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## 1965 AC COBRA 289

- One of just 45 RHD "COB" cars built by AC Cars in Britain
- Enjoyed by a number of Gentleman drivers
- Full JD Classics restoration to original specification
- Competitively optimised engine for touring and rallying
- Presented in highly original condition with comprehensive history file

After news of Shelby's thunderous success with his American Cobras reached the UK, a contract was drawn up allowing AC Cars to produce and sell a separate model for Europe. Advertised as being "designed to meet the standards of Shelby American," these cars were standard specification leaf spring Cobras powered by 289 engines with Borg Warner four-speed transmissions. Called an "AC Cobra 289" rather than a Shelby Cobra 289, the European models were fitted with AC badges rather than Shelby badges.

These cars were designated "COB" for Cobra Britain (45 RHD cars) and "COX" (17 LHD cars), with their production number starting with a "6" (6001-6062). These limited numbers gives them a very special place not just amongst their US sister cars, but makes them one of the rarest 1960s performance vehicles.

COB 6038 was painted white with a black interior and delivered to retailer Guy Salmon Ltd. on 01/09/1965. She was registered DLO 100C for first owner Julian Moulton and enjoyed around London as a fast road car. Subsequent owners include Willie Green and well known historic racer Gerry Marshall. John L. Hopkins purchased 6038 in 1976 and at some point had her painted "Zircon Red." JD Classics purchased 6038 in 2001 and performed a comprehensive technical & cosmetic rebuild. The car was returned to white and the standard carburettors replaced with 48 IDA Webers.

A further engine rebuild was carried out in 2013 to make her ready for long distance rallies. The current owner cherished the white car ever since and on many occasions such as the Targa Florio Classic, Modena Cento Ore, Tour Britannia and Bernina Gran Turismo. In 2013, COB 6038 became the first Cobra ever to be shown at Villa d'Este.

COB 6038 is a well documented and highly original AC Cobra, nicely patinated and presented in competitive and rally-ready specification to enjoy on any number of prestigious global events.

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