



Captivatingly Special

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Just what is it that makes this horse so different, so special? Why did Ford decide to manufacture such a Mustang? Is this car modified or did it come from the factory that way? Were there any California Special convertibles factory-produced? These are just a few of

the questions often asked of North Carolinians Carol and Carlton Weeks concerning their Wimbledon White 1968 California Special. But, they admit that it's fun to show and share their "horse of different color" with the inquiring public.

The San Jose (Milpitas) Assembly Plant was the exclusive assembly plant for the Grand Touring/California Special or GT/CS. Originally, the California-exclusive Mustang was to be built only where it was to be sold. The purpose of this special edition was to boost Mustang sales in the Southern California market. Ford marketing ads for the car indicated that there was a "list of options that

practically let you create your own personal custom car." Among those options were a stereo tape system, vinyl roof covering, SelectAire conditioner, power front disc brakes, fingertip speed control, built-in tachometer, four-speed stick shift, or two-in-one SelectShift automatic.

The GT/CS is a 1968 Mustang coupe body (no convertibles were produced) with special features taken from the 1968 Shelby including a fiberglass deck lid and end caps, fiberglass back panel painted body color, 1965 Thunderbird taillights (non sequential), louvered hood, and a pop-open gas cap. Features unique to the GT/CS are 1968 deck lid and fender "Mustang"

