

5TH CATEGORY - HISTORIC RACING

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APPROVED VEHICLE SPECIFICATION

This form details the approved specifications of individual vehicle models in the 5th Category Historic car group. To be issued with an Historic Log Book, cars need to comply with these specifications, the physical appearance shown in the illustrations and the general historic rules as detailed in the current Motorsport Australia Manual.

Make of Car:	Lotus	Model:	Elite
			Series I
			Series II – Standard
			Series II – Stage II
Period of Original Manufacture:	: 1958 – 1963*		
	As the standard car and Stage II versions were built in quantities as road cars, they are eligible as Group Sa sports cars irrespective of whether they are Series I or Series II irrespective of their actual production date		
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#### **SECTION 1 - CHASSIS**

## 1.1. CHASSIS

Description:	Monocoque coupe
Period of Manufacture:	1958 - 1963
Manufacturer:	Lotus
Chassis Number From:	Series I - 1001 – 1280
	Series II – Standard – EB1251 – EB2000
	Series II – Stage II – EB1251 – EB2000
Chassis Number location:	Plate fixed above footwell in the engine compartment (RH drive)
Material:	Fibreglass
Comments	None

## 1.2. FRONT SUSPENSION

Description:	Independen	Independent front suspension – twin wishbones				
Spring Medium:	Coil	Coil				
Damper Type:	Tubular	Tubular Adjustable: No				
Anti-sway bar:	Yes	Yes		No		
Suspension adjustable:	No	No Method:				
Comments:	Spring rates	Spring rates and ride height are unrestricted				

## 1.3. REAR SUSPENSION

Description:	Independe	Independent rear suspension – Chapman strut				
	Series I – si	Series I – single radius rod				
	Series II -tr	Series II -triangle radius rod				
Spring Medium:	Coil	Coil				
Damper Type:	Tubular, in	Tubular, integral with hub		No		
Anti-sway bar:	No	No		N/A		
Suspension adjustable:	No	No Method:				
Comments:	Spring rate	Spring rates and ride height are unrestricted				

## 1.4. STEERING

Type:	Rack and pinion	Make:	Alford and Alder
Comments	None		

## 1.5. BRAKES

	Front	Rear		
Туре:	Disc	Disc		
Dimensions:	241 mm	241 mm		
Material of drum/disc:	Cast iron	Cast iron		
No. cylinders/pots per wheel:	One	One		
Actuation:	Hydraulic	Hydraulic		
Caliper make:	Girling			
Caliper type:	Fixed			
Material:	Cast iron			
Master cylinder make:	Girling			
Type:	Single			
Adjustable bias:	No			
Servo Fitted:	No			
Comments:	Dual master cylinder allowed			
	Servo allowed			

#### **SECTION 2 - ENGINE**

## 2.1. ENGINE

Make:	Coventry Climax		
Model:	FWE		
No. cylinders:	Four	Configuration:	In line
Cylinder Block-material:	Alloy	Two/Four Stroke:	Four
Bore - Original:	76.2 mm	Max allowed:	77.7 mm
Stroke - original:	66.68 mm	Max allowed:	66.68 mm
Capacity - original:	1216 cc	Max allowed:	1264 cc
Identifying marks:			
Cooling method:	Liquid		
Comments:	None		

#### 2.2. CYLINDER HEAD

Make:	Lotus				
No. of valves/cylinder:	Two	Inlet:	One	Exhaust:	One
No. of ports total:	Eight	Inlet:	Four	Exhaust:	Four
No. of camshafts:	One	Location:	Head	Drive:	Chain
Valve actuation:	Overhea	Overhead camshaft			
Spark plugs/cylinder:	One				
Identifying marks:					
Comments:	Alloy he	ad	·		

## 2.3. LUBRICATION

Method:	Wet sump	Oil tank location:	N/A
Dry sump pump type:	N/A	Location:	N/a
Oil cooler standard:	No	Location:	N/A
Comments:	Oil cooler allov	wed	

## 2.4. IGNITION SYSTEM

Туре:	Points, Coil and Distributor		
Make:	Lucas		
Comments	None		

## 2.5. FUEL SYSTEM

Carburettor Make – Stage I:	SU	Model:	H4	
Carburettor Number:	One			
Carburettor Make – Stage II:	SU	Model:	H4	
Carburettor Number:	Two			
Size:	1 ½"			
Fuel injection Make:	N/A	Type:	N/A	
Supercharged:	No	Type:	N/A	
Comments:	Bore size	unrestricted		

#### **SECTION 3 - TRANSMISSION**

## 3.1. CLUTCH

Make:	Borg and Beck
Type:	Diaphragm
Diameter:	203 mm
No. of Plates:	One
Actuation:	Hydraulic
Comments:	None

## 3.2. TRANSMISSION

Type:	4 speed manual					
Make:	Series I - Stage I - BMC B Series					
	Series I - Stage II – MGA					
	Series II - Stage II - BMC B Series					
	Stage II – Stage II - ZF					
Gearbox location:	Behind engine					
No. forward speeds:	Four					
Gearchange type and location:	Floor remote					
Case material:	Cast iron					
Identifying marks:						
Comments:	Ratios free					

## 3.3. FINAL DRIVE

Make:	Lotus	Model:						
	ВМС							
Wheel drive method	Rear	Rear						
Ratios:	Various	Various						
Differential type:	Hypoid bevel	Hypoid bevel						
Comments:	Ratios free	Ratios free						
	Limited slip diffe	Limited slip differential allowed						

## 3.4. TRANSMISSION SHAFTS (EXPOSED)

Number:	Two
Location:	Halfshafts
Description:	Tubular with "Rotoflex" donut type universal joints
Comments:	C/V joints not allowed
	Hardy Spicer Type 26R drive shafts and universal joints allowed

## 3.5. WHEELS & TYRES

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Wheel type - Original:	Wire	Material - Origin	al: Steel					
Wheel type - Allowed:	Cast alloy	Material - Allow	ed: Aluminium alloy					
Fixture method:	Bolt on	No. studs:	Four					
	Centre lock							
Wheel dia. & rim width	FRONT		REAR					
Original:	4.5" x 15"	4.5" x 15" 4.5" x 15"						
Allowed	5" x 15"	5" x 15" 5" x 15"						
	5" x 14"		5" x 14"					
Tyre Section:								
Original:	450 x 15"	x 15" 450 x 15"						
Allowed:								
Aspect ratio - minimum:	60% minimum aspect	60% minimum aspect ratio.						
Comments:	Refer approved tyre list.							
	Rim size and tyre size limited to combination that will fit under							
	standard wheel arch.							

#### **SECTION 4 GENERAL**

## 4.1. FUEL SYSTEM

Tank Location:	In the boot	Capacity:	35 litres
Fuel pump, type:	Stage I – Mechanical	Make:	
	Stage II - Electric		SU
Comments:	None		

## 4.2. ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Voltage:	Twelve	Alternator fitted:	Generator
Battery Location:	In the boot		
Comments:	None		

## 4.3. BODYWORK

Type:	Coupé	Material:	GRP
No. of seats:	Two	No. doors:	Two
Comments:	Series I - Body by Maximer.		
	Series II – Body by Bristol.		
	Hardtop allowed		

## 4.4. DIMENSIONS

Track - Front:	1193 mm	Rear:	1193 mm
Wheelbase:	2240 mm	Overall length:	3759 mm
Dry weight:	704 kg		
Comments:	None		

## 4.5. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Refer applicable Group Regulations

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## 5TH CATEGORY - HISTORIC CARS

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		VEHICLE DESCRIPTION FORM	
This	s for	m must accompany all applications for Log Books for Historic Cars	s
Raci	ing.	signed to provide information so that the car may be properly ed and to provide a permanent record of each vehicle in Historic Page 3 of this form will also provide information for programmes entators.	3
l.		BASIC DATA	
1.1	Make	Model: [=47] 1951 - 1964.	
1.2	Spec	cial or identifying name: Somes !! (SMGF / or 2)	
1 -3	Year	car now represents: 1951 - 1964 Group: 44.	•
1.4	Year	r car was built in present form:	
1.5	Raci	ing: Sports: Production Sports: Touring:	
2.		HISTORIC DATA	
		of vehicle as at 1.3 date	
	(a)	Provide documentation of the specification of the vehicle at the date you wish it to represent (as indicated in 1.3)/ (e.g. letter from original constructor copies of magazine articles, photos, manufacturing drawings, etc.)	
No.	(b)	In each section below state any items of the vehicle's specification which is now different to the specification as at the date shown in 1.3, giving major details or original specification.	
	(c) ~	Photos - include 3/4 front and 3/4 rear views of vehicle at 1.3 date, together with current photos for Log Book.	
2.1	Chas		
	Numb	er: 100/- 1280, 681258- EB 2000 Make: LOANS WITE	
	Brie	f Description: MONOCOPAE COUPE	
	Mate:	rial: FINEGLAS	•
	Whee.	lbase: \$8.4"	
2		t Suspension	
		f Description: I.F.S. Thin WKASon will roll for	,
	Sprin	ng Type: Cou Damper Type: Tukung	
	Chang	ges from 1.3 date:	

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28	Brief Description: Alley lan 4 speil with relate.
	Gearbox Make: Bowe B' ~ ZF Manufacture Date: 1957 - 1964
	No. of Forward Ratios:
	Differential/R Axle Assy. Make: Latus lame Manufacture Date: 1957-64
	Limited Slip: YES/NO If yes Type,
	Clutch Type: Bolls r Bock Diameter: 8"
	Changes from 1.3 date:
2.9	Brief Description: Two Souton Couple - Mono Coque.
	Material: FIBAS GLASS
	Date of Manufacture: 1951-1964
	Seats, Trim and Instrumentation as per 1.3 date:
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	External Body fittings, Grille, etc. as per 1.3 date:
	Is visual appearance as per 1.3 date?: YES/NO
	Colour: Change from 1.3 date:
3.	SAFETY EQUIPMENT
	Fire Extinguisher Type: Location:
	Seat Belt Type:
	Roll Bar Fitted: YES/NO
4.	HISTORY OF CAR
	Original Owner/Constructor: LOPUS CARS CAD
	Date Construction Started: 1957 Completed:
	First Competitive Event Date: Location:
	Subsequent Owners with period of ownership:*
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	Significant Competition Events (With dates and placings):*

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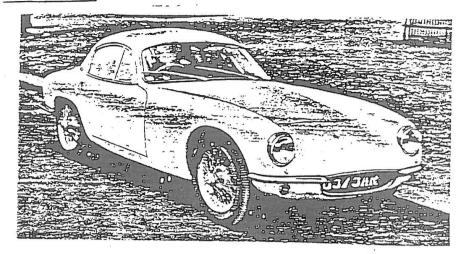
# 5TH CATEGORY - HISTORIC CARS VEHICLE DESCRIPTION FORM

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1.					F	BASIC	DATA								

1.		BASIC DATA
1.1	Make	Lorus Model: ELITE Year: 1958-1964
1.2		ial or identifying name: Somes 2 (SINGE III Swort 95 100 on 105 GT) *
1 3		car now represents: 1988 - 1964 Group: LB
1.4	Year	ng: Sports: Production Sports: Touring:
1.5	Raci	ng: Sports: Production Sports: Touring:
2.		HISTORIC DATA
		of vehicle as at 1.3 date
	(a)	Provide documentation of the specification of the vehicle at the date you wish it to represent (as indicated in 1.3)/ (e.g. letter from original constructor copies of magazine articles, photos, manufacturing drawings, etc.)
-	(b)	In each section below state any items of the vehicle's specification which is now different to the specification as at the date shown in 1.3, giving major details or original specification.
	(c) ~	Photos - include 3/4 front and 3/4 rear views of vehicle at 1.3 date, together with current photos for Log Book.
2.1	Chass	
	Numbe	er: 1007-1280 18 1251- 18200 Make: CATUS CLUTE
	Brie	f Description: Mono Cod no COOPE
		rial: FIBASGLAS.
	Wheel	lbase:
2		Suspension
		E Description: J.F.S. Thin WISHBONG with the
	Sprin	ng Type: COLL Damper Type: TUBULAN (ADJUSTANCE)
	Chang	ges from 1.3 date:

2.3	Rear Suspension  Brief Description: Ils CHAPMAN STRUT
	Spring Type: Cou Damper Type: Tolough INTERIOR WITH HUB.
	Changes from 1.3 date:
2.4	Brakes  Make Front: Guline AL Rear: Guling NL
	Brief Description: $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{B}} = \mathcal{F} + \mathcal{Q}(INB_{\mathcal{B}}, IND)$
	Size (Dia x width) Front: $9\frac{1}{2}$ ". X Rear: $9\frac{1}{2}$ ". X
	Actuation: Hyphwue
	Changes from 1.3 date:
າ 5	Steering: Make: Arond + Andre Type: Lat.
	Changes from 1.3 date:
2.6	Wheels & Tyres Wheel Type: LIME K.O Diameter: I''
	Rim Width Front: $4\frac{1}{2}$ " Rear: $4\frac{1}{2}$ "  Tyre Size Front: $500 \times 15$ (R5) Rear: $500 \times 15$ (R5)
	Aspect Ratio Front: 80% Rear: 85
	Changes from 1.3 date:
2.7	Engine Number: Make: Covarray Cususx.
	Brief Description: 4 cyline, in line, wate cools allay.
	Date of Manufacture: 1964 - 1964
	Capacity at 1.3 date:/220
	Ignition Type: LOUL
	Lubrication Method: Mossule LET Suap. Oil Cooler Fitted: YES
	Supercharged: 125/NO Type:
	Carburettors/Injection System: Make, Type and No. of:  1th. 2×15" H4 SU on 2× 38 DEOK WEBSELS
	Fuel System Type (Mechanical Pump Gravity, etc.): Tract. SU.
	Changes from 1.3 date:

28	Brief Description: Alloy case 4 speed west results.
	Gearbox Make: lowe on ZF Manufacture Date: 1968-1964
	No. of Forward Ratios:
	Differential/R Axle Assy. Make: Lows / Brune Manufacture Date: 1958-196
	Limited Slip: YES A If Yes, Type: ZF.
	Clutch Type: Goner Bour Diameter: &"
	Changes from 1.3 date:
2.9	Brief Description: Two Saman Court - Mono Coque
	Material: Fillbrocks
	Date of Manufacture: 1984 - 1964
	Seats, Trim and Instrumentation as per 1.3 date:
	External Body fittings, Grille, etc. as per 1.3 date:
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	Is visual appearance as per 1.3 date?: YES/NO
	Colour: Change from 1.3 date:
3.	SAFETY EQUIPMENT
Name of the last	Fire Extinguisher Type: Location:
	Seat Belt Type:
	Roll Bar Fitted: YES/NO
1.	HISTORY OF CAR
	Original Owner/Constructor: Lors CARG CTD.
	Date Construction Started: Completed:
	First Competitive Event Date: Location:
	Subsequent Owners with period of ownership:*
	in forth informet refe: LONG CLIPE D. ORTON BURGAR.
	Significant Competition Events (With dates and placings):*



The following data indicates that Lotus Elites can either be classified under Group LA or LB depending on their history.

### HISTORY

The first production Lotus Elite was delivered in December 1958 and the last in September 1963. During that period 1029 chassis body units were built probably resulting in about 1000 cars.

The Elite was available in Series I and Series II forms with some minor variations, the major differences between Series I and Series II were:-

Series I had bodies by Maximer with a single tube lower radius arm on the rear suspension. Identified by chassis numbers F1001 to F1280.

Series II had bodies by Bristol and used a triangulated lower radius arm on the rear suspension and had minor trim and component detail changes.

Identified by chassis numbers EB1251 to EB2000.

Early Series I cars had alloy brake callipers front and rear using Girling AR and NR units respectively. Later models usually had Girling steel callipers but the stage two performance option cars were fitted with the lighter alloy units.

All Elites were available in three performance options:

Standard Car: Single S.U. carburettor, cast exhaust manifold, Firestone, Michelin or Pirelli tyres, usually steel callipers, standard BMC 8 Series gearbox

Stage II:

Twin 1½" S.U. carburettors either cast or extractor manifold, close ratios gears in BMC gearbox or later ZF gearbox, alloy brake callipers, limited

slip differential was an option.

Stage III:

(Later known as Super 95, 100 or 105GT)

Full race Cosworth prepared Climax FWE engine with twin 38DCOE Weber carburettors, extractor manifold, 5 bearing cam etc., alloy brake callipers and usually Dunlop R5 tyres.

As the standard car and Stage II versions were built in quantities as road cars, they are therefore eligible as Group LA sports cars irrespective of whether they are Series I or II and irrespective of the actual production date. Genuine Stage III cars and Elites with a racing history (WUU2 etc.) are classified as Group LB.

## CAMS. CORRESPONDENCE

Refer correspondence between A. Caldersmith and CAMS 2/7/80.

## REFERENCES

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#### LOGBOOK HOLDERS

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