



# FAST AND FURIOUS



This British-made gem does 0-62mph in four seconds and sticks to corners like a limpet! Motoring writer Tim Barnes-Clay took it for a test drive.



By **Tim Barnes-Clay**  
Motoring Writer  
[@carwriteups](#)



*Exige S cabin*

I can honestly say I've been flung back into my seat and welded to the inside of the Exige S' door enough times to know what this car is capable of while at the Lotus test track in Norfolk. The maximum speed reached in this brute is 170 mph, and because you're seated so low in the confined cabin, everything about the Exige S feels even speedier than it is.

But wait, what exactly is the difference between a 'normal' Exige and the Exige S? Well, Lotus stopped making the standard Exige a while ago, and it's now only producing it with the supercharged 3.5 V6 engine from the Evora S. The lump takes the lightweight sports car to

new heights of power, and is perfect for adrenaline craving petrol-heads.

The Exige S features a high performance bespoke tyre package with Pirelli P-Zero Corsa tyres as standard. In addition, a Lotus DPM (Dynamic Performance Management) switch enables you to toggle between three driving modes – Touring, Sport and DPM-off. And if three dynamic settings are not sufficient, an extra Race Pack option is available, which adds a fourth driving mode setting – Race. This gives the maximum possible grip out of corners. The Race Pack also includes Launch Control and an optimised suspension setting, making this car ideal for tearing up the track.

“THE LUMP TAKES THE LIGHTWEIGHT SPORTS CAR TO NEW HEIGHTS OF POWER, AND IS PERFECT FOR ADRENALIN CRAVING PETROL-HEADS”



*Exige S wheel detail*

Along with its staggering clout, the Exige S has a totally fresh look and feel about it. The spectacular styling revamp sees a new front splitter and rear spoiler, giving it a brawny, yet sleek, profile.

The Exige S is not for the lily-livered... It scares the pants off you at first! But, after a few minutes behind the wheel, it inspires confidence and more than satisfies any lust for speed, power, grip... And the smell of burnt rubber. Quite frankly, you can't get more Lotus than the Exige S!



*Exige S on Lotus test track*