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## 1977 - Chevron B40 Formula 2



<b>Make:</b>	Chevron
<b>Model:</b>	B40 Formula 2
<b>Year:</b>	1977
<b>Location:</b>	UK
<b>Type:</b>	Single Seater
<b>Chassis Number:</b>	B40-77-05
<b>Competition Ready:</b>	Yes
<b>FIA HTP:</b>	Yes
<b>Exterior Color:</b>	Light Blue
<b>Price:</b>	GBP 125000

### Key Features

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### Description

We are very pleased to offer this rare and stunning 1977 Chevron B40 F2 chassis #05 for sale on behalf of its current owner.

The B40 was Chevron's design for the 1977 F2 season and was a tidied up and improved version of the B35. It was a front runner in the European Championship and very competitive with its rivals: the March 772, Martini MK22 and the Ralt RT1. Although the B40 only won twice, Rosberg at Enna and Leoni in the Ferrari-engined chassis at Misano, it was competitive everywhere as five second places showed. Only 11 examples were build with the engines of choice - apart from the aforementioned Ferrari engine - being both the Hart 420R and BMW M12/7.

B40-77-05 was one of the 3 Fred Opert Racing Team cars entered in the 1977 European Formula 2 Championship. The Team cars were chassis #05, #06 and #08. Chassis #06 was mostly raced by Keke Rosberg (SF) but also Alex Ribeiro (BR), Arturo Merzario (I), Eje Elgh (S); chassis #08 was "the Guest Car" raced by Jacques Laffite (FR), Gregg Young (USA), Alan Jones (AUS), Maurizio Flammini (I), Keke Rosberg (SF) and Tiff Needell (GB). Our car, chassis #05 was raced extensively by Hugh "Wink" Bancroft, an American whose budget subsidized the star drivers.

After having been fully rebuild in 2003 by ex-Chevron employee Vin Malkie for then owner Mike Sidgwick, the car then passed through the hands of 3 more UK owners before it was bought by the current owner in 2012. After having experienced some engine problems, he had the car fully rebuild by Matthew Watts at Retro Track and Air. The rebuild included the re-skinning of the tub and fitment of new, correct KONI dampers. At the same time, another Hart 420R engine (on injection) was bought which was rebuild by renown engine specialist Geoff Richardson. Delivering around 290bhp, the engine has been extremely reliable with only 353 miles on it thereby leaving plenty (approximately 650 miles) of life. The car has had no accidents since it's rebuild, has been very well maintained and is in perfect, race-ready condition as evidenced by its last outings at Dijon in October 2018 with 2 podium finishes. It would only need a new seat suited to its new, lucky owner.

New HTP papers were issued in 2018 which are valid until 2028. B40-77-05 comes with 2 complete spare sets of wheels (8), splitter and exhaust silencer (with modified wing support).

This Chevron B40 is a great looking car and is totally ready to run at the front in HSCC's thriving F2 race series!

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



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### Chevron B40-77-05 Race History

Date	Race	Circuit	Driver	Number	Qualifying	Race	Comment
6/may/77	Daily Express International Trophy	Silverstone (GB)	Wink Hancock (GB)	22	21	DNF	Exhaust
11/may/77	W. Jackson Roth Memorial Trophy	Thruxton (GB)	Wink Hancock (GB)	22	21	8th	
17/may/77	14th Sun Goodwood Championships	Knockerrone (GB)	Wink Hancock (GB)	22	14	18th	Heat 1: 18th Heat 2: 14th
3/may/77	ADAC - Elfrennen 1977	Nurburgring (DE)	Wink Hancock (GB)	22	27	18th	
10/may/77	Gran Premio di Roma	Vallelunga (IT)	Wink Hancock (GB)	22	DNQ		
30/may/77	Grand Prix Automobile de Pau	Pau (FR)	Wink Hancock (GB)	22	DNQ		
16/may/77	Gran Premio di Mugello	Mugello (IT)	Wink Hancock (GB)	22	28	18th	
26/may/77	Grand Prix de Rouen-les-Éclairés	Rouen-les-Éclairés (FR)	Wink Hancock (GB)	22	DNQ		
8/jun/77	Grand Prix de Nogent	Nogent (FR)	Wink Hancock (GB)	22	DNQ		
24/jun/77	Gran Premio del Mediterraneo	Enna-Pergusa (IT)	Wink Hancock (GB)	22	DNQ		Heat 1: 16th Heat 2: DNF
7/sep/77	Gran Premio dell'Adriatico	Misano Adriatico (IT)	Wink Hancock (GB)	22	DNQ		
23/sep/77	Gran Premio de Estoril	Estoril (PT)	Wink Hancock (GB)	22	DNQ		
29/may/77	Donington Park & S.L.C.C. 12 Trophy	Donington Park (GB)	Wink Hancock (GB)	22	24	12th	Maybe Hans Reyel (ACT)
	ShellSport International Group B Championship	Randall Heath (GB)	Wink Hancock (GB)			10th	
	ShellSport International Group B Championship	Thruxton (GB)	Wink Hancock (GB)			4th	