

FULL-SIZE JORDAN 196 FORMULA 1 SHOW CAR TO BE SOLD AT SOTHEBY'S

SOTHEBY'S is offering for the first time a full-size promotional Formula 1 racing car in its forthcoming Formula 1 Sale to take place in London on Tuesday, September 21, 1999. The 7ft wide and 3½ft high Jordan 196 car is an exact replica of the one driven by Rubens Barrichello in the 1996 Formula 1 racing season.

Toby Wilson, Sotheby's Automobilia specialist said: "It is very exciting to feature this exhibition model show car in our sale. It should be interesting trying to get it into the saleroom!" The car, which has racing specification gold painted carbon fibre body panels decorated with the driver's name and a variety of sponsor's logos, is estimated to fetch £20,000-22,000.

Further highlights of the sale include a wide range of Formula 1 and Grand Prix memorabilia relating to past and present world champions. For example a selection of items worn by racing legend Jim Clark in 1965 during the Indianapolis 500 winning race such as his Bell Toptex Helmet with detachable white peak, estimated at £22,000-25,000 and a two piece Dunlop cotton racing suit estimated at £8,000-10,000. Also a pair of his black driving gloves, one with button monogrammed JC, which is expected to fetch £2,800-3,200 and a pair of blue and black all leather racing boots estimated at £2,800-3,200.

An extremely rare 1985 GPA helmet which belonged to Niki Lauda, 3 times world champion Austrian great, is expected to fetch £30,000-35,000.

Sotheby's sale will include a number of Michael Schumacher items from his world championship winning years, 1994 and 1995. A set of overalls with a certificate of authenticity from Benetton stating that they were worn during the race weekends at Monaco and Spa Francorchamps, both races which Schumacher won in 1995, is estimated at £4,500-5,000. Also the steering wheel from his Benetton B195 signed by Schumacher and with the case signed by Flavio Briatore, is estimated at £2,800-3,200.

Juan Manuel Fangio's silver cup presented to him when he won 2nd place at the 1953 Gran Premio Napoli is offered with a letter of authenticity signed by Fangio. It is estimated at £6,000-7,000. (The letter suggests that this is the first and only item to be offered for sale from Fangio's personal collection. Originally donated to The Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital F1 charity sale 4.10.1992) Ayrton Senna's Shoei helmet, worn during his season as reigning world champion in 1992, complete with microphone and radio, is expected to fetch £30,000-35,000.

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