JENSON BUTTON'S FORD GT FOR SALE

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- A 2005 Ford GT first owned by Jenson Button MBE will be offered for sale by Silverstone Auctions.
- The car is one of five 'VIP' marked models and will be offered at auction with an estimate of £250,000 to £300,000.
- The auction will take place at Race Retro, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire on 25th and 26th February.

A high performance 2005 Ford GT, first owned by British racing driver Jenson Button MBE, will be offered at auction in a line-up of the finest classic and sports cars on the market at Silverstone Auctions' Race Retro Classic Car Sale.

This very special Ford GT is one of five vehicles, out of only 101 supplied to Europe, that were marked 'VIP' by the Ford National Sales Company. Ford of Britain then allocated this particular vehicle to F1 world champion Jenson Button MBE in May 2005, who took delivery through Swiss Ford GT dealer Grimm in Geneva in August 2005. The car was subsequently UK registered in 2006.

"The Ford GT is part of a rare class of modern cars that instantly become collectable, and have become more and more sought after," explains Will Smith, sales manager, Silverstone Auctions.

"Given its inimitable heritage, prolific performance, stunning design, and thrilling driving experience, the Ford GT is a very special creation that will undoubtedly be revered for many years to come. In addition, it was once Jenson Button's very own, adding even more exciting provenance and collectability to this particular example."

With a pre-auction estimate of £250,000 to £300,000, the ultra-high performance Ford GT showcases the finest in advanced technologies, constructed on a lightweight aluminium chassis coated in superplastic-formed lightweight composite and aluminium body panels, finished in the evocative colour combination of white with blue racing stripes.

Powered by a mid-mounted, hand-built, supercharged quad-cam 550bhp V8 engine mated to a 6-speed manual transaxle and featuring racing-derived suspension and braking systems, the GT delivers astounding power and performance, travelling from 0-60 seconds in approximately 3.5 seconds, with a maximum speed of 205mph before the speed limiter kicks in.

Later in this car's life, it was acquired by the current owner in 2011 and today reads just 8,350 miles and will be supplied with a history file including stamps and invoices from 'Mountune' and two services by Ford GT experts GT101, as well as copies of the order form signed by Mr Button.

Prior to the auction, the car will be delivered to GT101 for a fresh service and check over. Prospective bidders are welcomed to contact Silverstone Auctions to arrange early viewings.

To find out more about this 2005 Ford GT and Silverstone Auctions' Race Retro Classic Car Sale, please visit http://www.silverstoneauctions.com/2005-ford-gt---ex-jenson-button-mbe.

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