



Make:CheetahModel:G601Year:1976

Type: Single Seater

Chassis Number: 601/1
Drive: RHD
Competition Ready: Yes
FIA HTP: Yes
Exterior Color: Red
Price: P.O.A.

Key Features

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Description

We are proud to offer this rare and beautiful Cheetah G601 - chassis 1 - for sale. This late seventies group 6 prototype car (one of two built) has been completely restored in the UK by the prior owner and is sold in full race-ready condition. It has a low mileage 2.0 liter Cosworth BDG and a current fuel cell, fire extinguisher system and crack testing report.

The car is well documented and even has its original car passport (see attachment below). It also has its current FIA HTP and comes with an extensive spares package which consists of multiple sets of wheels, new bodywork and even includes the bodywork moulds!

Being one of only two Cheetah G601 made, 601/1 has a distinctive racing career which includes 3 participations to the Le Mans 24hrs. As such, it would be a rare and welcome entry for the Le Mans Classic 2014 event and participant to historic race series such as CER and Masters.

The car resides in Belgium where it can be inspected subject to appointment.

History

Cheetah Automobiles of Switzerland was started up by Lausanne based Swiss-American engineer Chuck Graemiger. Graemiger started out in motorsport in 1964 hill-climbing in the Swiss championship in a Lotus Elite. This was followed by a Sunbeam Imp and then the Imp powered Costin-Nathan sports car in 1967 & '68 before switching to a Chevron B8 which he campaigned until 1970. The following year he raced the one-off British built Daren Mk3 for a season before retiring from competitive driving to start up his own business, Cheetah Automobiles. First car built in 1974, the 01G and was based on what he learned from racing the Daren Mk3. This was followed by the G501 in 1975 and then the G601 of 1976, which two were built., and then a final Gp6 car, the G602. Two Group C cars were then built, the G603 with Cosworth DFV, and the G604 powered by the Aston Martin V8. The company folded in 1986 and all the cars were sold off. It is thought around 10 cars were built in total, although we have only ever counted 7. Not to be confused with the Cheetah built in the '60s by Bill Thomas in California, or the clubmans car built in Australia in the '70s by Derek Fry. Chassis 601/1 has participated in the 24hr of Le Mans multiple times between 1976 and 1979. For the complete race history, see the attached race history PDF-file.

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























