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Lotus Exige S Automatic: a Pure and Extreme Drive

The new Lotus Exige S Automatic gives the pure, extreme, high performance Lotus driving experience with both automatic and paddle shift.

- **0-100 km/h in 3.9 seconds (0.1 seconds quicker than the manual Exige S)**
- **60mph in 3.8 seconds**
- **As fast around the Lotus Hethel test track as the manual Exige S**
- **240 milliseconds gearshift speed**
- **Weighs just 1182 kg (unladen)**
- **Significant CO₂ reduction from 235g/km (Exige S manual) to 222g/km (Exige S Automatic)**
- **Available in both coupé and roadster versions**

The much-loved Lotus Exige, with its ground-breaking, extruding aluminium and bonded chassis, lightweight composite body and race-bred double wishbone suspension now features an automatic transmission option that continues its uncompromised sporting profile.

With an exceptional power-to-weight ratio of 292 hp/tonne and stunning performance, an even more focused driving experience is made possible by including the 6-speed automatic gearbox option. The automatic control panel is integrated neatly into the centre console of the cockpit, with buttons for Park, Reverse, Neutral and Drive with beautifully crafted, forged aluminium, manual-shift paddles located behind the steering wheel cross-spokes, upshifts take just 240 milliseconds, with rapid downshifts accompanied by a throttle-blip (when in Sport mode).

In both automatic and manual gearshift modes, the Exige S provides the driver with a very rapid driving experience. In Sport mode, throttle response is sharpened and the Lotus Dynamic Performance Management (DPM) increases the traction slip thresholds allowing the driver even more vehicle control before an intervention is required. The system also opens the engine exhaust bypass valve at mid-to-high engine speeds. The Optional Race Pack includes Race mode, which reduces the intervention of the DPM further.



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Jean-Marc Gales, CEO Group Lotus plc, stated: "Expanding the Exige range, with a new automatic gearbox, opens up a new market for those who prefer using a paddle shift with the alternative of an automatic gearshift. We expect that the Exige S Automatic will account for over a third of the total global sales for the Exige S range as many drivers will appreciate the involvement of a manual paddle-shift and the convenience of an automatic."

Aided by the 345bhp, 3.5-litre, supercharged V6 engine, the Lotus Exige S Automatic reaches 60 mph in 3.8 seconds and 100 km/h in only 3.9 seconds. 100 mph (160 km/h) comes up in just over 9 seconds before reaching a top speed of 162 mph (261 km/h); 145 mph (233 km/h) for the Exige S Roadster. Its CO₂ emissions rating of 222g/km is low enough to warrant a tax reduction in some markets compared to the Exige S with the manual.

The automatic transmission is available as an option on both Exige S and Exige S Roadster models. The option price (RRP), excluding tax, is £1,667 (UK) and €2,185. Orders can be placed immediately.

Performance figures:

0-60mph	3.8 s
0-100kph	3.9 s
0-100mph (0-160kph)	9.2 s
Max speed	162 mph; 261kph
Power	345 bhp; 350PS; 258 kW
Power to Weight	292 hp/tonne (296 PS/tonne; 218 kW/tonne)
Torque	295 lbft; 400 Nm
Kerbweight	1182 kg

Consumption and emissions:

Urban	20.9 mpg (13.6 litres / 100km)
Extra Urban	39.2 mpg (7.2 litres / 100 km)
Combined: (official combined)	29.4 mpg (9.6 litres / 100 km)
CO ₂	222 g/km

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Notes to Editors:

The Lotus media site – <http://media.lotuscars.com> contains news, images, specs, statistics and videos from the latest models to heritage and engineering technology. Please register your details.



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Group Lotus plc, wholly-owned subsidiary of DRB-HICOM, is based in Norfolk, UK, and has three operating divisions: Lotus Cars, Lotus Engineering and Lotus Motorsport.

Lotus Cars builds world class, high performance sports cars including the award-winning Evora, the iconic Elise and the stunning Exige.

Lotus Engineering provides comprehensive and versatile consultancy services to many of the world's OEMs and Tier 1 suppliers and is an internationally recognised automotive engineering consultancy.

Lotus Motorsport builds and develops vehicles for GT racing with the Evora GX, GTC, GT4, and GTS, in addition to racing vehicles such as the Exige V6 Cup, Exige Cup R and Elise Cup cars.

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