

# CAMS

5TH CATEGORY - HISTORIC RACING

**GROUP Nb**

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 CAMS Manual of Motor Sport.

**Make of Car:** Ford **Model:** Lotus Cortina Mk 1\*

**Period of Original Manufacture:** 1963 - March 1965\*

**CAMS Historic Group:** Group Nb

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\*NOTE: This specification sheet relates to the "Coil over/A Frame" rear suspension cars using both the early body and the 'Aeroflow Ventilation' model introduced in September 1964. This specification is the only one acceptable for Group Nb: these cars would also be eligible for classification as Group Nc.



# SECTION 1 - CHASSIS

## 1.1 CHASSIS FRAME

**Description:** Unitary construction **Period of Manufacture:**  
**Manufacturer:** Ford Motor Company Ltd./Lotus Cars, Cheshunt, England  
**Chassis no. from:** Z74C002368K (not applicable for "specification only" cars)  
**Chassis no. location:** On I/D plate in engine compartment  
**Material:** Steel with aluminium-alloy skinned swinging panels

## 1.2 FRONT SUSPENSION

**Description:** Independent McPherson strut, combined with torque reactor and stabiliser bar.  
**Spring medium:** Coil.  
**Damper Type:** Telescopic double acting integrated **Adjustable:** Original - no with McPherson strut tube.  
**Anti-sway bar:** Yes **Adjustable:** No  
**Suspension adjustable:** **Method:**

## 1.3 REAR SUSPENSION

**Description:** Live axle located by upper trailing arms and lower A-frame.  
**Spring medium:** Coil over damper units. Alteration of ride height is allowed by methods employed in the period.  
**Damper type:** Telescopic double acting **Adjustable:** Original - yes  
**Anti-sway bar:** No **Adjustable:**  
**Suspension adjustable:** No **Method:**

## 1.4 STEERING

**Type:** Recirculating ball 2.5 turns lock to lock **Make:**

## 1.5 BRAKES

	Front	Rear
<b>Type:</b>	Disc	Drum
<b>Dimensions:</b>	244 x 12.7 mm	229 x 44.5 mm
<b>Material of drum/disc</b>	Cast iron	Cast iron
<b>No. cylinders/pots per wheel:</b>	2	1
<b>Actuation:</b>	Girling, cast iron, two pot	
<b>Caliper: Make, Material, Type:</b>	<b>Type:</b> Hydraulic	
<b>Master cylinder make:</b>	Girling	
<b>Adjustable bias</b>	Original, no	
<b>Servo Fitted</b>	Yes	

## SECTION 2 - ENGINE

### 2.1 ENGINE

**Make:** Lotus Ford  
**Model:** Twin Cam  
**No. cylinders:** 4 **Configuration:** In-line  
**Cylinder Block-material:** Cast Iron **Four Stroke**  
**Bore - Original:** 82.55 mm **Max. allowed:** N/A  
**Stroke - original:** 72.75 (some books say 72.82) **Max. allowed:** 72.75/72.82  
**Capacity - original:** 1558 cc **Max. allowed:** 1600cc  
**Cooling method:** Water and fan  
**Identifying marks:** Cylinder block designated 120E-6015 at lower left rear.  
**Comments:** Cylinder blocks designated 120E must be used.

### 2.2 CYLINDER HEAD

**Make:** Lotus Ford  
**No. of valves/cylinder-** 2 **Inlet:** 1 **Exhaust:** 1  
**No. of ports total:** 8 **Inlet:** 4 **Exhaust:** 4  
**No. of camshafts:** 2 **Location:** Overhead **Drive:** Chain  
**Valve actuation:** Direct from camshaft via buckets  
**Spark plugs/cylinder:** 1  
**Comments:** Lotus part number A26E311 & foundry batch number (eg WM9403 - the William Mills Foundry cast the heads) adjoin the gasket surface on the exhaust side (visible on an assembled engine using a mirror).

The cylinder head manufactured by SAS Engineering may be used to replace original Lotus heads. Modified original or replacement aftermarket timing chests incorporating a removable water pump are acceptable.

**Comments:** The Group Nb regulations allow the use of any original production Lotus twin cam cylinder head, including those manufactured for the Escort Twin Cam (renamed Escort GT 1600 in Australia circa 1970).

### 2.3 LUBRICATION

**Method:** Wet sump, external oil pump driven off idler cam located in cylinder block. **Oil tank location:** N/A  
**Oil cooler standard:** No **Location:** N/A

### 2.4 IGNITION

**Type:** Battery, coil and distributor  
**Make:** N/A

### 2.5 FUEL FEED

**Carburettor: Make:** Weber **Model:** Original - 40DCOE **No:** 2 **Size:**  
**Fuel injection Make:** N/A **Type:**  
**Supercharged:** No **Type:**  
**Make:**

**Comments:** Dellorto carburettors are not acceptable as they were not available pre 1965.

## SECTION 3 - TRANSMISSION

### 3.1 CLUTCH

**Make:** **Type:** Dry plate **Diameter:** 203 mm  
**No. of Plates:** 1  
**Actuation:** Hydraulic

### 3.2 TRANSMISSION

Type:

**Make:** Ford                      **Model:** Ford 118E/Lotus  
**No. forward speeds:** 4      **Gearbox location:** Attached to engine with alloy bell housing  
**Gear change type and location:** Central remote lever  
**Case material:** Cast iron                      Identifying marks:

### 3.3 FINAL DRIVE

**Make:** Ford                      **Model:**  
**Wheel drive method:** Rear drive - live rear axle with differential.  
**Ratios:** Original 3.9 or 4.4:1  
**Differential:** Semi floating hypoid                      **Type:** Free / open

### 3.4 TRANSMISSION SHAFTS (EXPOSED)

**Number:** 1                      **Location:** Transmission output shaft to rear axle.  
**Description:** Both single piece and two piece tubular steel tailshafts with Hardy-Spicer universals were used during the period.

### 3.5 WHEELS & TYRES

<b>Wheel type:</b> <b>Original:</b> Pressed disc	<b>Material: Original:</b> Steel
<b>Allowed:</b> Period alloy	<b>Allowed:</b> Alloy
<b>Fixture method:</b> Studs	<b>No. studs:</b> 4
	<b>FRONT</b> <b>REAR</b>
<b>Wheel dia. &amp; rim width</b>	
<b>Original:</b> 5.5J	5.5J
<b>Allowed:</b> 6.0' max	6.0' max
<b>Tyre section:</b>	
<b>Aspect ratio - minimum:</b> 60%	

## SECTION 4 - GENERAL

### 4.1 FUEL SYSTEM

**Tank Location:** Floor of boot                      **Capacity:** 36.4 litres  
**Fuel pump, type and location:** Mechanical                      **Make:**

### 4.2 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

**Voltage:** 12  
**Battery Location:** Originally on right side of luggage compartment.

### 4.3 BODYWORW

**Type:** Unitary construction                      **Material:** Steel / swinging panels aluminium skinned.  
**No. of seats:** 4                      **No. of doors:** 2  
**Comments:** Interior and exterior trim must be present in its entirety. For safety purposes, a fire wall of aluminium sheet is required between the luggage compartment and the passenger compartment, including access via the rear pillars.

### 4.4 DIMENSIONS

<b>Track - Front:</b> 1310 +/-25 mm	<b>Rear:</b> 1275 +/-25 mm
<b>Wheelbase:</b> 2499 +/-22 mm	<b>Overall length:</b> 4275 mm
<b>Dry weight:</b> Original 850 kg (with water, oil and spare wheel)	

### 4.5 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

As required by the CAMS Manual of Motor Sports