VNR TOTAL DURATION: 15'00"

BAUME & MERCIER SHELBY COBRA AT LE CASTELLET

NEWS EDIT

DURATION: 2'14"

HEADLINE: Priceless Shelby Cobra sports cars brought together in southern France

STORY: Tens of millions of dollars worth of Shelby Cobras have taken to the track at the Paul Ricard circuit in southern France in a historic first for the classic sports car.

SHOTLIST:

SHOWS:

CIRCUIT PAUL RICARD, LE CASTELLET, FRANCE (26 APRIL, 2016) (ACTUA PR - ACCESS ALL)

- 1) DRIVERS RUN ACROSS TRACK TO CARS FOR 'LE MANS' STYLE START
- 2) ONBOARD SHOT OF DRIVER RUNNING TO SHELBY COBRA CARS AND DRIVING OFF
- 3) CARS RACING DOWN PIT STRAIGHT AT CIRCUIT PAUL RICARD
- 4) SOUNDBITE: ALLEN GRANT, LEGENDARY SHELBY COBRA RACING DRIVER, SAYING (ENGLISH):
- "\$50 million worth of cars that people can sit in and drive at this iconic race track, it's just amazing."
- 5) ON TRACK SHOT OF SHELBY COBRA CARS DRIVING ON TRACK
- 6) RARE SHELBY COBRA NUMBER 98 TAKES CORNER
- 7) SOUNDBITE: LUDOVIC CARON, FRENCH SHELBY COBRA DRIVER, SAYING (ENGLISH):
- "Spirit of competition is all about car racing. You have to get this spirit in your soul if you want to beat all the other cars."
- 8) SOUNDBITE: EUGENE LE BLANC, SCHAAP & CITROEN, SAYING (ENGLISH): "It's fantastic, absolutely fantastic. It's real driving. Like the old times."
- 9) DRIVER OF RARE SHELBY COBRA NUMBER 15 WALKS AROUND CAR
- 10) CLOSE UP OF V8 ENGINE TRUMPETS AS ENGINE RUNS
- 11) BAUME & MERCIER CEO ALAIN ZIMMERMAN IN CONVERSATION WITH
- 12) CLOSE UP OF BAUME & MERCIER WATCH BEING USED TO TIME PIT STOP
- 13) VARIOUS OF GROUP PARTICIPATING IN WORKSHOP TO CHANGE WHEELS OF SHELBY COBRA
- 14) GROUP WHO PARTICIPATED IN WORKSHOP RECEIVING WINNERS' TROPHY
- 15) SOUNDBITE: ALAIN ZIMMERMANN, BAUME & MERCIER CEO, SAYING (ENGLISH):

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16) FORD GT40 CARS IN PIT GARAGE

17) SOUNDBITE: ALLEN GRANT, LEGENDARY SHELBY COBRA RACING DRIVER, SAYING (ENGLISH):

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18) VARIOUS OF SHELLY COBRA CARS ON TRACK

STORY:

The Paul Ricard Circuit in southern France has been shaken by the thunder of dozens of classic Shelby Cobra sports cars, which have been brought together for the first event of its kind in Europe.

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B-ROLL EDIT

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PITLANE PREPARATIONS

1) VARIOUS GVS OF SHELBY COBRA CARS, DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS AROUND PITLANE GARAGES AT CIRCUIT PAUL RICARD

GUEST ARRIVALS

2) BAUME & MERCIER GUESTS ARRIVING FOR 'SHELBY ONLY' DAY AT CIRCUIT PAUL RICARD

RACING DEPARTURE

3) DRIVERS RUNNING TO CARS IN LE MANS-STYLE START AND DRIVING AWAY

ONBOARD ACTION

4) VARIOUS ONBOARD AND TRACKING SHOTS OF SHELBY COBRA CARS DRIVING ON CIRCUIT PAUL RICARD

ON-CIRCUIT ACTION

5) VARIOUS SHOTS OF SHELBY COBRA, FORD MUSTANG AND FORD GT40 CARS DRIVING AROUND CIRCUIT

DRONE GVS

6) AERIAL SHOTS OF SHELBY COBRAS DRIVING ON CIRCUIT

PRESENTATION OF NEW WATCHES

- 7) GVS OF BAUME & MERCIER CEO ALAIN ZIMMERMANN UNVEILING NEW BAUME & MERCIER WATCHES AND PRESENTING WATCH TO FORMER SHELBY COBRA RACING DRIVER ALLEN GRANT
- 8) VARIOUS CLOSE UP SHOTS OF NEW BAUME & MERCIER WATCHES

DESIGN WORKSHOP GVS

9) GVS OF BAUME & MERCIER DESIGN DIRECTOR ALEXANDRE PERALDI IN DISCUSSION WITH GUESTS IN WORKSHOP SESSION

WATCH ASSEMBLY WORKSHOP GVS

10) GVS OF GUESTS PARTIPATING IN WORKSHOP SESSION TO ASSEMBLE WATCH STRAP

PITSTOP CHALLENGE WORKSHOP GVS

- 11) GVS OF GUESTS PARTICIPATING IN WORKSHOP COMPETITION TO CHANGE THE WHEEL AND TYRE OF A SHELBY COBRA
- 12) TEAM PRESENTED WITH TROPHY FOR WINNING WORKSHOP CHALLENGE

BAUME & MERCIER CEO ALAIN ZIMMERMANN INTERVIEW

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"When I looked at Shelby and the history of Shelby, the first thing I understood was that there was a man behind the story, that's Carroll Shelby. He's a visionary. He was a very demanding man. Very innovative. All kind of values the he shares with Baume and Mercier. If you look back at our founder that's exactly the same. So the fit was crucial to say let's do great things together."

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"Watch makers, they are running after time. That's what we do in racing, we run after the time, so it's a good combination."

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INTERVIEW: VOX POPS WITH BAUME & MERCIER GUESTS

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22) SOUNDBITE: GUEST VOX POP (ENGLISH):

"It's a fantastic day for me because I'm really crazy about automotive history and that's a big part of automotive history."

23) SOUNDBITE: BERNHARD STOLL, WEMPE GERMANY, SAYING (ENGLISH):

"I think it's all to do with mechanics. Everything we do in watchmaking and the watchmaking industry is all about how everything works, how it fits together, how it works together."

24) SOUNDBITE: KEITH LAW, BAUME & MERCIER HONG KONG, SAYING (ENGLISH):

"The spirit of competition is really: we work together and then we have the same direction, the vision to win together."

25) SOUNDBITE: DR BRUCE LEE, REVOLUTION PRESS, SAYING (ENGLISH):

"Spirit of competition I think, well if you're talking about racing everybody wants to win, but it's also about the camaraderie, the friendships that you build."

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