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Model: '09 Exige Cup 260

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TITLE: Introduction of '09 M.Y. Exige Cup 260.

To identify new features and specification. **REASON:**

Following the introduction of the fully Type Approved Lotus Sport Exige Cup 260 early this year (see Service Bulletin 2008/05), this model has been further updated for the '09 model year, with the emphasis on weight reduction; this bulletin describes the new features.

IDENTIFICATION: VIN character 10 indicates the model year; '9' indicates 2009

WHEELS: New ultra light, forged, 12-spoke wheels, save a total of 14 kg over the already extremely light 16-spoke cast wheels, and are comparable with the existing optional 7-split-spoke forged wheels. Rim widths are increased to 7.0 inch front, and 8.0 inch rear.

BODY: Various body components are moulded from, or incorporate carbon fibre material to provide a weight saving of 12 kg:

- Roof panel.
- One-piece fascia top panel.
- Tailgate panel.
- Front body access panels.
- Front splitter.
- Side air intake scoops.
- Rear aerofoil.
- New seat mouldings approved for HANS devices and FIA approved when fitted with optional 'track only' dealer fit fixed seat mounting rails.

Other weight saving measures include:

- Lightweight 'motorsport' battery.
- Revised rear subframe with DeltaProtekt lightweight sprayed zinc flake coating.
- Lightened billet flywheel.
- Lightweight composite rear bulkhead panel without window.
- Lightweight 'U' bend pipes for chargecooler.
- Deletion of footwell sound deadening pads, interior mirror, sunvisors, tailgate strut.

ROLL CAGE: The T45 steel seat belt mounting frame/roll hoop is fitted with a body coloured Motorsport 'A' frame to accommodate optional 4 or 6-point track use only harnesses. The chassis is pre-drilled to accept an optional full front cage compliant with FIA requirements, and for track use only. The front cage must not be fitted to any car equipped with airbags and pre-tensioning seat belts.