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The Lotus Exige Cup 430 Type 25 collector's piece

- Lotus' most accomplished Exige ever as fitting tribute
- Just 25 examples to be hand built in Norfolk
- Unique heritage documentation to accompany each car
- Bespoke exterior and interior livery
- 407 hp per tonne and 220 kg of downforce
- 0-60 mph in 3.2 secs, dry weight from 1,056 kg



Without equal and a class apart: the new Lotus Exige Cup 430 Type 25 is a collector's piece like no other and a fitting tribute to one of the most successful and influential Formula 1 cars of all time.

Based on the celebrated Exige Cup 430, unveiled at the end of last year, the two-seat Type 25 is a unique opportunity to relish a universally acclaimed sports car named in

partnership with Classic Team Lotus. Referencing the Type 25, the single seat Lotus racing car that dominated the 1963 season, the new car features a raft of exotic and unique features as well as specially commissioned heritage documentation.

Powered by Lotus' formidable 3.5-litre supercharged and charge cooled V6, producing 430 hp and 440 Nm, the Lotus Exige Cup 430 Type 25 is not only the fastest in its class, sprinting from 0-60 in just 3.2 seconds, its carefully optimised aerodynamics generate up to 220 kg of downforce.



Classic Team Lotus preserve and promote the history of the race team that operated from 1954-1994, and Lotus has worked with Clive Chapman, Director and son of Lotus founder Colin Chapman, so that this edition proudly wears a Type 25 classification in tribute to a legendary Formula 1 car. Helping mark Lotus' historic motorsport successes, this bespoke version of Lotus' quickest real-world sports car is ensured instant collector status.

Jean-Marc Gales, CEO, Group Lotus plc said, "We are proud to have named this unique Lotus Exige Cup 430 in honour of the Lotus Type 25, a car which left an indelible mark on the development of motorsport. It was revolutionary when introduced and the first car to win Lotus a Constructor's World Championship, the first of seven. It is a perfect example of Lotus' design philosophy – light, yet incredibly strong and peerless on the racetrack. That same ethos, our company DNA, is found in the Exige Cup 430 Type 25, which is lighter than its predecessors and even more powerful. Combined with a class-leading balance in handling and agility, it's our ultimate point-to-point two-seater sports car."

Just 25 editions of this landmark vehicle will be produced, each accompanied by a numbered certificate of authenticity, signed by Jean-Marc Gales, and proudly wearing a matching plaque detailing its number in the limited production run. Owners have the option of collecting their Exige Cup 430 Type 25 from the famous Hethel factory as well as guided

tours of Lotus' modern vehicle production facility and of the Classic Team Lotus facility. A signed hardback copy of the acclaimed book: *Jim Clark: Tribute to a Champion* by Eric Dymock signed by Clive Chapman, and Bob Dance, a principal mechanic for Jim Clark during his Formula 1 race career, accompanies every car.



The Type 25 – pole position

Driven by some of the greatest names in racing, including Jim Clark, Mike Hailwood, Chris Amon, and Richard Attwood, the Lotus Type 25 competed against the best on the grid from 1962 to 1967, and changed the evolution of racing cars forever. Abandoning existing conventions, it was the first Formula 1 car to use a revolutionary fully stressed 'monocoque' chassis design, reinforcing Lotus founder Colin Chapman's reputation as a ground-breaking engineer. It led directly to the Lotus Type 33 and Type 49 racing cars, themselves championship winning designs.

Winning three Formula 1 races in its first year, at the hands of the talented Jim Clark, the Type 25 just missed out on the Constructors' Championship in the final race. For the 1963 season the Lotus Type 25 reigned supreme, winning seven of the ten championship races, with seven pole positions and six fastest laps, and recording the first Drivers' and Constructors' Championships for the Lotus team.

As befitting a multiple champion, the new Lotus Exige Cup 430 Type 25 takes its inspiration from the race car, with the Hethel-based company's quickest real-world sports car as its starting point, before being lavished with time and materials to produce something special.

Distinguishing the edition, every Exige Cup 430 Type 25's unique livery is appropriately finished in metallic Lotus Racing Green, or Old English White, with subtle but sharp contrasting pinstripes on the front splitter, front access panel, new and unique bargeboards, roof panel and rear wing, as well as unique decals on each rear buttress. The work of the increasingly popular Lotus Exclusive programme, the Exige Cup 430 Type 25 combines traditional British craftsmanship with the best of modern design, as well as a nod to the brand's heritage.



Drawing on the same high-performance installation as the Exige Cup 430, the Type 25 employs a supercharger and chargecooler designed specifically for the unique demands of the engine. With a blistering 430 hp at 7,000 rpm and 440 Nm (325 lbft) of torque from 4,000 rpm, 0-60mph is achieved in just 3.2 seconds (0-100 km/h in 3.3 seconds) before reaching a top speed of 180 mph (290 km/h). With all this power, the Lotus Exige Cup 430 Type 25 is one of the fastest ever road cars to lap the Hethel circuit, covering the 2.2 miles in just 1 minute 24.8 seconds.

Built for the road, but with a track focus, motorsport inspired aerodynamics play their part in defining the car's performance. The carbon front splitter with trailing lip helps separate and speed airflow under the car and the inclusion of new air curtain elements into the front clam panel efficiently moves air through to the front wheel cavities to help reduce turbulence and drag generated by the front wheels. The front louvers reduce the pressure within the front wheel arches, increasing downforce. At the rear, large cut-out sections behind the rear wheels also reduce wheel arch pressure, boosting downforce. Coupled with the high-set rear wing and rear diffuser, these elements work in harmony to generate up to 220 kg of downforce.



Available as standard with a six-speed manual transmission, the Exige Cup 430 Type 25 features Lotus' acclaimed open-gate manual gearbox, designed specifically for fast and fluid shifts. The Lotus Exige Cup 430 Type 25 also includes a variable traction control function, linked directly to the ECU. The six-position rotary switch is located on the steering column, and only active with ESP switched to off, with five pre-set traction levels as well as "off", displayed via the instrument cluster.



The Exige is renowned for its ride and handling, but the Exige Cup 430 Type 25 sharpens this with Nitron three-way adjustable dampers (tuning rebound, as well as low-speed and high-speed compression) and Eibach adjustable front and rear anti-roll bars, as standard.

The car's motorsport theme continues with Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 tyres (215/45 ZR17 front and 285/30 ZR18 rear), fitted to ultra-lightweight, fully machined, forged aluminium wheels in black sun rims, while forged, four-piston AP Racing brake calipers and race-derived two-piece, J-hook brake discs provide improved bite and consistent stopping power after extended track work. Contrasting colour brake calipers, set against the black wheels complete the car's distinctive exterior.

Composite technology plays a considerable role in the Exige's construction, with every area reconsidered in order to shed unnecessary mass. The car's composite body panels influence the car's styling as well as its aerodynamics and include high-gloss visible weave carbon components include front splitter, front clam, air blades, unique bargeboards, roof panel, rear tailgate, straight-cut wing and diffuser surround. The extensive weight saving even extends to the lightweight titanium exhaust system, fitted as standard, which is 10kg lighter than the stainless-steel alternative.



The racing lines continue inside with the Type 25 edition's unique interior pack. Lotus' in-house manufactured carbon race seats, trimmed in black Alcantara®, feature bespoke trim, with a custom stripe for the head and backrest as well as new contrast double stitching which is matched in the door panels and face-level vents. Bodywork keyed colour inserts for the seats, transmission console, HVAC surround and window switches are complemented by the cabin's anodised aluminium and carbon fibre elements, including dashboard inserts and instrument binnacle cover. In a nod to the original Lotus Type 25 Formula 1 car, the Exige Cup 430 Type 25 comes with a wooden gear selector knob.



As standard the new Exige Cup 430 Type 25 includes air conditioning, an in-car entertainment system, including iPod® connectivity and Bluetooth® functionality, cruise control, a full carpet set and floor mats. Buyers can tailor their cars with a colour change of the door mirror caps and with the deletion of some standard fit items, including the air conditioning, stereo system and carpet set.

Announcing the new car, Jean-Marc Gales, CEO, Group Lotus plc said: “Although the Lotus Exige Cup 430 Type 25 is street legal, it blurs the line between road and race car to provide owners with an unbeatable blend of power, road holding, intuitive handling at any speed. On everyday open roads it rewards its driver with a pure analogue experience, like only a Lotus can, yet venture onto the track and you’ll find a depth in performance that only the very best driver can truly exploit. Like the Lotus Type 25 in 1963, this car is without any rival.”



To find out more about Lotus Exige Cup 430 Type 25: www.lotuscars.com/exige-cup-430-type-25

Exige Cup 430 Type 25 Edition – Technical Specification

PERFORMANCE	Exige Cup 430 Type 25 Edition
Max power	430 hp at 7,000 rpm (436 PS)
Max torque	325 lbft from 4,000 rpm to 6,800 rpm (440 Nm)
0-60 mph	3.2 seconds
0-100 km/h	3.3 seconds
Max speed	180 mph (290 km/h)
CO ₂ emissions	242 g/km (TBC)
Unladen mass	1,097 kg
Dry mass	1,063 kg
Lightest possible dry mass	1,056 kg
Power-to-weight ratio (dry mass)	407 hp per tonne
Aerodynamic downforce at maximum speed	220 kg Front: 100 kg; Rear: 120 kg
Hethel lap time	1:24.8 seconds

ENGINE AND TRANSMISSION

3.5 litre V6, 24-valve, water cooled, all aluminium engine, with Edelbrock supercharger and charger cooler

6-speed manual transmission, with gearbox cooler, coupled to Lotus' precision shift aluminium mechanism

Lightweight, single-mass, low inertia fly wheel and 240 mm diameter clutch

Baffled sump

Titanium exhaust system

CHASSIS AND BODY

Anodised, lightweight aluminium, extruded, epoxy bonded and riveted high-stiffness chassis

Servo assisted, race-derived, lightweight two-piece J-hook ventilated brake discs (front 332 mm x 32 mm, rear 332 mm x 26 mm) and AP Racing four piston calipers

Unequal length, lightweight steel double wishbone suspension (front)
 Unequal length, lightweight forged aluminium, double wishbone suspension (rear)
 Adjustable Eibach® tubular front and rear anti-roll bars

Lotus-tuned, Nitron three-way dampers, adjustable for rebound (24 click adjustment settings) and low-speed compression (24 click adjustment settings) and high-speed compression (16 click adjustment settings) and Nitron springs

Driver selectable ESP modes – Drive/Sport/Race/Off

6 position variable traction control, with five pre-set traction levels (1%, 3%, 6%, 9%, 12% slip) and “off” displayed via the instrument cluster

Tyre pressure monitoring system

Lightweight lithium-ion battery

EXTERIOR SPECIFICATION

Lightweight front clam including wheel arch louvers, drag-reducing air curtain and carbon fibre splitter with rubber lower lip

Unique Type 25 Edition livery

Lightweight rear clam including venting for wheel arches

Lightweight aluminium rear diffuser

New carbon fibre bargeboards, unique to the Exige Cup 430 Type 25

Carbon fibre front access panel

Carbon fibre roof panel

Carbon fibre rear diffuser surround

Lightweight carbon fibre tailgate with full width straight profiled rear wing

Polycarbonate backlight

Brake calipers – red painted with black AP Racing logo

Lotus designed, ultra-lightweight, forged aluminium wheels with spun rims (17" front and 18" rear 10 spoke alloy wheels) in black

Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 tyres (front 215/45 R17, rear 285/30 R18)

Mud flaps

Rear wing uprights linked to wheel colour choice

LED daytime running lights

Rear parking sensors

ECE R116 approved immobiliser and remote activated alarm system

INTERIOR SPECIFICATION

2 seat configuration

Air conditioning

Full Carpets
Floor mats
Carbon fibre dash inserts
Stereo with two front speakers
Cruise Control
Type 25 Edition unique personalised plaque
Wooden gear knob
Unique design carbon fibre sports seats featuring contrast twin stitching and Type 25 embroidery
Centre console and door panels trimmed in black Alcantara® with contrast double stitching
Carbon fibre binnacle top
Interior Colour Pack in body colour including HVAC console, gearshift top trim, bucket seat eyelets, window lift switch bezels
Lotus developed steering wheel trimmed in black Alcantara®
Carbon fibre door sill covers

OPTIONS: INTERIOR AND TRIM	UK RETAIL PRICE	DE RETAIL PRICE
Full Carpets (delete)	NCO	NCO
Floor Mats (delete)	NCO	NCO
Replacement of wooden gear knob with aluminium gear knob	NCO	NCO

OPTIONS: LIGHTWEIGHT AND PERFORMANCE	UK RETAIL PRICE	DE RETAIL PRICE
A-frame, for fitment of 4 point harness (available via Lotus Aftersales post registration), Alcantara non-airbag steering wheel, Airbag deletion	£2,600	€3,500
Fire Extinguisher & Battery isolator (incl. exterior kill switch)	£2,600	€ 3,500
Standard battery	NCO	NCO
Barge boards (delete)	NCO	NCO

The above options represent just a sample of what is available through Lotus Exclusive. Further information on the Lotus Exclusive programme, including a comprehensive list of the available customisation options can be found at:
www.lotuscars.com/exclusive

MARKET	RETAIL PRICE
UK	£110,000 (incl. VAT at 20%)
Germany	€140,000 (incl. VAT at 19%)
France	€141,200 (incl. VAT at 20%)
Italy	€146,000 (incl. VAT at 22% and transport)

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