

1974 Lotus 76-2 #JPS10

Lotus 76-2 #JPS10 The Lotus 76 was a Formula One car designed by Colin Chapman, Tony Rudd and Ralph Bellamy for use by Team Lotus in the 1974 Formula One season. The 76 was intended to be a more advanced version of the Lotus 72, powered by the Ford Cosworth DFV and featuring modified aerodynamics, a lighter chassis, longer wheelbase and a narrower, lower monocoque. The car also featured a bi-plane rear wing, designed to increase rear downforce and stability. Additionally, it had an electronically operated clutch, which was the precursor to the modern semi-automatic gearboxes seen on today's F1 cars, with the control mounted into the gearstick which theoretically speeded up gear changes. The 76 was seen as a major technological breakthrough by Lotus. Outwardly, the car looked sleek and impressive. Internally, the suspension set up and inboard brake positioning were carried over from the 72. The car's development had been paid for by title sponsor John Player Special, so the 76 was designated the "John Player Special Mk I". There is a well-documented racing history for the Lotus 76/2 JPS10 including non-formula 1 events.



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