

AC COBRA – 1967

British muscle meets American thunder.

A small two-seater roadster with the stance of a wild beast and bulging front fenders with round headlights—this is the AC Cobra, inspired by Italian racing legends like the Ferrari Barchetta of the late 1940s.

The story begins in 1901, when a butcher and inventor—John Portwine and John Weller—founded Auto Carriers Ltd., making AC the oldest still-operating British carmaker.

Jump to 1953, and the world sees the debut of the elegant AC Ace, a sleek sports car with straight-six engines producing up to 170 horsepower. But the true legend was yet to come.

Enter Carroll Shelby, an ambitious Texan racer, who struck a deal with AC and brought in Ford's V8 engines. By 1965, the Cobra had a massive 7.0-liter small-block V8, pushing nearly 500 horsepower—a direct challenge to its arch-rival, the Chevrolet Corvette.

What you're looking at is one of the finest tributes to that era, hand-built and fitted with a 7.0L small-block V8. Thanks to the Dumke family from Germany, you can now admire the muscular curves of this beautifully brutal machine.