

## 1999 SHELBY SERIES ONE



One of only six black and one of two known black factory installed Vortech superchargers The original owner was the co-founder of Patron Tequila, Martin Crowley. This car was also featured on Pawn Stars in 2019 "Pawn vs. Ferrari"

This luxury supercar is number 91 of the original 249 handmade and produced at the Shelby plant in Nevada in 1999. The only production supercar that Carroll Shelby built from the ground up. The engine is a derived from the IndyCar aluminum Aurora V-8 used by the Indy racing league in the early 2000's. The Vortech supercharged version is believed to produce 600hp at 6500 rpm with and 0-60 in 3.2 seconds.

Features an all-carbon fiber body with welded and stressed relieved high strength aluminum box frame chassis weighing only 265 lbs., which brings the total vehicle weight to only 2650 pounds with a 49/51 weight distribution. The race car derived dual wishbone suspension with coil-over remote reservoir dampers mounted inboard front and rear. The ZF six speed transmission is located forward of the rear suspension. Luxury interior features an all black Italian leather option. Hideaway convertible soft top.



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## A Brief History Of The Shelby Series 1 - Carroll Shelby's Only Scratch-Built Car

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So the Shelby Series 1 became a custom car proposition, which in all probability it should always have been. Colors were no longer limited to "you can have any color you want as long as its Oldsmobile "Centennial Silver", and customers could have their car built with such options as a full leather interior and carbon fiber interior panels.

## The "Car and Driver" Road Test

In 2000, [Car and Driver magazine](#) finally convinced Shelby American to let them have a Shelby Series 1 to road test. The article appeared on October 1, 2000 and the test proved to be a source of vexation both for the testers, who we can be sure really wanted the car to succeed, and the staff at Shelby American who also wanted the car to succeed. What happened on the test however provides us with a picture of the stresses and engineering frustrations the team at Shelby American were dealing with.

High temperatures at the Firebird International Raceway at Chandler, near Phoenix, were described by the American test crew as "brain frying". The test car had been somewhat hurriedly prepared for the test given that the team at Shelby were working under extreme pressure trying to get the cars produced, the test would reveal anything they had missed preparing for.



Not wanting to provide the guys from Car and Driver with a potential lemon the Shelby staff had decided to supply a Vortech supercharged fire breathing 600 hp Series 1 in the hope that the acceleration would be so impressive they'd all need to make appointments to see a physiotherapist to fix their strained neck muscles. But as it was physiotherapist appointments turned out not to be necessary because the test car promptly induced such slipping of its McLeod Kevlar-based, dual-friction-pad clutch that the burning was not of expensive tires on bitumen but of clutch plates instead.

The Car and Driver team took the car for a spin across the Arizona desert and found it to be a brilliantly designed road car with minimal turbulence in the cockpit when touring at 110 mph. The main criticism was that for tall drivers the top of the windscreen was perfectly placed in the field of view: Shelby noted that they had a special low bucket seat option for tall drivers to overcome that.

Four days later another test car was provided to the "Car and Driver" guys and this one was fitted with a cera-metallic clutch which managed the 600 hp nicely. However the supercharged Aurora engine fried a piston. The Shelby guys had come prepared and wheeled out a black Series 1 which unhappily suffered from the same slippy clutch malady as the first car resulting in a shredded clutch and wailing and gnashing of the teeth all around.

In his conclusion to the article [Car and Driver](#) writer [Brock Yates](#) described the Shelby Series 1 as a "work in progress". No doubt he would have preferred to write something more positive, and to have had a much more positive testing experience, but such was not to be. Even as it was entering production the Shelby Series 1 had some

## Specifications

**Chassis:** Welded and stress relieved 6061 aluminum box section chassis with aluminum honeycomb reinforcing in key areas. Complete chassis weight 265 lb, torsional rigidity of 12,000 ft/lb per degree, natural frequency of 53 Hz.

**Body:** Composite carbon-fiber and fiberglass body panels.



**Fittings:** Power windows, air-conditioning, AM/FM/CD audio system.

**Suspension:** Double "A" arms front and rear with remote inboard mounted coil springs and shock absorbers.

**Brakes:** Servo assisted ventilated discs front and rear. Factory option for two piece ventilated and cross drilled rotors with two

**Wheels and Tires:** <sup>NITTO</sup>Wheels; 18" five spoke alloy. Tires; ~~Goodyear~~  
~~Eagle F1~~, front 265/40, rear 315/40. These tires were based on an  
IMSA "rain" racing tire and were custom made for the car by  
~~Goodyear.~~



**Dimensions:** Length; 169.0" (4,292 mm). Width; 76.5" (1,943 mm).  
Height; 47.0" (1,194 mm). Weight; 2,650 lb (1,202 kg) - (Note: weight  
of actual production cars varied up to almost 3,000 lb with a full tank  
of fuel depending on the weight of the body panels: likely to be  
heavier on early production cars and lighter on late production cars).

**Weight Distribution:** 49/51 front to rear.

**Engines:** Standard; Shelby tuned Oldsmobile Aurora 4 liter 32 valve  
DOHC V8 producing 320 hp @ 6,500 rpm and 290 lb/ft of torque @  
5,000 rpm, compression ratio 10.3:1, weight 493 lb. X-50 version of  
the same engine added 50 hp making the engine power 370 hp.  
Supercharged engine produced 600 hp @ 6,500 rpm with 530 lb/ft of  
torque. The Vortech supercharger was offered as a \$35,000 option  
factory fitted or for \$27,000 for the owner to install themselves).

**Transmission:** Custom modified ZF 6 speed transaxle (Note: these were the same as the 5 speed transaxle as used in the De Tomaso Pantera but re-engineered to make them 6 speed).

**Performance:** Cars that are close to the specified weight of 2,650 lb can deliver a standing to 60 mph time of 4.4 seconds, standing quarter mile of 12.8 seconds (and 112 mph), and a top speed of about 170 mph. (Note: Early production cars may be somewhat overweight and so can be expected to produce slower times). The supercharged version could do a standing to 60 mph in a neck muscle straining 3.2 seconds.

## **A Collector Car for the Enthusiast Who Wants to Drive It**

The Shelby Series 1 was a car that was designed by some of the best automobile engineers in the world. The main things that held it back were the issues in dealing with GM Oldsmobile and their changes not only in corporate structure, but in corporate philosophy, and the problems in the relationship with Venture.

These problems were compounded by Carroll Shelby's major health problems that he had to endure while this project was needing the sort of guidance and direction he could have provided in his younger days. The end result was that the team at Shelby American pulled out all the stops to make the car a crowning success for a man who had made his mark on the automotive world – and although there are those who seem to believe that they failed – they actually succeeded. If a Shelby Series 1 has been thoroughly de-bugged it will prove to be one of the great American sports cars of its era.

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STATEMENT OF ORIGIN  
FOR A CSX5000 SHELBY SERIES 1 VEHICLE

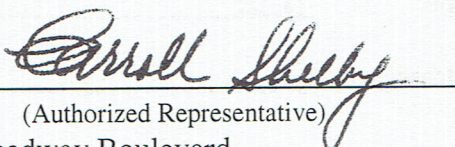
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Purchaser: St. Maarten Spirits, Ltd. USA  
6510 Hinson Street  
Las Vegas, NV 89118

Date:	August 15, 2000	Odometer:	0050
Make:	Shelby	Series:	Series 1
Model Year:	1999	Body Type:	2 Dr. Roadster
Chassis No.:	CSX5091	Vehicle Serial Number:	5CXSA1819XL000091
Engine No.:	T10L20559114		
Shipping Weight:	2800 Lbs		

**Shelby American, Inc.** further certifies that the signature below releases interest in the vehicle and certifies to the truth and accuracy of the mileage information entered above. It is further certified that this was the first transfer of such new vehicle in ordinary trade and commerce.

**Shelby American, Inc.**

By   
(Authorized Representative)  
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Las Vegas, Nevada 89115



# Spirits of the Caribbean: Pyrat Rum, Anguilla

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Today's Spirits of the Caribbean is a bit of a blast from the past.

You will see Pyrat Rum in your liquor store or local watering hole, but you won't see the Pyrat Rum plant on Anguilla anymore. Years ago, there was a Pyrat Rum blending and

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bottling plant on Anguilla, located in Sandy Ground, offering tours of the facility. They even had a rum which you could only get on Anguilla, an orange-flavored rum called "Savage." Sadly, the Anguilla facility closed in 2009, and Savage is no more.

Anguilla Rums Limited, which produced Pyrat Rum, was founded by Martin Crowley, an American businessman. Mr. Crowley died on Anguilla in 2003. He was also the founder of another Anguillan company, CDC Limited, which produced Patron. On the tour, we learned that a Patron employee traveled to Anguilla to perfect the Pyrat blend before it was bottled and distributed.

For more information on our [tour of the Anguilla plant in 2007](#), [click here](#). For many reasons to visit Anguilla which are not related to rum, [browse our Anguilla trip reports here](#). Cheers!

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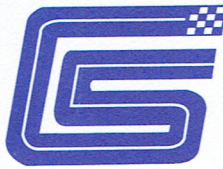
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6755 SPEEDWAY BLVD.  
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March 3, 2000

Mr. Martin Crowley  
St. Martin Spirits  
2955 East Valley Road  
Montecito, California 93108

Dear Martin:

This will confirm the fact that CSX5091 will be assigned to you. The price will be \$120,000, and the car will probably be built in April.

The exterior color is to be black and any further color modifications, such as black seats, carpets, etc., will be undertaken by you and at your expense.

Enclosed is a purchase agreement. The normal procedure calls for a 25% deposit at the time of order. However, since the car has already entered the production phase, a 50% deposit will be due at signing of contract. Please return a signed copy of the contract with your check in the amount of \$60,000. We will immediately countersign the contract and return it to you.

I look forward to getting the car into your hands and to viewing the subsequent promotional programs.

Sincerely,

Eric Davison  
Director - Series 1 Sales

ED:sm

Enclosure

cc: Carroll Shelby



**SHELBY AMERICAN, INC.**

6755 SPEEDWAY BLVD.  
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June 2, 2000

Martin Crowley  
President/CEO  
St. Maarten Spirits, Ltd. USA  
6510 Hinson Street  
Las Vegas, NV 89118

Dear Mr. Crowley:

Thank you for your order for a Shelby Series 1. You have been assigned number CSX5091. Enclosed is your final contract, in the amount of \$128,000.00, with Shelby American's signature and your vehicle's CSX number.

Hope you are looking forward to your car. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call.

Sincerely,

Tom Nelson  
Administrator – Contract Accounting

Enclosure

# **SMS**, LTD.

ST. MAARTEN SPIRITS, LIMITED

August 24, 2000

Carroll Shelby  
Shelby American  
19020 Anelo Drive  
Gardena, CA 90248

Dear Carroll,

Pursuant to our telephone discussion regarding the Series 1 you are manufacturing for Team Pyrat and St. Maarten Spirits, Ltd. After having both cars in Monterey for the Concours weekend it became very clear that our idea of using the cars as co-marketing tools will definitely work and I sincerely believe benefit both our companies.

Before taking delivery of the Series 1 we must clarify and correct some ideas. I will list the items which need to be addressed.

1. The paint on the majority of the car is unacceptable. The final paint must look like a \$175,000.00 custom Shelby Series 1. There are numerous "flat" spots on the paint. Numerous foggy spots in the clear coat. And numerous spots where there is no paint. (hood edges etc.)

**SMS**, LTD.

ST. MAARTEN SPIRITS, LIMITED

Please be very clear. We want the Series I. We want to take delivery of the car in a condition at all levels that you would underwrite as being "Shelby" quality.

Lee Benson says that he will take the car back and correct all the paint problems. This will be your decision. We of course need the car as soon as possible for photographs and marketing events. The car must be in \$175,000. Shelby Series I condition.

Thank you for your help and assistance.

Best regards,

  
MARTIN CROWLEY  
President/CEO

CC: Lee Benson  
Wayne Stoker  
Gary Pniewski



# Shelby Performance, Inc.

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Invoice No.

## INVOICE

Series 1 #5091

### Customer

Name St. Martins Spirits / Martin Crowley  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State NV ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone 805 / 207-0881 cell 310 / 202-1422 fax

Date 9/30/2002  
Order No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Rep \_\_\_\_\_  
FOB \_\_\_\_\_

Qty	Description	Unit Price	TOTAL
1	Supercharger w/clutch upgrade Install	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
	Upgrade A & B pillar Seals - N/C -		
	Refit Convertible Top to Windows - N/C -		
	Complete Car Checkup - N/C -		
-1	Discount per Carroll Shelby	\$8,000.00	(\$8,000.00)

SubTotal	\$10,000.00
Shipping & Handling	\$0.00
Taxes State	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

### Payment Details

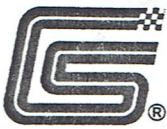
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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
CC # \_\_\_\_\_  
Expires \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for using authentic Shelby parts and service.



**Shelby American, Inc.**

**Shelby Series 1 and Shelby Cobra**

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Las Vegas, Nevada 89115

(702) 643-3000  
fax (702) 643-6574

**FINAL RELEASE FORM FOR PICKUP**

**DATE: 12-14-2000**

THIS IS TO FORMLY RELEASE CAR NUMBER CSX5091 FOR PICKUP BY THE CUSTOMER OR THEIR DESIGNEE. THIS IS TO CONFIRM THAT A FINAL INSPECTION OF THE VEHICLE FOR SHIPMENT HAS BEEN DONE BY THE CUSTOMER AND, OR THEIR DESIGNEE, AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM SHELBY AMERICAN INC., ANY EXCEPTIONS OR ITEMS ARE NOTED BELOW.

PROVISIONS: In conversations with Wayne Stoker, CFO of Shelby American, the buyer of CSX5091, Martin Crowley has agreed to take responsibility for the condition of the car, due to the mode of transportation used to pickup this vehicle. The vehicle is scheduled to leave 12-14-2000 on a flatbed tow truck, which is not the recommended mode of transportation. There is no recourse by the buyer against Shelby for the appearance or condition of this vehicle for reasons stated previously, and that can be directly traced to the method in which the vehicle was transported.

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THOMAS TOWING - HSI  
CUSTOMER OR THEIR DESIGNEE

\_\_\_\_\_  
AUTHORIZATION FROM DEALER/CUSTOMER

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AUTHORIZED PERSON FOR SHELBY AMERICAN INC



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**Source:**

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3/4/04	California Inspection Station	Passed emissions inspection
2,698 mi.		
6/1/06	California Motor Vehicle Dept. Santa Monica, CA	Title issued or updated
9,395 mi.		
6/9/06	California Inspection Station	Passed emissions inspection



**State of Nevada  
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**OVERALL TEST RESULT: PASS**



5CXSA1819XL000091

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

Year: 1999

Cylinders: 8

County: CLARK

Make: CHEVROLET AMERICAN

Model: CHEVROLET TRUCK

Zip: 89102