



SIDEBAR

Shelby American formally released its latest package for Shelby enthusiasts. Beginning with a base vehicle—a 2011 Mustang GT—Shelby's team adds some standard features and turns out a brand new GT350.

Shelby gave several journalists the opportunity to test drive the 2011 GT350 at Hallet Motor Racing Circuit as part of the Mid America Ford and Team Shelby Meet.

Many blogs have had comments on the appearance of the GT350, especially the extensive badging. But the product most have seen isn't the completely finished package.

Jim Owens and Gary Patterson of Shelby explained that the front grille will have the original Shelby cobra badge, and there is a choice of having the stripes done in paint or decal form. If you choose paint, you have the option of not having the GT350 wording on the hood. However, that isn't an option with vinyl—the GT350 designation is part of the decal.

The "love it or hate it" rearend has been given a new rear wing and lower fascia, and the decklid bears a black panel which gives the rearend an "enhanced" appearance. Borla exhaust tips prominently protrude from the center, reminiscent of the Shelybs of 1969 and 1970. And lest we forget, the back-up lights are right off a 1968!

Taking another cue from the first GT350, the 2011 version has modern Cragar 19-inch wheels, shod with GT350-specific Goodyear performance tires.

I had an opportunity to take hot laps in the new Shelby at Hallet once with Gary Patterson behind the wheel, and then with him as a passenger. The Mustang is quick and nimble, handles like it's on rails. It's difficult to imagine anything better than the steering on a 2011 Mustang GT.

The suspension on the GT350 is outstanding. Daily driving in this car would be a breeze, stick shift and all. I love a short throw shifter, and this one is just perfect. As for the braking, well let's just say this car stops quickly—period! There aren't enough superlatives to describe stopping power of the GT350 with the Baer six-piston fronts and Eradispeed rears.

Most of you know by now that I prefer natural aspiration, but there is one exception and that is a Whipple. The GT350's Shelby/Ford Racing/Whipple supercharger gives the horsepower a boost with an expected 500-plus horsepower.

All in all, it's nice to see a GT350 back in the Shelby lineup. And, if you're wondering, you can get one in any color as long as your choice is White with Blue Stripes!





2011 SHELBY GT350

PACKAGE PRICE: \$33,995*

STANDARD FEATURES

- Shelby/Ford Racing/Whipple Supercharger
- Shelby/Ford Racing Suspension
- Caster Camber Plate Kit
- Shelby/Baer 6 Piston Front Brake Kit
- Shelby Rear ERADISPEED Rear Rotor Upgrade
- Front and Rear Brake Duct and Cooling Kit
- Shelby/Borla Unique Center Exit Exhaust
- Shelby/Cragar 19" Alloy Wheels
- Goodyear Performance Tires
- Front Fascia including Grille & Shelby GT350 Signature Badging
- Rear Fascia including exclusive GT350 45th Anniversary Badging
- Unique Taillight Trim
- Rear Deck Lid Filler Panel
- Side Rockers with functional integrated brake cooling ducts
- Exclusive GT350 Guardsman Blue vinyl over-the-top and side stripes
- Unique Shelby GT350 fender mounted badging
- Serialized Engine Plate
- Shelby Engine Cap Set
- Serialized Dash Plate with Shelby GT350 sequential serial number
- A-Pillar Mounted Gauge Package including Fuel Pressure, Oil Pressure, and Boost
- Embroidered Carroll Shelby Signature headrests
- Exclusive GT350 45th Anniversary embroidered front floor mats
- Shelby GT350 45th Anniversary windbreaker jacket
- Jerry Titus race sticker package
- Carroll Shelby signed passenger airbag cover**

OPTIONS

FUNCTIONAL

- Shelby/Baer 6-piston rear brake upgrade
- Watts link rear suspension
- Goodyear street race tire package
- Shelby high performance cooling system (late availability)

APPEARANCE AND INTERIOR

- Painted over the top and side stripe kit
- Custom interior upgrade
- Shelby/Kicker premium sound system

Premium exclusive interior:

- Leather seating surfaces with contrasting stitching and red/white/blue insert on front seats
- Tone on tone embroidered GT350 on seat backs
- Console cover and shift boot

MUSEUM DELIVERY

* Price does not include base vehicle. ** Subject to availability.

Note: Pricing, options, and availability subject to change without notice. Shelby retains all take-off parts.

