

1971 Ford Mustang Super Cobra



When one normally thinks of muscle Mustangs, visions of the Ford Mustang Super are as apt to fill the head as anything else. For many fellow enthusiasts, this high-powered coupe is a classic example of what makes vintage cars so special, illustrating the near limitless combinations that were available to buyers of yesterday. Then and now, the results of such choices are cars of distinction and character, all of which make for lasting interest.

To describe a rare Mustang Super Cobra as distinctive would be a considerable understatement, as it's so much more. The Shaker scoop poking through the hood gives a solid clue as to what's hidden from view, yet is seemingly out of place when paired with the pedestrian 1970 coupe body style. We're programmed to think of this shape as car-conservative, yet vaguely trendy. The truth is, it took the right combination of options for the coupe to morph into a fearless competitor, yet we know that precious few were built in such manner. In this case, the hard-core goods include not only a 428 Cobra Jet, but a Super Cobra Jet-the choice of a 3.91 gearset triggering the extra engine beef. Add to this a close-ratio four-speed and ram-air induction, and you have a truly rare combination.

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