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1965 - Lola T70 Mk1



Make:	Lola
Model:	T70 Mk1
Year:	1965
Location:	Portugal
Type:	Open Sportsracer
Chassis Number:	SL70/6
Drive:	RHD
Competition Ready:	Yes
Exterior Color:	Blue w/ white stripe
Price:	EUR 345.000,-

Key Features

- One of only 15 built Lola T70 Mk1, the 1st series of the fabled T70 lineage
- Ex-Mecom with continuous history from new
- Still carries its original chassis plate
- Comes with good spares and current, 2016 FIA HTP
- Eligible for all pre-66 sportscar races including Goodwood Whitsun Trophy, Masters Historic Sports Cars, etc.

Description

We are pleased to offer this rare, early Lola T70 Mk1 chassis SL70/6 for sale on behalf of its current, long-term owner.

To many, the Mk1 - being the first iteration of the famous Lola T70 line - is still the purest in design. With only 15 T70 Mk1's made and all of them being accounted for, these cars are sought after and front running in the pre-66 historic racing scene.

The history of SL70/6 is listed below in the history section. Most important is that its history is continuous from new, its chassis plate is genuine (rare!) and SL70/6 has no "stories" whatsoever.

The car is offered for sale in excellent condition and it has always been maintained by Martin Stretton Racing Ltd. with no-expense-spared for the current owner. As the car has not run for a few years now, it will need going through, crack testing and installation of a new fuel cell, fire extinguisher and belts upon which it is ready to roar again!

The engine is a strong 5.7 litre Tim Adams SMB Chevy with only about 10 hours running and the Hewland LG-500 gearbox is in excellent condition. SL70/6 also benefits from an accusump anti-oil surge system and comes with a set of spare wheels and a current 2016 FIA HTP.

This ex-Mecom Lola T70 Mk1 is eligible for all pre-66 sportscar racing including Masters, CER, the Goodwood Members Meeting as well as the Goodwood Revival.

History

SL70/6 was invoiced and delivered to John Mecom Racing on 28th April 1965 and was intended for the Texas based Rosebud Racing Team to be driven by Walt Hansgen. Painted grey, the car was never delivered as the US Inland Revenue closed the team down. Instead, the car was retained by Mecom for his own use. SL70/6 only raced twice with Mecom Racing, driven both times by Walt Hansgen. The car made its race debut at Brands Hatch in August '65 for the Guards Trophy where Hansgen finished 9th. Its second race was at Bridgehampton where SL70/6 retired when the rear suspension broke after a hectic battle for the lead with eventual winner Hap Sharp in the Chaparral. SL70/6 was then upgraded with MkII suspension parts and offered for sale in 1966.

It remained unsold until towards the end of the year when it was bought by Dan Blocker for his Vinegaroon racing team. Blocker then changed his mind and bought a pair of McLaren M1B's instead for his drivers, John Cannon and John Saunders, so SL70/6



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was put up for sale. It was bought by Don Rashid Ali of Venezuela, team mate to Henry Hoyos, in SL70/12, racing under the Venezolana Aerea De Craga banner. After racing the car in 1968 and '69, the car was sold in 1970 to Dr Terry Clark of Clemson, South Carolina who restored the car in red and had it road registered. He sold the car in 1980 to Al Morris of Pickens also of South Carolina and who also used the car on the road until trading it with Nick Soprano for a Cobra. Nick sold the car to Mike Smith of Florida who restored the car in yellow with a broad black centre stripe. Mike held on to the car for ten years, selling SL70/6 to Dr Mathias Wagner of Germany who did little with the car other than keep it in warm dry storage. In 2006 he sold the car to an anonymous French owner who had the car restored by renown preparer Yvan mahé in 2008.

SL70/6 was then sold it the same year to its current, Portuguese owner who asked well known preparer Martin Stretton to finish the restoration and sort the car after which SL70/6 ended up in the Coventry Transport Museum in England. During 2010 and 2011 the car also appeared on track at historic racing events in Europe including the Oldtimer Grand Prix at the Nurburgring, and the Algarve Festival in Portugal, Silverstone Classic and - last but not least - the Goodwood Revival.

Pictures (For size reasons, we have limited the PDF-file to 10 pictures)





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