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Dear Mr. Freen,

Thank you for your enquiry regarding your 1972 Lotus Europa Special. 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 only, they do not cover any changes made since leaving production and do not verify the current condition.

The VIN number supplied for your Lotus Europa was 72122963R, which can be broken down into the build date (7212=1972, December), the unit number (2963) and the market/model specification (R=Federal Europa). The original engine number was S28524, which can be broken down into the engine specification (S=big valve, standard compression engine for the Federal Europa) and the serial number (28524). The transmission number was 3478, which was a 5 speed gearbox.

The original body colour was Regency Red, Lotus paint code L11 and being a 'Special' it would have the 'Special' gold pin striping as standard. The interior trim was black vinyl. Optional extras recorded are; 5 speed gearbox, 'Brand Lotus' alloy wheels and tinted glass all round. The car was factory assembled in LHD to Federal market specification and was signed from production on the 7th December 1972. The car was despatched on the 20th December 1972. The invoice register shows the car was invoiced on the 20th December 1972 under invoice number 12457 to the US distributor Lotus East who was based in Millerton, New York and they would retain any further history once the car enters the USA. They were one of a few distributors spread across the US.

The Lotus Europa Special for the Federal market was launched in September 1972 from unit number 2684R with the last unit number being 4710R, but this unit number sequence covers the following markets; USA, Canada and Japan. The last US car was unit 4700R in July 1974. The following is based on unit number sequence and data available to date for the Europa Special sold direct to US distributors only (excludes personal export sales, as we do not know where they went to);

Your car was the 245th out of 1834 cars.

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

Regards,

Andy Graham
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