



ELISE



The Elise – it's why the open road was invented



**Elise - il piacere di un
cambio sportivo in un mondo che
preferisce il comfort.**
L'automobile sportiva, un
veicolo che si pone come
un mezzo per il piacere,
perché è un mezzo che
non si accontenta.



**Elise - per passione
una delle emozioni si perde
quando cessa il movimento.
Ma una passione è un modo
di vivere, perché è un
modo di essere. È un
modo di vivere, un modo
di vivere, un modo di vivere,
un modo di vivere.**



**Der Elise - ein
Viermannschaft der Elise
in Europa.**
Der Elise ist ein
Viermannschaft der Elise,
ein Viermannschaft der Elise,
ein Viermannschaft der Elise,
ein Viermannschaft der Elise,
ein Viermannschaft der Elise,
ein Viermannschaft der Elise,
ein Viermannschaft der Elise.



**L'Elise - un
piacere di un mondo che
preferisce il comfort.**
L'Elise est un
piacere de un monde qui
préfère le confort.
L'Elise est un
piacere de un monde qui
préfère le confort.
L'Elise est un
piacere de un monde qui
préfère le confort.

'A strong contender for the title of world's best sports car. Inspired handling and chassis design.'



Autocar

'When the Lotus Elise was launched in 1996, it was a defining moment in the history of the sports car. Light, compact, innovative and technically uncompromising, the Elise returned Lotus to its raw fun-car roots. The finely focused Elise is even better than the sum of its parts. The longer and harder you drive it, the better the Elise seems to get. It rides serenely, steers precisely (without corrupting power-assistance) handles like a precision instrument and grips like a limpet.'



Das Neue Automobil

„Die ultimative Leichtigkeit des Seins. Die atemberaubende Vereinigung zwischen Renntechnik und Leichtbau heißt Lotus Elise. 700kg Fahrspaß pur, zu einem Preis, der sich nicht verstecken muß.'

'Das Leichtgewicht spurtet in 6,9 Sekunden auf Tempo 100. Auch ein Verdienst des exakt und mit kurzen Wegen arbeitenden Fünfgang-Getriebes. 1,8 Liter Hubraum sorgen natürlich nicht für eine Ausgeburt an Drehmoment. Doch angesichts des konsequenten Leichtbaus prescht der Engländer in jeder Lebenslage vehement nach vorne. Maximal durchwühlen 202 km/h die Frisur. Auch wenn der Elise eine konsequente Fahrmaschine nach Lotus-Tradition ist, so zeigt er sich dennoch als komplettes Auto.'



Auto

'Essenziale, quasi nuda: a prima vista la piccola sportiva inglese può sembrare poco più di un giocattolo. Ma sa offrire emozioni sconosciute alle asettiche GT del giorno d'oggi. E quando entra in ballo la passione...'

'Quando entra in gioco la passione, quando una bella strada ricca di curve basta a risvegliare un sorriso divertito, passa in secondo piano non avere il condizionatore ed i vetri elettrici. Forse però, la piccola Lotus Elise sembra proprio dimostrare che la rinuncia a volte è un mezzo efficacissimo per raggiungere la felicità interiore... La sua guida è una fonte unica ed inesauribile di emozioni e soddisfazioni.'



Echappement

'Lotus nous prouve aujourd'hui que le plaisir n'a pas de limite.'

'L'Elise est en effet exceptionnelle, une réussite totale. Oubliez les habituelles productions de série, cette Lotus évolue sur une autre planète. Avec elle, vous vivez la route en direct! Elle gratifie son conducteur d'émotions réservées aux pilotes de course. Des émotions faites de vibrations, d'odeurs et de sensations physiques uniques et exceptionnelles. Voiture d'exception, l'Elise porte le plaisir du pilotage à son paroxysme.'

- ◆ Lotus Cars reserves the right to change prices and specifications at any time without prior notice. The information contained in this leaflet does not constitute an offer or any part of a contract written or implied. Quoted speed and acceleration may vary with optional equipment and overseas engine requirements. Photographs may show optional equipment.
- ◆ Lotus Cars behält sich das Recht zur jederzeitigen Änderung von Preisen und Spezifikationen ohne vorherige Mitteilung vor. Die in dieser Broschüre enthaltenen Informationen bilden weder schriftlich noch stillschweigend Teil eines Vertrages. Abweichungen von Geschwindigkeits- und Beschleunigungsangaben sind aufgrund von optionalem Zubehör und ausländischen Bestimmungen für Motoren möglich. Auf den Fotografien kann optionales Zubehör abgebildet sein.
- ◆ Lotus Cars se réserve le droit de modifier les prix et les spécifications à tout moment donné et sans préavis. Les informations contenues dans le présent prospectus ne constituent pas une offre ni ne font partie d'un contrat écrit ou implicite. Les vitesses et accélérations indiquées peuvent varier avec des équipements en option et selon les exigences régissant les moteurs à l'étranger. Les photographies peuvent montrer des équipements en option.
- ◆ Lotus Cars si riserva il diritto di modificare prezzi e specifiche in qualsiasi momento senza preavviso. Le informazioni contenute nel presente opuscolo non costituiscono un'offerta né fanno parte di un contratto scritto o tacito. La velocità e l'accelerazione descritte possono variare a seconda dei requisiti in materia di apparecchiature e motori dei mercati esteri. Le fotografie possono mostrare apparecchiature optional.



English

Specifications: Elise

Engine Type: 4-cylinder in-line, dohc, four valves per cylinder, transversely mid-mounted.
Capacity: 1796cc. **Construction:** All aluminium alloy. **Maximum power:** 118bhp (88kW) at 5500rpm. **Maximum torque:** 122lb ft (165Nm) at 3000rpm.
Performance Max speed: 126mph (202km/h). **0-60mph:** 5.8secs. **100km/h:** 5.9secs. **0-100mph:** 18.0secs. **0-160km/h:** 18.0secs.
Fuel consumption mpg (l/100km): Urban 29.4 (9.6). Extra Urban 49.6 (5.7). Combined 39.8 (7.1).
Transmission Manual 5-speed transaxle driving rear wheels. **Ratios:** First – 3.17:1; Second – 1.84:1; Third – 1.31:1; Fourth – 1.03:1; Fifth – 0.77:1. Reverse – 3.00:1; Final drive – 3.94:1.
Body Composite body panels with detachable front and rear clamshells, integral fixed headlamps.
Chassis Lotus-designed structure of epoxy-bonded aluminium extrusions incorporating steel roll-hoop.
Suspension Double wishbones with single coil springs over monotube dampers all-round. Lotus-patented extruded aluminium uprights. Front anti-roll bar. Rear toe-link.
Steering Rack and pinion, non-power assisted.
Wheels Twelve-spoke. **Front:** 5.5Jx15. **Rear:** 7Jx16in.
Tyres Pirelli P Zero. **Front:** 185/55 R15, **Rear:** 205/50 R16
Brakes Ventilated iron discs all-round. Lotus/AP Racing front callipers, Brembo rear callipers.
Dimensions Wheelbase – 90.6in (2300mm). Front track – 56.7in (1440mm). Rear track – 57.4in (1458mm). Overall length – 146.7in (3726mm). Overall width – 67.0in (1701mm)(excluding mirrors). Overall height – 45.2in (1148mm). Ground clearance – 6.3in (160mm). Fuel tank capacity – 8.0gal (36.4l). Fuel grade – 95 RON minimum.
Unladen weight 1663lb (755kg).
Standard equipment Alloy road wheels (key-bolted), three-way catalytic converter, coded signal immobiliser, vinyl hood, unique Lotus/Nardi steering wheel.
Options Cloth hood, metallic paint, radio fitting kit, leather trim seats, driving lamps, hard-top, Thattham One-approved Cobra alarm/immobiliser.



Deutsch

Technische Daten: Elise

Motor Typ: 4-Zylinder Reihen-mittelmotor mit DOHC und vier Ventilen pro Zylinder, quer eingebaut. **Hubraum:** 1796 cc. **Konstruktion:** Aluminiumlegierung. **Maximale Leistung:** 88 kW bei 5500 min⁻¹. **Maximales Drehmoment:** 165 Nm bei 3000 min⁻¹.
Leistung Höchstgeschwindigkeit: 202 km/h. **0-100 km/h:** 5,9 Sek. **0-160 km/h:** 18,0 Sek.
Kraftstoffverbrauch l/100km: Stadt 9,6. Überland 5,7. Gemischt 7,1.
Getriebe 5-Gang Transaxle Schaltgetriebe für Hinterradantrieb. **Übersetzung:** 1 Gang – 3,17:1. 2 Gang – 1,84:1. 3 Gang – 1,31:1. 4 Gang – 1,03:1. 5 Gang – 0,77:1. Rückwärtsgang – 3,00:1. Endantrieb – 3,94:1.
Karosserie Karosserie in Sandwichbauweise, mit abnehmbaren Front- und Heckschalen, integrierte starre Scheinwerfer.
Fahrgestell Von Lotus entwickelte Epoxydharz-verstärkte Aluminiumrahmenkonstruktion mit Stahl-Überrollbügel.
Aufhängung Doppelte Dreieckslenker mit einwindiger Spiralfeder über Monotube-Stoßdämpfern an allen vier Rädern. Lotus-patentierter extrudierter Alu-Ständer. Drehstabstabilisator vorn. Spurstange hinten.
Lenkung Zahnstangenlenkung, ohne Lenkkraftverstärker.
Felgen Zwillf-Speichen-Felgen. **Vorn:** 5.5Jx15. **Hinten:** 7Jx16in
Reifen Pirelli P Zero. **Vorn:** 185/55 R15. **Hinten:** 205/50 R16.
Bremsen Belüftete Scheibenbremsen an allen vier Rädern. Lotus/AP Racing Bremssättel vorn, Brembo-Bremssättel hinten.
Maße Radstand – 2300 mm. Spurbreite vorn – 1440 mm. Spurbreite hinten – 1458 mm. Länge über alles – 3726 mm, Breite über alles – 1701 mm (ohne Spiegel). Höhe über alles – 1148 mm. Bodenfreiheit – 160 mm. Tankinhalt – 36,4 l. Kraftstoff – 95 ROZ min.
Leergewicht 755 kg.
Standardausstattung Leichtmetallfelgen (mit Sicherheitsmutter), 3-Wege-Katalysator, codierte Wegfahrsperr, Vinyldach, unverwechselbares Lotus/Nardi-Lenkrad.
Sonderausstattung Stoffdach, Metalllackierung, Autoradio-Einbausatz, Ledersitze, Fahrleuchten, Hard-top, Thattham One-zugelassene Cobra Warnanlage/Wegfahrsperr.



Italiano

Caratteristiche tecniche: Elise

Motore Tipo: Centrale trasversale, 4 cilindri in linea, DOHC, 16 valvole, VVC. **Cilindrata:** 1796 cc. Costruito completamente in lega di alluminio.
Potenza massima: 88 kW a 5500 giri/min.
Coppia massima: 165 Nm a 3000 giri/min.
Prestazione **Velocità massima:** 202 km/h. **0-100 km/h:** 5,9 secondi. **0-160 km/h:** 18 secondi
Consumo **l/100km:** Urbano 9,6. Extra Urbano 5,7. Combinato 7,1.
Trasmissione Trazione posteriore. Cambio manuale a 5 marce. **Rapporti del cambio:** Prima – 3,17:1. Seconda – 1,84:1. Terza – 1,31:1. Quarta – 1,03:1. Quinta – 0,77:1. Retromarcia – 3,00:1. Coppia riduzione finale – 3,94:1.
Carrozzeria In materiale composito con gusci anteriore e posteriore rimovibili e fari integrati.
Telaio Struttura in estruso di alluminio assemblato con adesivo epossidico progettata dalla Lotus con roll-bar in acciaio incorporato.
Sospensione A quadrilatero e molle elicoidali sugli ammortizzatori monotubo sia sull'asse anteriore che posteriore. Bracci montanti in alluminio estruso brevettati dalla Lotus. Barre stabilizzatrici anteriori. Braccetti di convergenza posteriori.
Sterzo A cremagliera senza idroguida.
Ruote A 12 razze. **Anteriore:** 5,5Jx15. **Posteriore:** 7Jx16.
Pneumatici Pirelli P Zero. **Anteriore:** 185/55 R15. **Posteriore:** 205/50 R16.
Freni A disco autoventilanti in ghisa su tutte le ruote. Pinze anteriori in alluminio a moto inverso Lotus/AP Racing. Pinze posteriori Brembo.
Dimensioni Passo – 2300 mm. Carreggiata anteriore – 1440 mm. Carreggiata posteriore – 1458 mm. Lunghezza – 3726 mm, Larghezza – 1701 mm (esclusi gli specchietti). Altezza – 1148 mm. Altezza da terra – 160 mm. Capacità del serbatoio – 36,4 l. Grado del combustibile – 95 RON minimo.
Peso a vuoto 755 kg.
Equipaggiamento di serie Cerchi in lega da strada (bloccaggio a chiave), Catalizzatore trivalente, Immobiliser con chiave elettronica, Tettuccio in vinile, Volante esclusivo Lotus/Nardi.
Optional Tettuccio in panno, vernice metallizzata, kit di montaggio autoradio, sedili in pelle, fari di marcia, hard-top, immobilizer/sistema di allarme Cobra approvato Thattham One.



Français

Caractéristiques : Elise

Moteur Type: 4-cylindres en ligne, double arbre à cames en tête, quatre soupapes par cylindre, montage médian transversal.
Capacité: 1796 cm³. **Construction:** Tout en alliage aluminium. **Puissance maximale:** 118 CV de puissance au frein (88 kW) à 5500 trs/min.
Couple maximum: 165 Nm à 3000 trs/min.
Performances **Vitesse maxi:** 202 km/h. **0 à 100 km/h:** 5,9 s. **0 à 160 km/h:** 18,0 s.
Consommation de carburant **l/100km:** Urbain 9,6. Extra urbain 5,7. Mixte 7,1.
Transmission Roues arrière à entraînement transaxial à 5 vitesses manuelles. **Rapports:** Première – 3,17:1. Deuxième – 1,84:1. Troisième – 1,31:1. Quatrième – 1,03:1. Cinquième – 0,77:1. Marche arrière – 3,00:1. Entraînement final – 3,94:1.
Carrosserie Panneaux de carrosserie composite avec capots avant et arrière amovibles, phares intégrés.
Châssis Structure de conception Lotus en extrusion d'aluminium à la résine époxy comprenant un arceau de roulement en acier.
Suspension Equipement complet en double fourchette avec ressort à spirale simple sur amortisseurs monotubes. Montants en aluminium extrudé de brevet Lotus. Barre anti-roulis avant. Barre de torsion arrière.
Direction A crémaillère, non assistée.
Roues Douze rayons. **Avant:** 5,5Jx15. **Arrière:** 7,5Jx16in.
Pneus Pirelli P Zero. **Avant:** 185/55 R15. **Arrière:** 205/50 R16.
Freins Equipement complet par disques de frein ventilés. Etriers avant Lotus/AP Racing, étriers arrière Brembo.
Dimensions Base des roues – 2300 mm. Train avant – 1440 mm. Train arrière – 1458 mm. Longueur totale – 3726 mm. Largeur totale – 1701 mm (sans les rétroviseurs). Hauteur totale – 1148 mm. Garde au sol – 160 mm. Capacité du réservoir à carburant – 36,4 l. Catégorie de carburant – 95 RON minimum.
Poids à vide 755 kg.
Equipements de série Roues routières en alliage (boulonnées), convertisseur catalytique à 3 voies, immobilisateur à signal codé, capote vinyle, volant unique Lotus/Nardi.
Options Capote en tissu, peinture métallisée, kit d'installation audio, sièges à habillage cuir, feux de route, hard-top, alarme/immobilisateur Cobra approuvée Thattham One.



For further information please contact:
LOTUS CARS LTD
 Hethel, Norwich, Norfolk, NR14 8EZ, Great Britain
 Tel: +44 (0)870 0362277 Fax: +44 (0)1953 608111
 Website: www.lotuscars.co.uk
 E-mail: carsmarketing@lotuscars.co.uk

ELISE

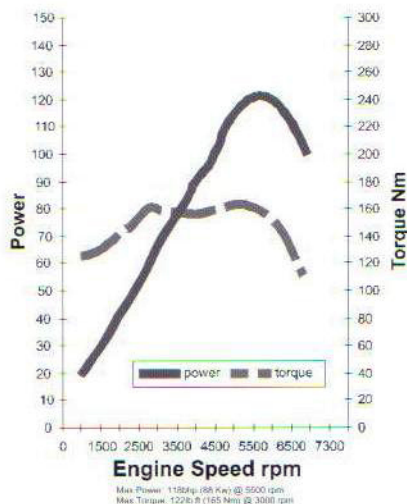


ELISE

The award winning Lotus Elise has achieved recognition from around the world as the leader in philosophy of back to basic driving pleasure. It features the unique Aluminium space frame tub which achieves new limits in torsional rigidity.

Technical Specifications

Engine:	4 cylinders in line, mid mounted 1796cc 16 valve engine Aluminium engine block with aluminium cylinder head Double overhead camshaft with hydraulic tappets Electronic multi-point fuel injection Maximum Power: 118 bhp (88 kW) at 5500 rpm Maximum Torque: 122 lb.ft (165 Nm) at 3000 rpm Maximum speed 202 km/h 0-62mph (100 km/h) 5.9 s 0-100mph (160 km/h) 18.0 s	
Transmission:	Manual 5 speed transaxle driving rear wheels, hydraulic clutch.	
Body:	Composite body panels with detachable front and rear "clamshells", integral fixed headlamps.	
Chassis:	Lotus-designed spaceframe structure of epoxy-bonded sections of aluminium extrusions incorporating integral roll over hoop.	
Suspension:	Double wishbones with single coil springs over monotube dampers all round. Lotus-patented uprights of extruded aluminium, front anti roll bar.	
Steering:	Rack and pinion, non power assisted.	
Wheels:	Unique Lotus-designed 5-spoke, Front: 5 1/2 Jx15 Rear: 7 Jx16	
Tyres:	Pirelli P Zero Front: 185/55 ZR15 Rear: 205/50 ZR16	
Brakes:	282 mm diameter cast iron ventilated discs, mounted outboard. Non-servo split hydraulic system, including unique Lotus/AP Racing opposed piston front callipers.	
Fuel Consumption:	Imp mpg	Litres/100km
	Urban 27.1	9.6
	Extra urban 16.1	5.7
	Combined 20.1	7.1
	Fuel tank capacity 40 l / 8.8 gal	
	Fuel requirement 95 RON minimum	
Dry weight:	699 kg	
Weight distribution:	39/61 (% front/rear)	

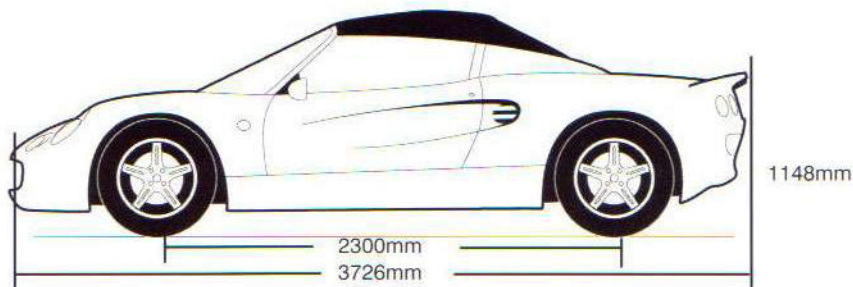


Standard equipment: Alloy road wheels (lockable), 3-way catalytic converter, coded signal immobiliser, unique Lotus/Nardi steering wheel.

Options: Storage pockets, passenger footrest, metallic paint, radio fitting kit, leather trim seats, driving lamps, Thatcham One approved Cobra alarm/immobiliser. Please ask your dealer for full details.

Your nearest LOTUS DEALER will be pleased to arrange a demonstrator.

Width 1701mm



Lotus Cars

Hethel, Norwich, Norfolk, NR14 8EZ, England.

Tel: (01953) 608000 Fax: (01953) 608300

www.lotuscars.co.uk e-mail: lotussales@lotuscars.co.uk



R471 AAH











LOTUS

case

FUTURE PERFECT

Revolutionary, the only way to describe the new Lotus Elise, a car which combines beautiful simplicity, high technology, high performance and high drama.

The classically elegant lines of a roadster reflect the true spirit of Lotus and have captured the imagination of the world.

The innovative bonded aluminium chassis achieves a remarkable combination of light weight and rigidity, giving exceptional handling and balance. It is the backbone of a car single-mindedly focused on delivering driving pleasure. The words of Europe's motoring press speak for themselves:

"It is the finest sports car in the world"
AUTOCAR

"Perfection"
BBC TOP GEAR MAGAZINE

"It completely redefines what you expect from a sports car"
PERFORMANCE CAR

"The Lotus Elise proves that less is more"
SPORT AUTO

"A huge pleasure to drive"
LE MONITEUR AUTOMOBILE

"Welcome to the 21st century sports car"
CAR MAGAZINE

Drive the revolution, test drive the Elise.

LOTUS

ELISE





TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

ENGINE Transverse mid-mounted 4 cylinder water cooled 1.8 16v engine. Double overhead camshafts with hydraulic tappets. Electronic fuel injection. Electronic engine management system.

Maximum power: 118bhp (88 Kw) @ 5500 RPM

Maximum torque: 121.8lb ft (165 Nm) @ 3000 RPM

BODY Composite front and rear 'clamshell' body sections with frontal safety structure. Seating for two. Vehicle weight: 690 kg

CHASSIS All Lotus design, lightweight spaceframe of bonded anodised extruded aluminium with integral roll over hoop, extruded aluminium impact absorbing structures and steel galvanised rear subframe, manufactured by Hydro Aluminium Automotive Structures.

TRANSMISSION 5 speed transaxle driving the rear wheels. Synchro on all forward gears.

FUEL SYSTEM Fuel tank capacity: 36.4 litres (8.0 gallons)
Fuel requirement: 95 RON minimum octane unleaded.

SUSPENSION Independent by upper and lower wishbones, co-axial coil springs and inverted monotube dampers. Extruded aluminium uprights. Trailing toe links on rear for compliance steer control.

BRAKES 282mm aluminium/metal matrix ventilated discs mounted outboard front and rear. Non-servo split circuit hydraulic system. Front brakes fitted with unique Lotus/AP Racing opposed piston callipers.

WHEELS Lotus design, 5 spoke alloy. 5½J x 15 front and 7J x 16 rear.

TYRES Unique Pirelli P Zero. Front: 185/55R 15. Rear: 205/50R 16.

PERFORMANCE Acceleration:
0-100 km/h (0-62 mph): 5.9 secs
160 km/h (100 mph): 18.0 secs
Maximum speed: 202 km/h (126 mph)

FUEL CONSUMPTION Urban conditions: 9.6 l/100 km 28.9 mpg
(93/116/EC) Extra urban conditions: 5.7 l/100 km 49.9 mpg
Combined: 7.1 l/100 km 39.4 mpg
Total CO₂ (g/km) = 168

STANDARD EQUIPMENT Alloy wheels, 3 way catalytic converter, coded signal immobiliser, cloth trim interior, black vinyl soft-top, unique Lotus/Nardi steering wheel, STACK electronic speedo and tacho with multifunction LCD readout, rear removable window.

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT Metallic paint, leather trim options, radio fixing kit, auxiliary lights, coloured soft top, interior stowage kit, Cobra alarm system, vinyl leather seat option, passenger foot rest, boot bag kit. Optional equipment may vary by market.

WARRANTY Elise is covered by a twelve month unlimited mileage factory warranty. Lotus Cars Limited reserve the right to change prices and specifications at any time without prior notice. The information contained in this leaflet does not constitute an offer or form part of a contract written or implied. Quoted power, speed and acceleration may vary with optional equipment and overseas engine requirements. Photographs may show optional equipment.

LOTUS

ELISE



LOTUS CARS LIMITED Hethel, Norfolk, England, NR14 8EZ. Telephone: +44 1953 608000

Designed and Produced by Marketing Drive. Photography by Chris Ryan. Printed in England.