

Lotus 38/7

This iconic car is an example of the Lotus 38 type in which Jim Clark won the 1965 Indianapolis race in 1965, smashing race records and shattering conventions. In the process he and Colin Chapman changed the face of Indy Car racing.

Chassis #7 was built in 1966 and raced by Al Unser at that year's Indy 500 race. He crashed out with 39 laps remaining caused the race to be paused. After the restart there was some confusion about Jim Clark's position with many fans thinking, he was the winner and Graham Hill.

After being rebuilt the car was taken to Japan to be driven by Jim Clark in a 200 mile exhibition race at the Mount Fuji Speedway. But it was unable to start due to engine trouble.

The car is displayed here in the same appearance as it took to the grid for the 1967 Indy 500 with Jim behind the wheel. This restoration project won the 2019 RAC Restoration award.

On loan from Nick Fennell