To the edge.

On the race track there's no room for frills, no space for the ornate, no time for self-indulgence. The race track is about raw power, sheer endurance and pure performance. At the limit.

To appreciate the concept of the GT3 is to understand the race mentality. Look for the consensus of the company car driver and you'll search in vain. The GT3 is stripped out, pared down and primed for performance.

The classic lines leave nothing to the imagination. For once, form is defined by function. This is a seriously fast car. A car that demands to be driven.
Come alive.

Your first encounter with the GT3 sets the agenda. Stirring rather than subtle, poised rather than polished, the GT3 announces its arrogant intentions with brash colours and a disdainful engine note.

Kicking out 240 b.h.p. from a compact mid-mounted 2.0 litre power unit, the power to weight ratio delivers stunning performance, catapulting you from 0-60 mph in 5.1 no-nonsense seconds, delivering a maximum torque of 216 ft.lbf at 3750 rpm and screaming to a peak of 163 mph. This is a car to enliven the senses, to provide exceptional response and sheer exhilaration.
Pure momentum.

The Esprit GT3 has been built for the serious driving enthusiast. Born of the same exceptional expertise which has pioneered the GT1's development, it has true Lotus pedigree, cornering at speed presents a challenge to the driver; not the car; the limits to acceleration are the limits of your own endurance, not the engine's. This is a car for the limit.
Simply driven.

Slide into the cockpit of the GT3, leave any notions of luxury outside and prepare for an overwhelming driving experience. Inside and out, lightness and stark simplicity are key; the only added retro is under the right foot. From the flat back lightweight race seat to the sparse aspect of the panel, this is a pure, minimalist representation of the Esprit vision.

The GT3 is no ordinary sports car. It demands a serious commitment to understanding and appreciating what driving a Lotus is all about. Are you ready?
Technical specification

ENGINE: Mid-mounted Lotus 2 litre aluminium alloy 16-valve charge-cooled engine.
Water-cooled TBO3 turbocharger with integral wastegate.
Multi-point fuel injection system and distributorless ignition.
Maximum power: 240 b.h.p. (179 kW) at 6250 RPM (DIN).
Maximum torque: 216 lb.ft (294 Nm) at 3750 RPM (DIN).

TRANSMISSION: High-torque 5-speed manual transaxle with hydraulically operated clutch driving rear wheels.

CHASSIS: Rigid steel zinc-coated backbone chassis, composite bodywork with seating for two.

FUEL SYSTEM: Fuel tank capacity: 73 litres (16 gallons).
Fuel requirement: 95RON minimum octave unleaded.

FRONT SUSPENSION: Independent by upper and lower wishbones, with revised anti-roll bar, coil springs and telescopic dampers.

REAR SUSPENSION: Independent by upper and lower transverse links, with radius arms, coil springs and telescopic dampers.
Aluminium hub carriers.

BRAKES: Dual circuit, full power assisted Delco three-channel electronic anti-lock system with Brembo discs and callipers.
11.6" dia ventilated front discs.
11.8" dia ventilated rear discs.

WHEELS: 5-spoke alloy to Lotus design, 17" diameter, 7J front and 8.5J rear rim sizes.

TYRES: Unique Goodyear Eagle GS-A asymmetric.
Front: 215/40ZR 17 Rear: 245/45ZR 17

PERFORMANCE:
Acceleration:
0-100 km/h: 5.2s
0-60 mph: 5.1s
0-160 km/h: 12.9s
0-100 mph: 12.5s
Maximum speed - 263 km/h (163.5 mph).

Paintwork

The actual colours of Lotus cars may vary slightly from the original colours shown.