

SHELBY COBRA : THE LEGEND CONTINUES... AND RETURNS TO RÉTROMOBILE !



1963 : Carroll Shelby introduces the Cobra 289 Street version



2013 : Gentleman Car displays the Shelby Cobra 289 at Rétromobile

1953. London Motor Show. A.C. Cars Ltd launches the Ace, a nicely designed 2 liters roadster, with an elegant rounded rear wings shape.

With its excellent chassis signed by John Tojeiro, this beauty is straightaway marked out by its racing results, on the road or on the track, where it wins its class at Le Mans in 1959.

1960. Riverside, USA. A certain Carroll Shelby, at his performance driving school, dreams to create his own racing car. This renowned driver won Le Mans in 1959, at the wheel of an Aston Martin, having ample time to watch how the AC behaved.

Impressed by its performances, he gets in touch with the Thames Ditton located company and proposes them to create an Ace with the brand new light and compact V 8 Ford engine that the Dearborn company would like to see in racing.

The deal is quickly made and, in February 62, the very first « Shelby AC/Cobra powered by Ford » (CSX 2000) is officially released.

Carroll Shelby's dream becomes reality.

This is the starting point of a now mythical journey which will see the Cobra's winning everywhere with as a crowning achievement, the GT World Championship in 65 with the Daytona Coupe, right under the nose of a famous Italian manufacturer!

Several versions of Cobra's will follow, offering increasingly powerful engines and efficient chassis.

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The Story continues with Gentleman Car

This is precisely this legendary heritage that we propose the real driving enjoyment freak to bring back to life at the wheel of one of the heirs of this fabulous lineage. Because Shelby cars are still existing and are available in Europe!

Indeed, Gentleman Car has been selected by Shelby American to ensure importation and distribution of its products for France, Monaco and the Benelux.

These cars are the **ONLY GENUINE SHELBY**, handmade with the greatest respect for the original spirit. The late Carroll Shelby himself stated the characteristics helped, for the markets we serve, by the expert advices of Claude Dubois, former racing driver and Shelby importer. Claude, one of the most renowned specialists in Europe is now consultant for Gentleman Car.

Moreover, our Shelby cars are the only ones that are accepted and registered in the world famous « SAAC World Registry », the Shelby American Automobile Club bible. The ultimate reference guaranteeing a high resale value.

Owning a Shelby: an intense pleasure but a sound investment as well.



Shelby Cobra 289 FIA



Shelby Cobra 427

Gentleman Car back at Rétromobile Paris early February 2013

Responding to the public's interest in 2012, Gentleman Car returns to Retromobile in 2013 with a unique display: a complete range of Cobra, coming straight from Shelby American workshop: 289 (CSX 8000), 289 FIA (CSX 7000) and 427 (CSX 6000).

Rétromobile will be held at the Parc des Expositions, Porte de Versailles in Paris from 6 to 10 February 2013. The rightful heirs of the Shelby legend will be visible at the Gentleman Car booth, located in Pavillon 3.

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