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FORD GT MARK II -- GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Ford GT Mark II is a high-performance, two-passenger sports car designed by the Ford Motor Company in accordance with the Federation Internationale de la Automobile (F.I.A.) Appendix J regulations. It is a midship-engined, rear-drive vehicle, utilizing a production V-8 engine with 427 cubic-inch displacement.

The aerodynamic, fast-back coupe body presents a silhouette of 40.5 inches in height to the top of the roof. The Mark II is a second generation Ford GT, a veritable big brother to the Ford GT40 (Mark I) which first ran at LeMans in 1964. The original design was begun by Ford in June, 1963.

Body and Frame -- The main structure of the Ford GT car is of semi-monocoque steel construction, utilizing the roof skin section as a stressed member. Pontoon sections form the sills, and serve as the basic structural members through the mid-section. Sheet steel members extend fore and aft, providing attachment points for engine and suspension.

Entry to the cockpit is provided by means of a front-hinged door opening into the roof. The seats are fixed and form an integral part of the chassis, as does the roll bar.

Functional aerodynamic form is the basis of the body shape. The body has been styled to low air drag requirements with the combination of small frontal area and low drag coefficient. Wind tunnel tests conducted by Ford helped to determine the final body shape. Since that time, both nose and tail sections have been altered for better water, engine, transaxle and brake cooling.

Among vehicle features are through-flow ventilation, fixed seats with movable controls, ventilated seats and aerodynamic cooling system.

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