



# Marking the final special edition, new 2022 Ford GT LM celebrates Ford's Le Mans winning heritage

- As the final special edition for the current-gen road cars, Ford GT LM Edition honours the company's 2016 Le Mans win; customer deliveries start this autumn with production ending by year-end
- Inspired by the 2016 Le Mans-winning red and blue livery, the new Ford GT LM Edition is available with red or blue design details that include tinted red or blue carbon fibre exterior treatment and a driver's seat in the corresponding colour
- Unique 3D-printed elements, including a bespoke alloy instrument panel badge made from the ground down engine crankshaft from the 2016 third-place Ford GT Le Mans race car

**DEARBORN, Mich, Oct. 5, 2022** – Ford today announces the final third-generation Ford GT special edition model. The 2022 Ford GT LM Edition celebrates America's only Le Manswinning race car that won in 2016 and the historic 1-2-3 podium sweep in 1966.

"With innovative materials, design and engineering, the Ford GT is unlike any other production supercar," said Mark Rushbrook, global director, Ford Performance Motorsports. "As we close this chapter of the road-going Ford GT, the GT LM Edition gave us a chance to inject even more heart and soul from a podium-finishing race car, furthering the tribute to our 2016 Le Mans win."

The Ford GT remains exclusive, and these final 20 special-edition supercars will add to its collectability. Deliveries of the 2022 final model-year Ford GT LM Edition begin this fall with production wrapping up later this year.

### Race-livery exterior, asymmetric designed interior

With its carbon fibre body proudly lacquered in Liquid Silver exterior paint, the limited-edition Ford GT LM is uniquely finished in either a red or blue theme throughout, honouring the red and blue race livery of the Le Mans winning No. 68 Ford GT.

For a unique appearance, customers can choose from exposed red or blue tinted carbon fibre that underscores the lower aerodynamics of the supercar. This includes tinting the ultralightweight material on the front splitter, side sills and door sills, plus engine bay louvers, mirror stalks and rear diffuser. Exposed gloss carbon fibre 20-inch wheels with corresponding red or blue inner-barrel accents, plus titanium lug nuts and Brembo® brake calipers lacquered in black to further modernize this package.

Unique to the Ford GT LM is a 3D titanium-printed dual-exhaust that features a cyclonic design inside the tips and hints at the twin-turbo 660 horsepower EcoBoost® engine. Above the tips, a titanium GT LM badge is also 3D printed.

Inside, the Ford GT LM Edition's interior features unique appointments including Alcantara®-wrapped carbon fibre seats with a matching red or blue driver's seat, and Ebony passenger seat with accent stitching that matches the driver's seat colour, as well as the engine start button. The instrument panel is wrapped in Ebony leather and Alcantara, while pillars and headliner are wrapped in Ebony Alcantara. Carbon fibre carries into the cabin, appearing on the console, vent registers and lower A-pillars with a matte finish.

Podium-finished crankshaft ground down and shared in all 20 GT LM Edition cars Making the Ford GT LM Edition a special final tribute, the Ford Performance team looked for ways to embed the Le Mans podium-finishing spirit into each road car.

The result: the team located the third-place 2016 Ford GT (No. 69) race car's engine that was disassembled and shelved after the race, ground down the crankshaft into a powder, and developed a unique bespoke alloy used to 3D print the instrument panel badge for each of the 20 special-edition supercars.

## Honouring Ford GT Le Mans efforts, Ford v. Ferrari 50 years later

The 2022 Ford GT LM Edition pays tribute to the third-generation supercar's overall win and the No. 68 Ford GT of Sébastien Bourdais (FRA), Joey Hand (US) and Dirk Müller (GER) who crossed the finish line at the 2016 Le Mans 24 Hours.

Similar to the epic 1966 Ford v. Ferrari battle, the No. 68 Ford GT took the lead for the final time in the 20th hour of the race after going one-on-one with the No. 82 Ferrari. Hand was behind the wheel on the three occasions that the Ford passed the Ferrari, rekindling a 50-year-old rivalry between the two car manufacturers.

The No. 69 Ford GT of Ryan Briscoe (AUS), Scott Dixon (NZ) and Richard Westbrook (GB) joined the winners on the podium after scoring third place. The Nos. 66 and 67 Ford GTs finished in fourth and ninth places, respectively.

The 2022 Ford GT LM also honours the herculean effort and drive from the Ford Chip Ganassi team that transformed the car into a Le Mans winner in just over one year (395 days).

### Further building on the Ford GT limited-edition series

The Ford GT LM adds to the celebration of the supercar's landmark moments in motorsports history, including, of course, its Le Mans titles. In all, the series includes 10 ultra-limited-edition supercars. These include:

- 2022 Ford GT Holman Moody Heritage Edition honouring the company's 1966 Le Mans sweep and the race team that innovated the capability of the GT40 MK II to deliver a brake setup matching the race car's 200 mph-plus speeds; only 21 built
- 2022 Ford GT Alan Mann Heritage Edition honouring the No. 16 Alan Mann Ford GT MK I lightweight experimental prototype that helped pave the way for the 1-2-3 sweep at the 1966 24 Hours of Le Mans; only 30 built
- 2022 Ford GT '64 Prototype Heritage Edition honouring Ford GT's roots and the earliest five original Ford GT prototypes; only 27 built
- 2021 Ford GT '66 Daytona Heritage Edition honouring the Ford GT MK II No. 98 race car that gave Ford a 1-2-3-5 domination at Daytona in 1966, kicking off a magical season for the Ford GT40 MK II: only 50 built
- 2020 Ford GT '69 Gulf Livery Heritage Edition honouring the Ford GT40 MK I No. 6 race car that was victorious at Le Mans in 1969; only 50 built
- 2019 Ford GT '68 Gulf Livery Heritage Edition honouring Ford GT40 MK I No. 9 race car that was victorious at Le Mans in 1968; only 50 built
- 2018 Ford GT '67 Heritage Edition honouring Ford GT40 MK IV No. 1 race car that was victorious at Le Mans in 1967; only 39 built
- 2017 Ford GT '66 Heritage Edition honouring Ford GT40 MK II No. 2 that won 1966 Le Mans race; only 27 built
- 2006 Ford GT Gulf Livery Heritage Edition commemorating GT40's back-to-back 24 Hours of Le Mans titles in 1968 and 1969; only 343 built

In addition, the Ford GT Mk II, a limited-edition, track-only GT co-developed by Ford Performance and Multimatic also concludes by the end of the year with a total of 45 vehicles.

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