



1972 EUROPA

The Lotus Europa was introduced in late 1966, initially for sale in Europe only. It was designed as an inexpensive replacement for the Lotus Seven and was one of the first mid-engine road cars available. The initial styling of the Europa was done by Ron Hickman, who also designed the Workmate. Production ended in 1975.

The Europa has a fiberglass body attached to a steel frame. For chassis rigidity, the body was permanently attached to the frame in early Europas. To allow easier accident damage repair, the body and frame can be separated on later cars. The front fenders were raised on the 1969 model to meet US headlight height requirements.

The cars initially used the engine and transaxle from the Renault 16 and switched to the Lotus-Ford Twin Cam engine in 1972. The rear body sills were shortened at the same time to increase rearward visibility.

This car is a late Type 65 (Federal Series 2) model.



Specifications:

Engine	Renault 821-30 engine 1556cc displacement
Performance	
Top Speed	123 mph
0-60 mph	7.0 seconds
Power	80 bhp @ 6000 rpm
Torque	79lb/ft @ 4000
Cooling	Water cooled
Transmission	Renault 336 4-speed manual transaxle

Brake System	Front disc Rear drum
Wheels	4 ½ x 13 alloy 5 ½ x 13 alloy
Dimensions:	
Length	157.5 inches
Height	44.0 inches
Width	64.5 inches
Unladen Weight	1588 lbs