



CARS

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Dear Mr. Larsen,

Thank you for your enquiry regarding your 1969 Lotus Elan SE S4 Drophead and please find enclosed your Classic Certificate of Provenance. These documents provide the detail from the original build records when the car left the factory held against the VIN supplied, they do not cover any changes made since leaving production and do not verify the current condition.

The VIN supplied for your Lotus Elan was 45/9764 which can be broken down into the type number (45=Elan S3/S4 drop head coupe) and the unit number (9764). The original engine number was G/21402, which can be broken down into the engine type (G=standard compression, standard valve size engine with 'type C' S/E camshafts with emission equipment the Federal market Elan) and the serial number (21402). The original body number was 8307.

The original body colour was Lotus Yellow, paint code LO7. The interior trim was standard black vinyl. Due to the loss of some of the original records it is not known if your car had any options factory fitted, but based on a US price list from this era it shows the only option was an AM/FM radio and these were likely to have been sourced by the importer (if fitted to your car). The car was manufactured to Federal market specification as a fully factory assembled car during December 1969. The car was made to order as the invoice register shows this car and a few other cars were invoiced on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1969 under invoice number ECS6047 to the importer Lotus Canada who was based in Toronto, Ontario and they would retain any further history once the car enters Canada.

The Elan S4 was introduced in May 1968 from unit number 7895 and continued with that VIN format (type number/unit number) until the end of 1969 with unit number 9832 being the last recorded, as from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1970 a new VIN format consisting (build date/unit number/model specification and market) was introduced. The unit number sequence was reset to 0001 for each letter suffix. The Elan Sprint production commenced in February 1971 for the domestic market, with exports starting later on and it is recorded production of Federal specification Sprints were happening in October 1971. To make things more confusing there was also some unsold stock of S4 cars that were reworked to Sprint specification and the loss of some of the records means we cannot provide total numbers. The following is based on data available to date and unit number sequence for the Elan S4 (both DHC & FHC) with G prefix engines (with emission equipment) up to the end of 1969 (as Canada also imported some cars without emission equipment); Your car is the 444<sup>th</sup> out of 473 cars (includes personal exports and non-USA markets using the US specification such as Canada).

I hope you find this information of interest and you enjoy your Elan ownership.

Regards,

Andy Graham  
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### Classic Certificate of Vehicle Provenance

Vehicle Identification Number: *45/9764*

Body Number: *8307*

Engine Number: *G/21402*

Date of Manufacture: *December 1969*

Model: *Elan*

Variant: *SE S4 Drophead*

Body Colour(s): *Lotus Yellow (LO7)*

Trim Colour(s) / Material: *Black / Vinyl*

Original Dealer / Country: *Lotus Canada / Canada*

Special Mention: *444th out of 473 Elan S4 up to the end of 1969 with G prefix engines\**

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