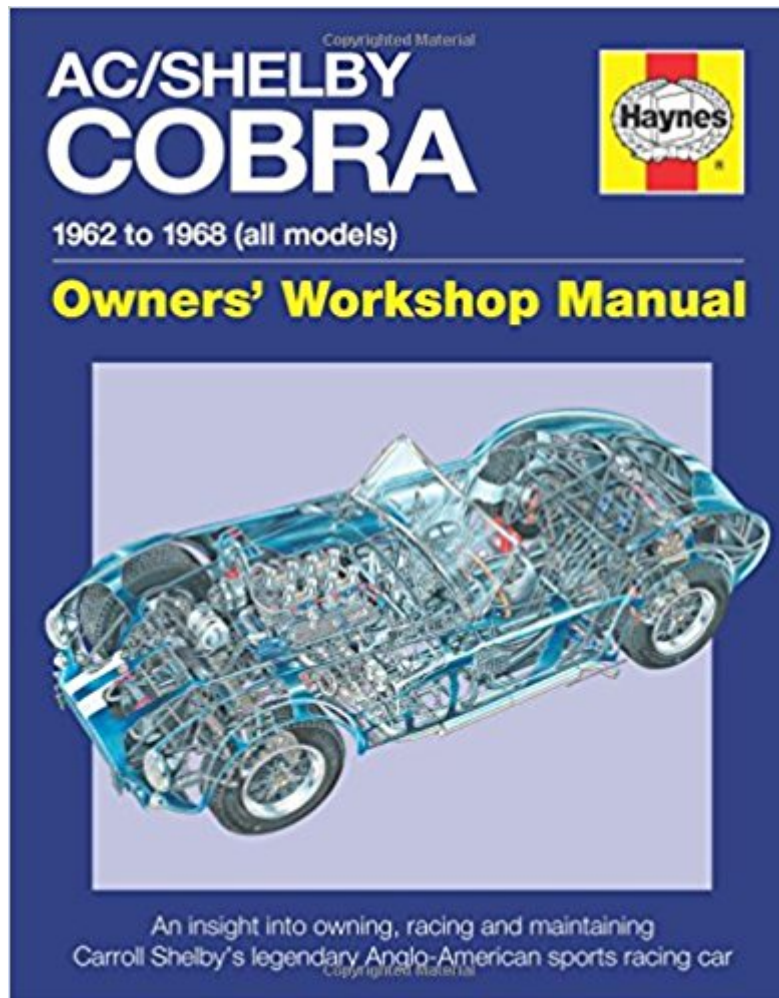




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AC/Shelby Cobra: 1962 To 1968 (all Models) (Owners' Workshop Manual)



Synopsis

Part-time racer and chicken farmer Carroll Shelby ordered a chassis from AC Cars in England in 1961, and asked them to install a Ford V8 engine in it. The AC Ace was fitted with the same rear diff as that used in the Jaguar E-type, and so when the car arrived in the Shelby workshop, it proved easy to modify thanks to the simple AC layout.

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Not at all what you would or should expect with "Owners' Workshop Manual" in the title. This is a weak rehash of most everything that is already in all other COBRA books, many of which I have. The information is incomplete and the minimal photos do not thoroughly cover anything. Adding to that is that all too many photos are of inaccurately restored and or modified cars!! To say that this book was a huge disappointment would be an understatement. It looks like Haynes will publish any piece of _____ that they think they can get away with. I already have two of their other so-called Owners' Workshop Manuals - Ferrari 250 GTO and Ford GT40 which are overall better, but not great. That said.... this COBRA book was so bad that I did return it for a full refund. And.... of course,

typical of it was so poorly packed that it arrived with some damage due to piss poor packing. Trained monkeys can pack better. Suffice it to say.... save your money - do not waste it on this book.

The Hanes AC Cobra Owner's Workshop Manual is the history of the Shelby Cobra from the British view. The Cobra's VIN numbers begin with either CSX or COB. The COB cars were made, in total, by AC. The author has done a great job of covering these cars and adequate coverage of the actual Shelby Cobras, which are the CSX cars. The Cobra specs are well represented and fun to read. If you want to adjust your points, service your brakes or locate the grease nipples on your original Shelby Cobra, forget it!

A pity the writer concentrated on who owns the cars, and the races they were in rather than the technicals of the cars themselves

This book is not really a workshop or maintenance manual. It does have a great deal of information about the Shelby. I would recommend it for anyone interested in Shelby automobiles.

fascinating book but I'd hate to rebuild a Cobra using this "manual"

Excellent account of design, build, engineering, testing, and racing of the best American race car!

Good, but not outstanding Cobra reference. I have them all, and this one falls mid-level.

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