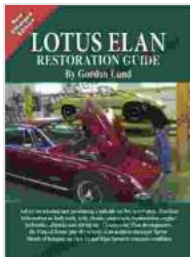


The Ultimate Guide to Lotus Elan Restoration: Gordon Lund's Restoration Bible

If you're thinking about restoring a Lotus Elan, then you need to get your hands on Gordon Lund's Restoration Bible. This comprehensive guide covers everything you need to know, from disassembly and inspection to reassembly and finishing. With detailed photos and step-by-step instructions, Lund's book will help you get your Elan back on the road in no time.



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Disassembly and Inspection

The first step in any restoration project is to disassemble the car and inspect all of the components. This will help you identify any areas that need repair or replacement. When disassembling the Elan, be sure to label all of the parts so that you can reassemble it correctly later on.

Once the car is disassembled, you can begin inspecting the components. Pay close attention to the chassis, body, suspension, brakes, and engine.

Look for any signs of damage, rust, or wear. If you find any areas that need repair, be sure to document them so that you can address them later on.

Bodywork

The bodywork of the Elan is one of the most important aspects of the restoration process. If the body is not in good condition, it will not only affect the appearance of the car, but it can also compromise its structural integrity. When repairing the body, be sure to use high-quality materials and techniques.

There are a number of different ways to repair bodywork, depending on the severity of the damage. For minor dents and scratches, you can use a body filler to smooth out the surface. For more serious damage, you may need to replace the damaged panel. If you are not experienced in bodywork, it is best to consult with a professional.

Suspension and Brakes

The suspension and brakes are essential for the safety and performance of the Elan. When restoring these components, be sure to use high-quality parts and follow the manufacturer's instructions.

The suspension of the Elan is a double wishbone setup. The front suspension is independent, while the rear suspension is semi-independent. When inspecting the suspension, be sure to check the condition of the springs, shocks, and bushings. Replace any worn or damaged components.

The brakes of the Elan are disc brakes all around. When inspecting the brakes, be sure to check the condition of the pads, rotors, and calipers.

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Engine

The engine is the heart of the Elan. When restoring the engine, be sure to use high-quality parts and follow the manufacturer's instructions.

The Elan engine is a twin-cam, four-cylinder engine. When inspecting the engine, be sure to check the condition of the pistons, rings, valves, and camshaft. Replace any worn or damaged components.

Once you have inspected the engine, you can begin rebuilding it. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully. When rebuilding the engine, be sure to use high-quality gaskets and seals. Once the engine is rebuilt, you can reinstall it in the car.

Reassembly

Once all of the components have been repaired or replaced, you can begin reassembling the car. When reassembling the car, be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully. Be sure to torque all of the bolts and nuts to the correct specifications.

When reassembling the car, it is important to take your time and do it right. If you rush through the process, you may end up with a car that is not properly assembled and could be unsafe to drive.

Finishing

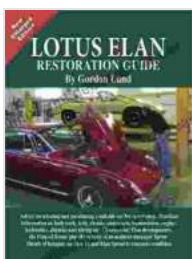
Once the car is reassembled, you can begin finishing it. This includes painting the car, installing the interior, and detailing the exterior.

When painting the car, be sure to use high-quality paint and follow the manufacturer's instructions. Be sure to prep the surface properly before painting. Once the car is painted, you can install the interior. When installing the interior, be sure to use high-quality materials and follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Once the interior is installed, you can begin detailing the exterior. This includes cleaning the car, polishing the paint, and waxing the car. Once the car is detailed, it will be ready to hit the road.

Restoring a Lotus Elan is a challenging but rewarding experience. If you are thinking about restoring an Elan, then you need to get your hands on Gordon Lund's Restoration Bible. This comprehensive guide will help you get your Elan back on the road in no time.

Gordon Lund is a renowned Lotus Elan expert and author of the Lotus Elan Restoration Bible. He has been restoring Elans for over 40 years and has written extensively about the car. His book is considered the definitive guide to Elan restoration.



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