960s, and, along with fellow Scot Sir Jackie Stewart, jointly holds the lap record of 1m20.4, set at the circuit's final F1 race in 1965. Goodwood Revival founder Lord March fondly recalls meeting him as a motor racing-obsessed boy, saying: "Jim was always very nice to me – quiet, charming, a thoroughly good guy; not brash like some of the other drivers. He was an absolute world-class driver, and effortless is a good way to describe his ability."

## Lotus wins 2013 SAE World Congress Tech Award

Lotus Engineering receives the Award for the Evora 414E Range Extender Hybrid

The Lotus Evora 414E Range Extender Hybrid was chosen by the Editors of the SAE's Automotive Engineering International Magazine, for its design and engineering innovation, uniqueness, potential for "real-world" production application, and potential benefit for industry customers and end user.



Kevin Jost, Editorial Director of Automotive Engineering International Magazine said, "The Lotus Evora 414E was chosen for the AEI Tech Award for its unique combination of a multimode virtual seven-speed shift scheme, torque-vectoring stability control, and energy and power management optimization schemes.

Aslam Farikullah, Chief Operating Officer for Group Lotus said, "In one high tech vehicle, the Lotus Evora 414E encompasses all the key areas of Lotus Engineering's expertise, and doesn't just demonstrate the high level of technological advancements in our products, but is also relevant to the motor industry and applicable to the long term future of the car. We are delighted that the SAE have recognised this with such an important and prestigious award."



Every year, the editors of Automotive Engineering International select, from among SAE World Congress

exhibitors, the technologies they judge worthy of an AEI SAE 2013 Tech Award. Judging is based on level of design and engineering innovation, uniqueness, potential for "real world" production application, and potential benefit for industry customers and end user. The SAE 2013 World Congress was held this year from April 16 to 18 in Detroit.

## Get ready for the fastest ever Lotus convertible!

This summer the critically acclaimed Lotus Exige S loses its roof and gains a new character. As capable as its coupé counterpart, the Exige S Roadster retains all the intent of a race-bred sports car but also possesses the poise of a sleek convertible.



Sitting alongside the Exige S, Exige Cup and Exige Cup R, the Exige S Roadster completes the Exige line-up and enhances the track focussed collection by providing a new facet to the range. Powered by the same 3.5L V6 as the coupé variants and weighing in at 10kg less than the Exige S at 1166kg, none of the exhilarating performance of the phenomenal Exige range is compromised, yet the driver is only 'two clicks and a roll' away from cruising in open-top style thanks to the lightweight, factory-fitted soft top.

Achieving 0-60 mph from standing in 3.8 seconds, delivering 345 hp at 7000 rpm (350 PS) and 295 lb ft of torque at 4500 rpm, the Roadster matches the coupé's mechanical performance and retains its £52,900 price tag, but style takes an understated approach having shed its rear wing and front splitter to maximise airflow over its sleek silhouette.

The introduction of the new Exige to the Lotus product range has provided a new opportunity for the Norfolk based sports car brand to expand and strengthen its production resource, generating new jobs and opportunities for skilled individuals who want to be part of the Lotus story.



The Exige S Roadster is the perfect car for a 'joy' ride; what better way is there to enjoy the panoramic views of the world's most beautiful roads than when they are enhanced by the purposeful roar of a V6 soundtrack and to feel the wind in your hair and sun on your skin?

Exige S Roadster is now available to order with the full list of options and extras as available on the Exige S coupé, with

the extra interior option of quilted leather seats and door trim details.

#### The Exige S Roadster at a glance:

- Max Power 345 hp (350 PS) at 7000 rpm
- Max Torque 295 lb ft (400 NM) at 4500 rpm
- 0 – 60 mph 3.8 seconds
- 0 – 100 km/h 4.0 seconds
- Max Speed 145 mph (233 km/h)\*
- Weight 1166 kg

#### The Exige S Roadster in more detail:

**Engine:** Mid-mounted, transverse 3.5 litre DOHC V6 VVTi, 24-valve equipped with Harrop HTV 1320 Supercharger.

**Transmission:** 6 speed manual with sports ratios only from launch. Paddle shift options for Exige S Roadster will be considered subject to demand.

**Suspension:** Fully independent double wishbone suspension with front and rear anti-roll bar. Bilstein high performance gas dampers and Eibach coaxial springs.

#### Braking & Dynamic systems:

- AP-Racing four-piston callipers with ventilated and cross drilled cast-iron discs.
- Lotus / BOSCH Developed ABS/ESP system
- Hydraulic Brake Assist (HBA)
- Electronic Brake Distribution (EBD)
- Cornering Brake Control (CBC)
- Lotus Dynamic Performance Management (Lotus DPM)

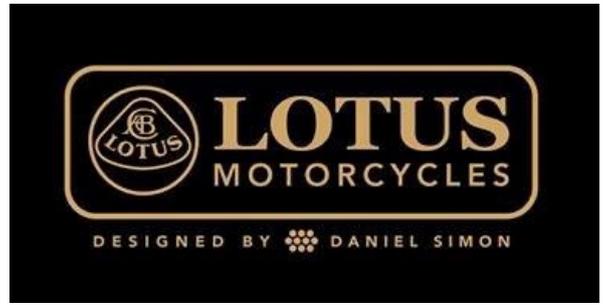
**Wheels & Tyres:** Lightweight cast alloy wheels (17" front and 18" rear) clad with Pirelli P-Zero Corsa tyres.

Fuel consumption for Exige S is – urban 19.5 mpg – 14.5 litres / 100km, extra urban 37.2 mpg – 7.6 litres / 100km, combined – 28.0 mpg – 10.1 litres / 100km. CO2 emissions 236 g CO2 / km.

\*Top speed is restricted.



## Lotus Motorcycles



Lotus Motorcycles to build its own and first ever motorcycle

Lotus Motorcycles was established to design and build the first motorcycle of the iconic car manufacturer. The bike will be named Lotus C-01 and will be the most impressive appearance on public roads on two wheels. It will reflect a combination of lifestyle, design and high end technology.

Lotus Motorcycles is a joint project of Kodewa, car designer Daniel Simon and the Holzer Group. The Lotus C-01 will be a hyper bike with integrated racing technology. It will be manufactured of materials like carbon, titanium and aerospace quality steel, which are also used in Formula 1. Safety, ergonomics and design are the most important factors the design team has put emphasis on. It will be a state of the art motorbike powered by an approximately 200 horsepower engine.

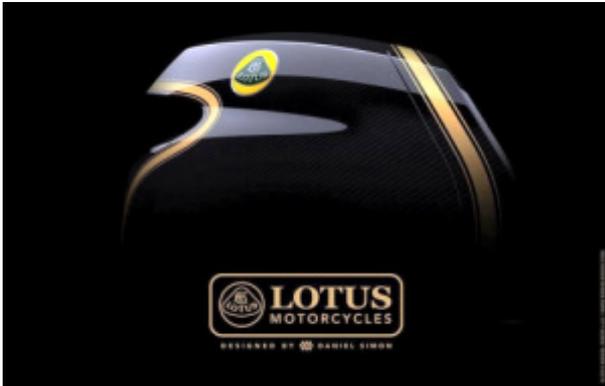
Kodewa has recently built the new sports car Lotus T128 LMP (Le Mans Prototype) and is running the Lotus LMP2 program in the FIA World Endurance Championship. The team of Kodewa comprises of experts with a lot of knowledge and experience not only in endurance racing but also Formula 1, DTM and lower formulas.

The unique shapes of Lotus Motorcycles will be penned by renowned designer Daniel Simon. Simon, a former designer for Bugatti Automobiles, has lately been responsible for some of the most sophisticated concept vehicles in Hollywood film history. Amongst his most recognizable contributions are the 'Lightcycle' in the 2010 Disney motion picture 'Tron: Legacy' and the 'Bubbleship' used by Tom Cruise in the recent Universal Sci-Fi hit 'Oblivion'. The German was also designing the famous black and gold livery of the Lotus LMP2 sports cars.

Daniel Simon is known for his clean and holistic concepts. The designer says: "With the Lotus C-01, we have only one ambition: to create a unique state-of-the-art machine that carries its brutal forces with elegance and style, a high-tech monster in a tailored suit. The C-01, with all its top notch components and materials, is first and foremost emotional, heartbreaking, at times playfully retro, and always clearly a Lotus. Lotus is a glamorous name with a rich history, and the C-01 celebrates it proudly: the shapes of the marvelous Lotus 49 were a main inspiration, and all color schemes pay homage to iconic Lotus racing liveries, such as the dashing black and gold. The intersection of past and future never fails to fascinate, and so does the unique idea of the C-01." Within the Holzer Group, the Performance GmbH is involved in the development process. The components made of titanium, carbon fibre and aerospace steel will be produced by RPC GmbH, which is also part of Holzer Group and Kodewa. Latest CNC machines linked with CAM workstations

ensure highest precision and optimal workflow of the complex procedures. Because of quality inspections before, during and after the production process, a safety-related and faultless production is ensured.

In the next few weeks, images of Lotus Motorcycles will be released and will give a first insight into what to expect from the new Lotus C-01.



More information: <http://www.lotus-motorcycles.com>

### **USA Evora recall**

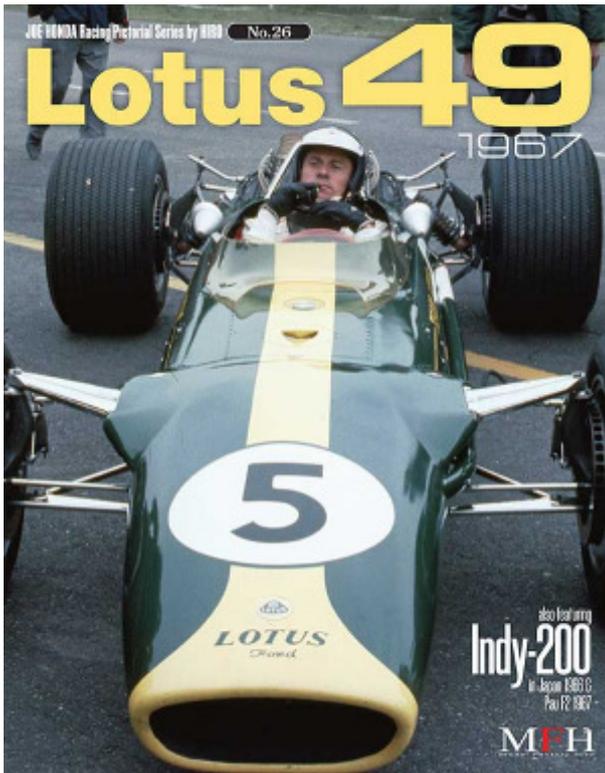
Lotus USA recently recalled 28 model-year 2013 Lotus Evora cars due to a missing label identifying the vehicles' temporary exemption from a federal safety requirement, as well as an incorrectly labelled date of manufacture, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Affected vehicles, manufactured between September and November 2012, were granted a temporary exemption from having to conform to federal motor vehicle passenger-side advanced airbag safety standards, but the vehicles do not contain a temporary-exemption label. Moreover, the vehicles' Federal Certification Label shows an incorrect date of manufacture. Both issues could prevent owners from determining whether recalls apply to their vehicles, increasing the risk of a crash or injury.

Lotus notified the owners.

## Books and video

On the video page of my website I am collecting Lotus related videos, so if you are interested in these, have a look on that particular page!



### Lotus 49

Another magazine/book packed with superb photo's by Joe Honda. His books are made by Model Factory Hiro for modelcar builders in order to help them with the details. Bit it is also a great book if you are not into building kits!

Size: 297mm x 232mm

100 Pages

200 colour photos / 100 B&W photos

Language: Japanese / with partial English translation

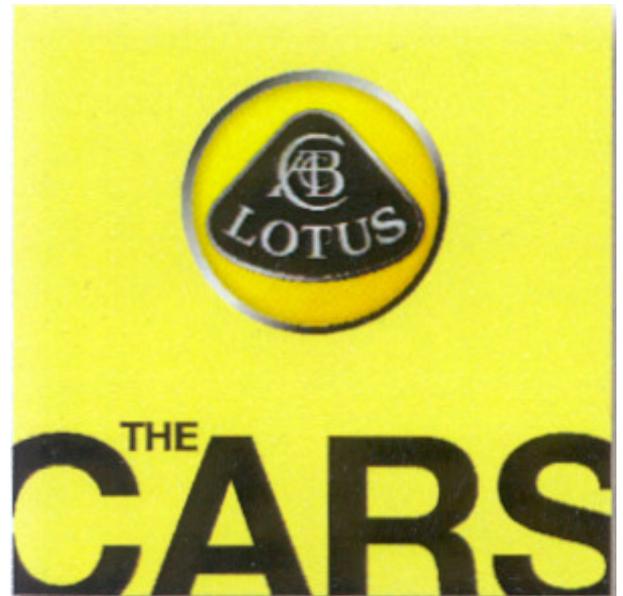
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After "the yellow book" that was first published in 1998 and revised in 1999 and 2004, a completely new book that follows the concept of the previous book, but now in chronological order rather than type number order, offering an in depth look at every model that was made by Lotus

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## Rare cars for sale



Colin Chapman's Range Rover is for sale.

This 1971 Range Rover that used to belong to Colin Chapman is being offered for sale for £49,500. The series one model, finished in Bahama Gold, has covered 41,000 miles and comes with a comprehensive history file detailing its adventures of the last 30 years.

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This 1965 Lotus Seven S2 Cosworth that has been freshly restored to the specification to which it was originally built, is now for sale for £30,000.

Factory records show that the vehicle was originally red in colour and was supplied with a 1500cc Ford pre-crossflow engine to a Cosworth specification.

The owner can be contacted on +44 (0)7718 385168



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## Model Cars



On the left you see the **Lotus Type 16** Climax, Team Lotus F1 German GP 1958, Cliff Allison model car. Made by **Spark**, scale 1:43.

Should be in the shops by the time you read this.

And on the right yet another version of the **Lotus Type 16** Climax, Team Lotus F1 British GP 1958, Alan Stacey. Made by **Spark**, scale 1:43.

Should be in the shops by the time you read this.



The next model that I like to show you, as it is in the shops now, is this **Lotus Type 18** Climax, Walker Racing F1 winner GP Monaco 1960, driver Stirling Moss.

Also made by **Spark**, scale 1:43



**Corgi** has announced some more 1:43 scale diecast models, like this **Evora** GT4 Lotus Sport





Also announced by **Corgi**, this 1:43 scale **E21** 2013 Formula 1 car, this is the version as driven by Räikkönen.

And of course the Grosjean version of this diecast **E21** 1:43 model by **Corgi**. Not yet in the shops, but coming soon.



How about this **Evora** GT4 that was used during the British GT Championship 2012, with drivers Marco Attard and Alistair Mackinnon? Also a 1:43 diecast model that is announced by **Corgi**.

Finally, **Corgi** announced their version of the 2012 **E20** that was used by Jerome d'Ambrsio for testing at Mugello. It looks like we will be able to add some nice models to the collection for very acceptable prices.





This is the **Lotus Type 77** model as driven by Gunnar Nilsson during the 1976 Monaco GP. He had to retire with engine problems in round 39.

This 1:43 model by **Spark** was announced for release in 2012, and is in the shops now.

The driver on the right is Jim Clark, 1965 World Champion. You are looking at a super detailed and hand painted figurine in 1:18 scale that will be made by German artwork company Figurenmanufaktur. Completely produced and hand painted in Germany.

Not available yet, but it is a nice item to look out for as this would be a perfect match with the next new model:

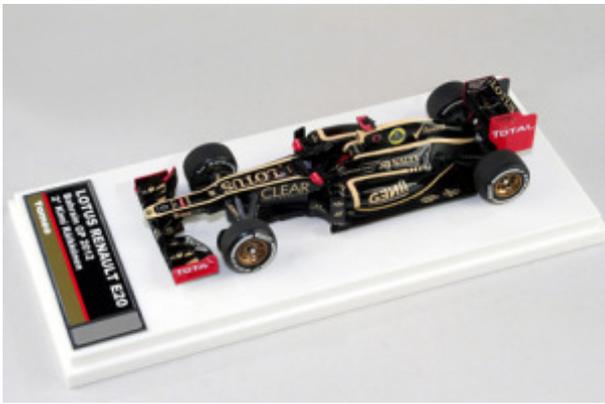


The 1965 World Champion's car, the **Lotus Type 33** as driven by Jim Clark is now available in 1:18 scale, made by **Spark**.

(image courtesy of Grand Prix Models)

Another new **Spark** model that has been announced for release is this **Elite S2** in Essex colours, scale 1:43. I have had the pleasure of driving Colin Chapman's Elise S2 Essex on several occasions, during its "Dutch period".





This is the new **Tameo Lotus E20** model, 1:43, now in the shops in both Räikkönen and Grosjean livery.

An other **Evora GT4** model is due to be released soon, this diecast version will be made by **Motormax**, scale 1:24



... and the new **Hotwheels** 1:64 scale diecast model, representing the Lotus **Evora GT4**

This one is for the collector who is interested in rare versions of models. On <http://www.formula43.net> there is an image showing a special (transkit) model of the **Minichamps Lotus Renault GP R31 model**, making it look like the car that was used by María de Villota during her test session at Paul Ricard, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2011.

She actually drove a type R29 car...





For the kit builder the good people from **Studio 27** have now created photo-etched parts to make your Ebbro 1:20 **Lotus Type 72C** even more realistic!

**Spark** has released a 1:43 resin model of the **Square Lotus transporter**. Team Lotus acquired this transporter which was based on a Leyland PSV3B/R chassis in September 1972. It took coachbuilding firm Marshalls of Cambridge nearly a year to produce. The transporter could carry three JPS Lotuses, which could be winched in without having to remove the rear wing. The cabin was equipped with luxurious Connolly leather aircraft seats.



This 1:43 scale Lotus **Type 16** is made by **Spark** and represents the car that was driven by David Piper during the 1960 GP of England.

The long expected Lotus **Type 56B** by **True Scale Miniatures**, 1:18, can be released any moment now.





This is the Lotus **Eclat S2** that was announced by **Spark** in 2012, the 1:43 model is in the shops now.

This 1:43 scale **Lotus Europa Gr. 5** by **Spark** has also just arrived. This magnificent looking machine was the brainchild of Harald Ertl, who reasoned that the lightweight Lotus could be made a competitive prospect in the 2-litre class of the DRM. The car was built on the chassis from a Toj sports-racer with much modified Lotus bodywork and a 1.4 Zakspeed-Ford engine in the rear. The car made its debut in the Nurburgring 1000kms, retiring with electrical failure but here we see it as it was entered for Mario Ketterer in its final period appearance, the DRM Supersprint, also at the Ring. The aggressive shape of the car is very well modelled and the neatly applied decals replicate the livery of that final outing.

(information from Grand Prix Models)



The Japanese manufacturer **HSC** (Studio 27) will produce transkits to create the **Lotus Type 47**, based on the 1:24 Tamiya Lotus Europa model. There will be 1967, 1968 and 1969 versions.

(image: Grand Prix Models)

New from **Automodelli Studio**, this **Lotus Cortina** Neptune Racing 1964/65. This model is available as a kit or as a handbuilt model, scale 1:43.



**Spark** has announced this **Lotus Type 25 BRM**, scale 1:18.

The 25 was powered by a 1498cc Coventry Climax FWMV V8, although Reg Parnell Racing in 1964 fitted BRM P56s of similar specification to their second-hand 25s.



**Spark** has announced a 1:43 scale model representing the **Lotus Type E21** Formula One car, Both Kimi Räikkönen and Romain Grosjean versions. And it looks like the new **Spark Lotus Seven S4** model will arrive soon. And how about the **T128** (did we not see this typenumber before??) LMP@ car in two versions; #31 Weeda, Rossiter, Bouchut and #32 Holzer, Kraihamer, Charouz.

**Minichamps** has announced a 1:43 and a 1:18 scale model representing the **Lotus Type E21** Formula One car, Both Kimi Räikkönen and Romain Grosjean versions.

**Axel'r** has announced a 1:43 prepainted kit (or hand built model) representing the **Lotus Type 69**. There will be : 1970 F2 model, Driver J. Rindt, 1st Pau / 1971 F2 model, Driver E. Fittipaldi / 1972 F2 model, Driver E. Fittipaldi and a 1971 F3 model, Driver Walker, Gold Leaf Team Lotus colours. Available later this year. As far as I know this will be the first Lotus 69 miniature model that becomes available. Please let me know if you know bout other Lotus type 69 miniatures.

**Jarmark**, known as the creators of very limited production hand built models, have also announced a 1:43 **Lotus Type 69** model. They have announced the Peter Lovely car, versions USA and Canada 1971. These models are made in the Czech Republic.

**Tameo** has announced the **Lotus Type E21** as a 1:43 white metal kit, due to be released in August. One may construct the 2013 Australian GP winners car (Räikkönen) or Grosjean's car.

We have not heard from **Quartzo** for a while, but it looks like they are still in business. Or back in business with the announcement of 4 new 1:18 scale models; **Lotus 49** - 1st 1967 Dutch Grand Prix - #5 J. Clark, **Lotus 49** - 1st 1968 Spanish Grand Prix - #10 G. Hill, **Lotus 72C** - 1st 1970 French Grand Prix - #6 J. Rindt and **Lotus 72D** - 1st 1972 British Grand Prix - #8 E. Fittipaldi.

**Automodelli Studio** has announced a 1:43 model of the **Lotus Type 49T** (Tasman). It will be available as a kit, but also handbuilt on request. We may look out for the following versions of this model: 1968 series winner Jim Clark, Jim Clark #6 New Zealand Team Lotus, Jim Clark #6 Australia Gold Leaf Team, Graham Hill #5 Australia Gold Leaf Team

## Events

### 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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