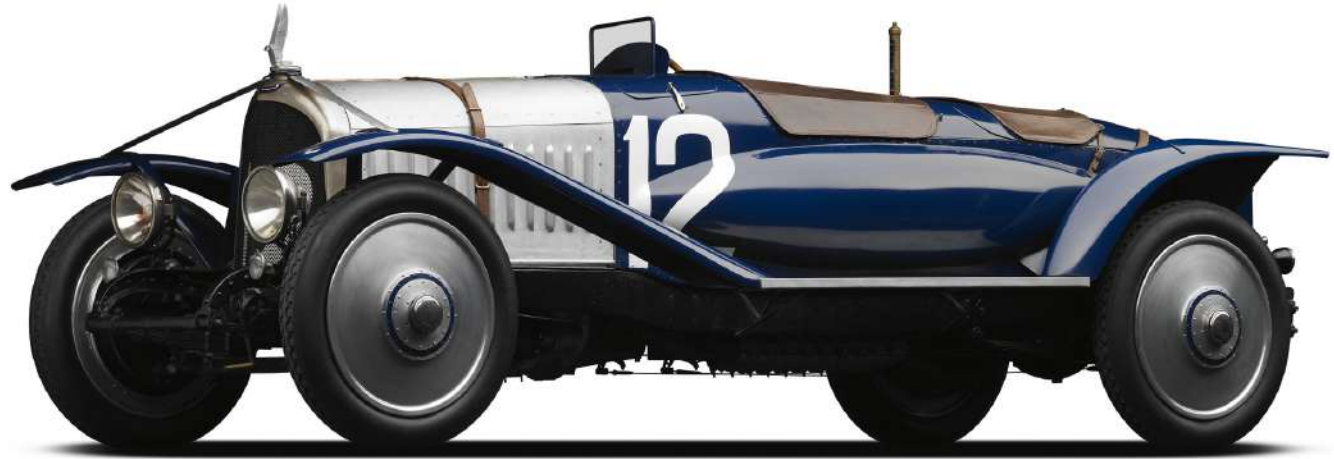




# VOISIN TYPE C3 S

Grand Prix 1922





### The Strasbourg Grand Prix

#### **Voisin's Type C3 S racecar**

Gabriel Voisin first achieved notoriety on the track with the Type C3 S—whose wind- and regulation-bending coachwork famously swept the podium at the 1922 Grand Prix du Tourisme in Strasbourg.

Building upon his aviation experience, Voisin crafted a narrow torpédo shape reminiscent of airplane bodies, with an engine block that was anchored in a low, forward position on the chassis. Voisin believed that this configuration balanced the car by placing the center of

gravity—the heaviest portion of the vehicle—in front of the center of aerodynamic pressure. This distribution allowed the car to slip through the air pressure created by the car's speed and to resist turbulent lateral forces. The effect was increased handling, functionality, and safety at speed. To achieve this aerodynamic form, Voisin outwitted the Automobile Club de France's regulations requiring a minimum width of 1.30 meters for the body. To meet the width requirement, he added streamlined running boards that extended beyond the



body—an innovative trick that caused a scandal.

According to French Voisin expert Philippe Moch, this car is a partial re-creation of the Strasbourg Type C3 S racecar built on a Voisin Type C3 chassis, which became a C5 chassis (Chassis 2718). The chassis is reported to be that of Car 12, driven at Strasbourg by Henri Rougier, while the body is new. The decision to re-create the car was made in light of the fact that all originals had been destroyed, and the fervent desire to honor the Type C3 S and its place in automotive history.

**Chassis 2718 was re-created by Voisin marque expert Phillipe Moch from a Type C5 chassis that had been modified earlier from a Type C3 S chassis.**

The car was acquired by the Mullin Automotive Museum in 2009.



## PROFILE

<b>Coachbuilder</b>	Recreation by Philipp Moch
<b>Chassis number</b>	2718
<b>Body type</b>	Grand Prix
<b>Number made</b>	90
<b>Acceleration</b>	0
<b>Top Speed</b>	unavailable

## BODY | CHASSIS

<b>Front brakes type</b>	Drum
<b>Rear brakes type</b>	Drum
<b>Front suspension type</b>	Solid axle with semielliptical leaf springs with friction shock absorbers
<b>Rear suspension type</b>	Live axle with semielliptical leaf springs and friction shock absorber
<b>Length</b>	14' 8"
<b>Height (Ground line to highest roof)</b>	4' 10"
<b>Width</b>	5' 9"

## ENGINE

<b>Engine number</b>	2624
<b>Type</b>	Inline
<b>Number of cylinders</b>	4
<b>Displacement</b>	3969
<b>Distribution</b>	Knigt sleeve-valves
<b>BHP at 3600 RPM</b>	120
<b>Gearbox</b>	Manual
<b>Number of gears</b>	3
<b>Overdrive</b>	0



