

Lotus Cortina Mk 1 – JTW497C

This car was Jim Clark's Cortina car in the 1965 British Saloon Car Championship. Unlike a standard Ford Cortina it had an enhanced BRM 1400bhp engine, a close-ratio aluminium gearbox, coil springs on the A-frame rear suspension plus a repositioned 20 gallon fuel tank.

With his distinctive 3-wheeled corner Jim was a fan favourite in saloon car racing. This car's finest hour was when Jim won the St Mary's Trophy at Goodwood where he defeated the larger-engined Ford Mustangs and Galaxies.

Jim added another outright win at Crystal Palace but unfortunately only finished 7th in the Championship and 3rd in his class(Class C). His chances of retaining his British Saloon Car Championship title were ruined by a disqualification and a retirement plus missing two races because of commitments elsewhere; the Syracuse Grand and the Indianapolis 500.

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