



Year 1970
Make March
Model 701
Chassis Number 701-1
Engine 3 Litre Ford-Cosworth DFV

March Grand Prix Engineering began operations in 1969. Its four founders were Max Mosley, Alan Rees, Graham Coaker and Robin Herd.

March's launch was unprecedented in its breadth and impact. After building a single Formula 3 car in 1969 March announced that they would be introducing customer cars for F1, F2, F3, Formula Ford and Can-Am in 1970, as well as running works F1, F2 and F3 teams.



The Formula One effort initially looked most promising, with March supplying its 701 chassis to Tyrrell for Jackie Stewart. These cars were merely a stopgap for Tyrrell, who no longer had the use of Matra chassis and was in the process of constructing his own car; March was the only option available to him given clashing fuel contracts. In addition, the factory ran two team cars for Jo Siffert (Porsche were paying for his drive) and Chris Amon sponsored by STP (Chassis 701-1)

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New March 701 unveiled: STP enter Formula 1



Amon took 701-1 to a rare Formula 1 victory in the Non-Championship 1970 International Trophy at Silverstone, as well as finishing 2nd in both the French and Belgian Grand Prix' of that year. Amon came close to the elusive first World Championship Grand Prix win in the car on numerous occasions but luck was not on his side.

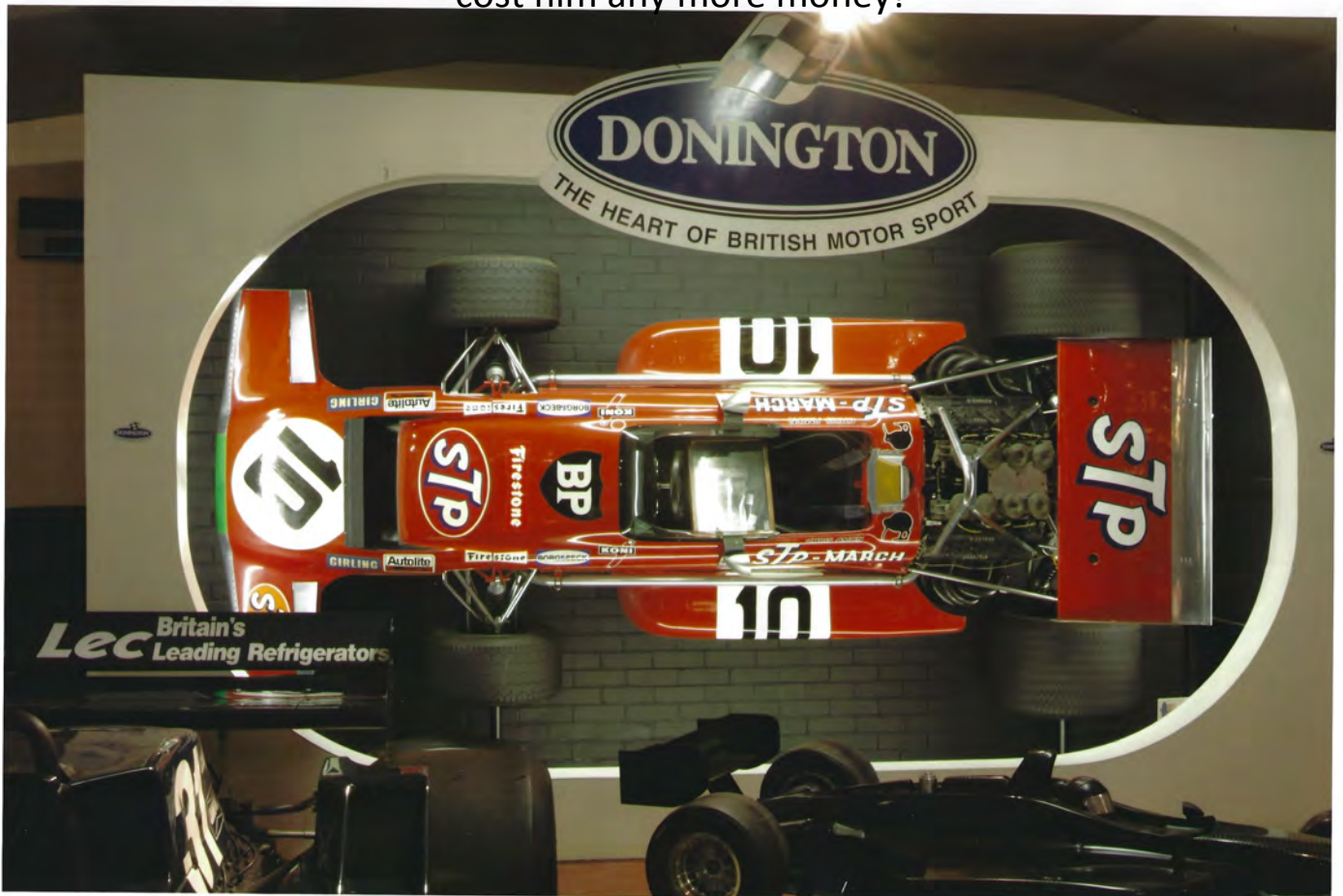


701-1 Still holds the outright lap record for the original Spa Francorchamps race track of 3 mins 27.4. This is a record that will stand forever more.





At the end of the 1970 F1 season the car was sold to Tom Wheatcroft for his new Grand Prix Museum. However at the start of 1971 Wheatcroft entered Derek Bell into the 1971 Argentinian Grand Prix as a one off. Bell retired and the car returned to the museum where Wheatcroft hung it on the wall so it wouldn't cost him any more money!



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07/03/1970- South African GP- Kyalami- Chris Amon- RTD

22/03/1970- Race of Champions- Chris Amon- RTD

19/04/1970- Spanish GP- Jarama- Chris Amon- RTD

26/04/1970- International Trophy- Chris Amon- 1st

10/05/1970- Monaco GP- Monte Carlo- RTD

07/06/1970- Belgian GP- Spa Francorchamps- Chris Amon- 2nd

21/06/1970- Dutch GP- Zandvoort- Chris Amon- RTD

05/07/1970- French GP- Clermont Ferrand- Chris Amon- 2nd

18/07/1970- British Grand Prix- Brands Hatch- Chris Amon- 5th

02/08/1970- German Grand Prix- Hockenheim- Chris Amon- RTD

16/08/1970- Austrian GP- Ostereicchring- Chris Amon- 8th

06/09/1970- Italian GP- Monza- Chris Amon- 7th

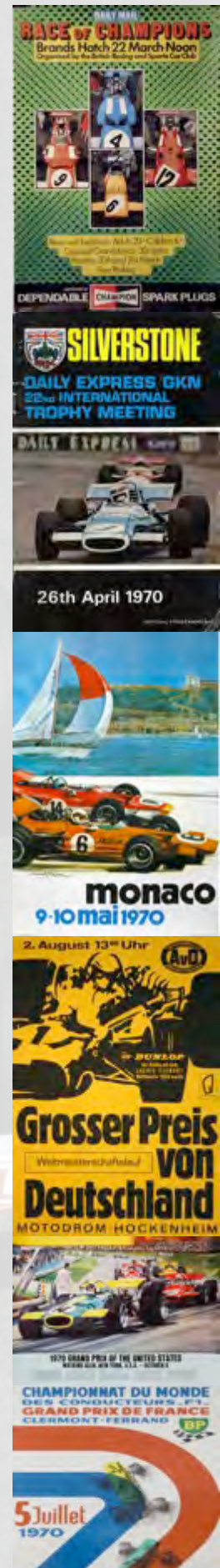
20/09/1970- Canadian GP- St.Jovite- Chris Amon- 3rd

04/10/1970- US GP- Watkins Glen- Chris Amon- 5th

25/10/1970- Mexican GP- Mexico City- Chris Amon- 4th

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24/01/1971- Argentinian GP- Buenos Airies- Derek Bell- RTD





701-1 As it sits today – Untouched since it went into the Donington Museum in 1971.

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