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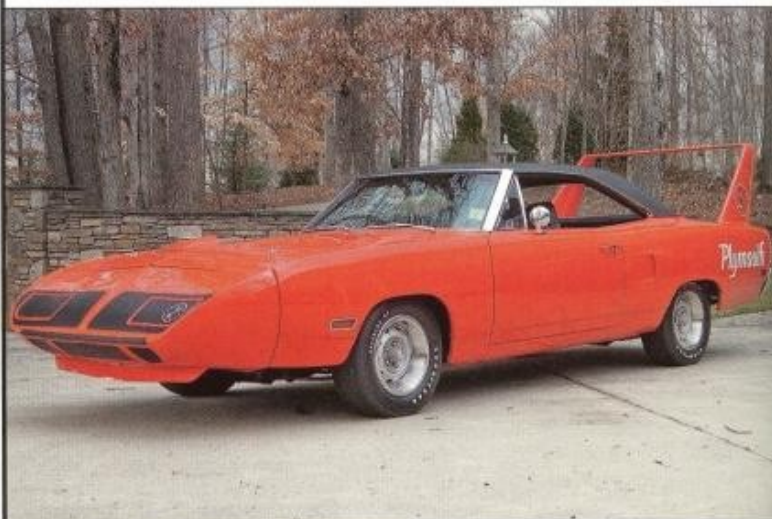


AUCTIONS

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Barrett-Jackson

West Palm Beach, Florida, April 1-3, 2005



ON THE BLOCK

1970 Plymouth Superbird

SOLD AT \$153,360

S/N RM23U0A177565. Orange over black, black vinyl top. 440-cubic-inch V-8, four-barrel, automatic. Bucket seats, factory eight-track player. Matching numbers. Full restoration; excellent paint and vinyl top. Chrome is all very good or better. All the fit and finish is better than factory, as original gaps and fit tended to be poor. Engine compartment is fully detailed.

VITAL INFO

Why it's important

This car was bought new by a sixteen-year-old using money made from his paper route. After he crunched the front end, he wrote to Richard Petty to ask if he had extra sheetmetal, and Petty gave him the repair parts. The sale includes the original citation received for the accident, a photo of the former owner with Petty, and Petty's signature on the car.

Year built

1970, 1069 with 440 four-barrel (1920 total).

What to look for

Documented, numbers-matching drivetrain, and the quality of restoration.

Expect to pay

\$100,000 to \$150,000.

Barrett-Jackson nearly doubled its sale total from last year, at more than \$22 million versus \$11.8 million in 2004. All 405 cars had no reserve, so the sale rate was 100 percent. As at Scottsdale, many of the buyers were first-timers more intent on getting a piece of quality merchandise than on getting the best price. Restored muscle cars and some sports cars were very strong; hot rods and customs were weaker than expected.

1988 Lotus Esprit
SOLD AT \$25,920

S/N SCCFC20A3 JHF62226. Pearl white over blue leather and gray suede. Some cracked fiberglass in passenger door and at rear spoiler mounting. Lots of paint touch-up visible. Driver's-side rear quarter-window delaminating; star in windshield.

It seems that even good examples of Esprits can look a little rough both inside and out, as the quality of the materials used does not come up to the

standards of major manufacturers. That, combined with the harsh South Florida sun, can conspire to age a car very quickly. Price was fair market.

1970 Oldsmobile 442 convertible

SOLD AT \$61,560
S/N 344670Z130618. Yellow with white top over brown. 455-cubic-inch V-8, automatic. Superb paint, very good panel fit. Trunk-lid fit is off; rear bumper sits perhaps one-half inch too low; rear bumper