

Lotus Cup Europe 2005





Lotus Exige Cup car: Powered by a mid-mounted 1.8 Toyota VVTL-i 2ZZ GE engine, utilising independent suspension with Ohlins 2 way adjustable dampers, adjustable anti-roll bar and limited slip differential. The Lotus Exige Cup car also has a full FIA roll cage with sports seats and four-point harnesses amongst other modifications.



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At the 2004 Geneva Motorshow the new Lotus Exige was launched on a world stage. With customer demand in mind Lotus also presented a race version of the new car at Geneva, the Lotus Exige Cup Car. Developed by Lotus' Motorsport arm, Lotus Sport and Performance, the Exige Cup car is produced in limited numbers specifically for the Lotus Cup Europe series which visits several circuits across the continent. Now in its second year, the Lotus Cup Europe goes from strength to strength with the introduction of two types of competition in 2005, Race and Regularity. Regularity events are open to all types of lotus Elise based cars with competitors being assessed on consistency of their driving as opposed to pure speed. In 2005 Race events have been introduced which take place on the same weekends as Regularity. Race events are only open to those with an Exige Cup car and are, due to popular demand, solely focused on speed.

With the two types of track competition Lotus have catered for all types of drivers both wanting to take their Lotus experience to another level. Further details on entry guidelines and the 2005 calendar can be found below:

Entry Requirements - Regularity Events

There are eight Regularity events over the 2005 series. Each including two practice/qualifying sessions and a competition event lasting 30 minutes.

To be eligible to enter the Regularity events the following rules apply:

- Lotus Models: All cars must be Lotus Elise or Lotus Elise variant models (based on the Elise chassis).
 Older Lotus models will not be able to enter the series.
- Engine: The cars must retain the original engine, as such either the K-series or Toyota 2ZZ as used in all Lotus Elise and Lotus Elise variant models (based on the Elise chassis).
- Tyres: Cars will not be permitted for entry if using slick tyres.
- Noise Limits: Cars entering must be within the noise limits detailed at each race circuit visited as part of the Regularity series.
- Crash Helmets: All entrants must wear helmets that comply with the necessary rules and regulations.
- Licence and Age limits: All entrants must hold a full valid road licence relevant to their country of residence. In addition a race licence will need to be purchased from the event organiser. Rules and regulations will apply.

Lotus Cup Europe 2005 Calendar

Schedule 2005	
9 – 10 April*	Hockenheim (Germany)
14-15 May*	Nürburgring (Germany)
04 June	Lausitzring (Germany)
19 June	Spa Francorchamps (Belgium) 300km Race Event Only
02 July	Colmar (Luxembourg)
24 July	Anneau du Rhin (France)
14 – 16 August	Assen (Netherlands)
18 September*	Dijon (France)
02 October	Monza (Italy)

Entry Requirements - Race Events:

There are five Races over the 2005 season, each including two practice/ qualifying sessions and one 75km race.

To be eligible to enter the Race events the following rules apply:

- Lotus Models: Only the factory manufactured Lotus Exige MkII Cup cars are eligible to enter.
- Engine: The Lotus Exige MkII Cup cars can only have the factory fitted Toyota engine in the car.
- Tyres: Entrants must run their vehicles on Pirelli tyres for each Race. Further information can be provided by the organisers.
- Noise Limits: Cars entering must be within the noise limits detailed at each race circuit visited as part of the Race series.
- Crash Helmets & Race Clothing: All entrants must wear helmets and race suits/overalls that comply with the necessary rules and regulations.
- Licence: All entrants must hold the correct national 'A' licence to take part in such an event in accordance with the necessary rules and regulations.



For more information on the Lotus Cup Europe, prices, regulations or to enter either of the events please contact your nearest official participating dealer. Details of official Lotus dealers can be found by visiting www.lotuscars.co.uk

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