



It's been a long time since bib overalls.

That farm boy outfit and the big black hat cropped up everywhere from Le Mans to Riverside. On tortuous racing circuits around the world, Carroll Shelby learned what a car should be...power when you need it, handling when you need it. And he proceeded to build America's first true sports car...the 289 Cobra. Laurels are not for resting on. Now, here are the new ones...the sensational 427 Cobra and the road hungry G.T. 350 from Shelby-American.

The Shelby G.T. 350 starts with a Mustang Fastback and there the similarity ends. The high performance Ford 289 has been reworked with an aluminum high rise manifold, four barrel carburetion and tuned exhaust headers. The result? 306 horses. Completely new front suspension geometry, torque controlled rear axle, the close-ratio Borg Warner gear box (high performance automatic optional) front discs and sintered metallic rear linings deliver superlative handling characteristics. Then add the rear quarter panel windows, functional hood and rear brake air scoops, tach, competition seat belts and optional fold-down rear seats. You don't have to go from zero to sixty in 5.7 seconds, but it's nice to know you can.

The Cobra is the perfect sports car. Those are strong words but they can be proven. The 7-litre Ford 427 is fitted out with two four-barrel carbs and delivers 425 horsepower. That's right. 425. The result is an acceleration curve that's as close to vertical as you can get. For instance, Ken Miles did zero to a hundred to zero in 13.8 seconds *with street tires*. The all-new computer-designed frame with independent coil sprung suspension is one of the most sophisticated designs on the road today. Anti-dive and anti-squat characteristics are excellent. And as far as braking is concerned...well, those massive Girling discs will really haul her down from top speeds. If you need roll up windows for perfection, then forget it.



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