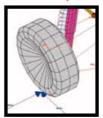
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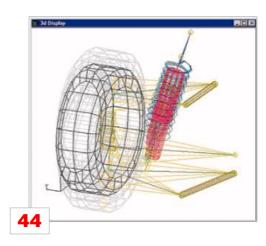
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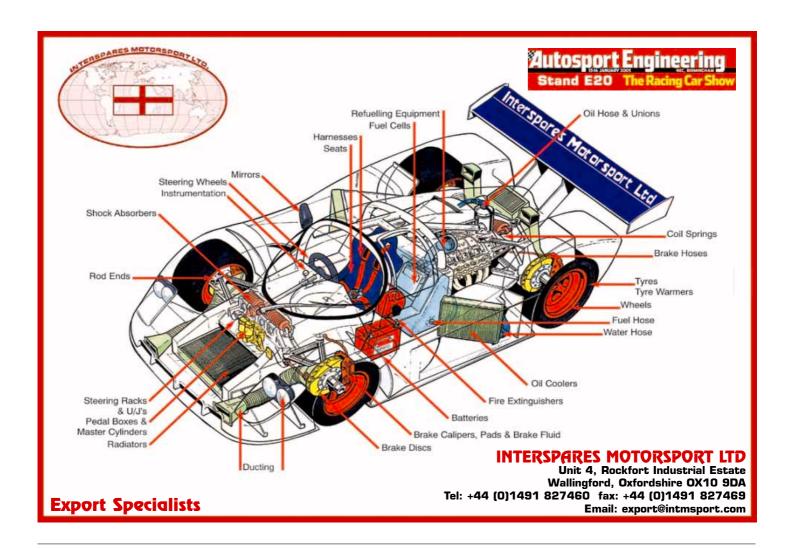
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## Write Line

f it ain't broke, don't fix it, says the old adage and nowhere should that be heeded more than at BAR and Honda just now. From its formation BAR struggled to show the form its budget and expertise promised. Then, in 2001 Prodrive was brought in as a consultant with Dave Richards taking a highprofile position within the team and the rest, as they say, is history. The team galloping up the grid in 2004 to become the strongest challenger to Ferrari. A race win may have eluded the Brackley squad but Ferrari didn't leave many of those up for grabs. Just reward for the challenger's efforts were 10 podiums, second in the constructors' table and third in the drivers' standings. A year to be proud of and reason to be optimistic about the coming season.

Then, for whatever reason, when Honda increased its equity in the team the relationship with Prodrive was brought to a close. The official line is that

Prodrive's work here is done and, with the key lessons learned, BAR can continue its progress to the top of Formula 1.

Talking to people within BAR, there is no doubt that some valuable lessons have been learned from its consultant partners. Before Prodrive became involved there was said to be a great deal of ability

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within each of the team's departments, but a lack of ability for those departments to work together. It seems that crucial among Prodrive's achievements was teaching the management skills that made BAR operate as a team in the way that is universal in successful competition.

Perhaps the new regime will proffer that now this skill is learned, it will stay with the team and Prodrive's work is done. And who is to say that is not the case, provided nothing interferes to change it. But there are to be changes to the team. New directors are about to be appointed to the board and a number of key personnel will be joining the 30 Honda engineers already based at Brackley. Either these new people are going to have to have a very strong acceptance of the status quo at BAR, or the newly appointed chief executive, Nick Fry will need to have a very strong hand on the tiller. As an ex-Prodrive employee he will have a good appreciation of how things must be handled, but he must be allowed to maintain that culture without interference. A management culture is a fragile thing and easily upset by influential individuals with misguided motives.

If one considers that at the Brazilian GP the Minardis qualified faster than

the Ferraris in 2003, it is easy to see the rate of progress prevalent in Formula 1. Admittedly much of that has come from tyres in the last year, but the equation is so finely balanced that a competitive edge can disappear very quickly. Personally, I feel tampering with the formula that has brought such an improvement when success seems close at hand to be brave to the point of being foolhardy.

As for Prodrive, if I was Red Bull I would waste no time in beating a path to the former's Banbury headquarters in search of another course in how to achieve success in Formula 1.

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The news that Honda is to build a new \$50 million wind tunnel at the BAR factory in Brackley focuses the attention on this critical part of any F1 team's armoury. Sauber, too, has a newly commissioned tunnel. The new facility at BAR will bring it up to date with Williams and add it to the list of teams such as Renault, Ferrari, McLaren and Williams that have more than one wind tunnel at their disposal. Ridge, the company working on the BAR tunnel, is also refurbishing Red Bull's former MoD tunnel that dates back to 1952. Only Minardi now remains without one.

The very concept of a wind tunnel goes back to the Wright Brothers, but it has only been the introduction of computer systems that have allowed matters in the tunnel to happen in a controlled manner. Today, they can be the most cost effective way to the front of the grid. Improvements in lap times can be gained in the wind tunnel at a fraction of the cost of achieving them through increased engine horsepower, particularly now wind tunnels offer the ability to carry out dynamic work.

A decade ago, around 2000 hours testing might be carried out during the year in a wind tunnel. Now, with three, eight-hour shifts, the total could be as much as 8000 hours, double that if two tunnels are in use. In order to run that length of time, teams now require enormous aerodynamic departments. The wind tunnel has become all-devouring.

An example of just how far a wind tunnel can influence thinking will be seen in this season's Formula 3 fields. Following the end of their joint venture, it was thought that both Dome and Lola would produce their own 2005 cars based on the Lola-Dome F106/03. However, once Lola started work in its own wind tunnel in Huntingdon the company found that it could greatly improve on what was already considered a competitive design. The result is that the new car will now be totally different to the old. Some of the design cues, particularly around the side pod, have been taken from Formula 1.

Wilbur Wright recalled that he and his brother reluctantly had to stop work on their 16ft x 16in x 6in wind tunnel prior to Christmas 1901, some two years before their historic flight. The reason? They had a bicycle business to run. How things have changed. Now it could be said that it's the wind tunnels that run the teams.

# Toyota gives a power boost to Jordan



The Jordan F1 cars will be powered by Toyota engines for the 2005 season, new regulations favouring the Japanese manufacturing giant

Jordan has announced a one-year deal with Toyota that will see the team powered by 2005 specification Toyota RVX-05 engines on the grid for the 2005 season.

The future of Eddie Jordan's team had been in doubt following the announcement earlier in 2004 that Ford was to exit F1, putting Cosworth Racing – engine suppliers to both Jordan and Minardi – up for sale.

Toyota however stepped up, offering customer engines following the news that powerplants will have to last for two races next season. The deal has enabled Jordan to purchase a number of the 2005 specification engines at an affordable price.

Tsutomu Tomita, chairman of Toyota Motorsport GmbH and team principal of Panasonic Toyota Racing, admitted that the deal would probably not have occurred had it not been for the new regulations brought in for next season. He added that he hopes Toyota power will be a strong asset for Jordan F1 after a few difficult seasons.

The agreement between Jordan and Toyota will not result in a re-branding of the Jordan team in 2005 and the Toyota name and logo will not be used in conjunction with those of Jordan Grand Prix next season.

## Ferrari to start in re-vamped car

Ferrari has confirmed that it will start 2005 with a revised version of its 2004 car, to devote time to developing its 2005 chassis.

Ferrari has previously used this tactic of running the previous year's car for the early season racing with much success.

However, the wide-ranging changes to the 2005 technical regulations will require the team to carry out extensive modifications to adapt the 2004 chassis. The team aims to have its 2005 car on track by the end of February, with



Ferrari is using its tried and tested 'last year's car' tactic at the start of the 2005 season

the race debut scheduled for April.

The engine and gearbox however will be completely different from

those used on the 2004 chassis, which won 15 out of 18 races last season.

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### Plans for 2005 Corvette C6-R revealed

General Motors Corp. has released details of its 2005 sportscar contender, the Corvette C6-R, and the production Z06 upon which the C6-R is based. The two programmes - production and racing - are closely intertwined, resulting in the production Z06 now carrying a 7-litre engine, as was employed by the previous C5-R racecar. Most of the development work was as a result of the racing programme that made possible a 7-litre version of the Chevy small block V8. The new production car's cylinder heads are directly derived from the previous racecars and, according to Doug Duchardt, director of GM Racing. 'The C5-R head was the benchmark for the ZO6 head.'

Three visible alterations have been

made by the designers following discussions with the team: a switch to a single air intake opening beneath the front bumper for better airflow to the engine, fixed headlights in place of pop-up units for reduced drag and a differently angled roofline for more downforce. Carried over from the last C5-R racers is a side impact-absorbing crush box mounted in the doors that cushions severe impacts. 'We had two

potentially fatal impacts – at Dallas and Miami – where the driver unbuckled and walked away because of this,' reported Fehan.

The C6-R's fuel cell has been redesigned without the long filler neck that splashed fuel into the cockpit in Earnhardt's dramatic full-tank crash, and instead the fuel fillers carry necks that protrude into the car to reach the fuel cell. The new car's rear suspension mounts have also been revised to reduce the chance of them being driven into the fuel cell during a crash.

The new Z06 is constructed on an aluminium frame, in place of the base Corvette's steel frame which, along with a new magnesium engine cradle, trims weight from the car and should be helpful for the C6-R as well. The engine cradle bolts to the frame with steel bolts, isolated from the casting by aluminium washers to prevent galvanic action between the metals.

The Z06 engine is, for all practical purposes, a full race powerplant, featuring dry sump lubrication, titanium connecting rods and forged steel main bearing caps in an all-aluminium block that is deck plate bored and align honed.

Dan Carney



GM's new C6-R sportscar features exterior design changes and a 7-litre small block V8

## Jokers in the pack

The Ford Puma, Fiat Punto and Peugeot 206 are to be given a new lease of life in the Junior World Rally Championship, thanks to a change in rules. Current JWRC regulations include restrictions on the possible development of cars: a move that is specifically intended to contain costs. One such restriction is the limit of a maximum of 10 amendments to a car's original specification over its life. In Super 1600 terms, these are known as 'jokers'. However, unusually - and no doubt as a means of prolonging their active life - the FIA is set to extend this rule for older Super 1600 cars. which will mean that a car homologated into Super 1600 over 36 months ago will be given the opportunity of a further three 'jokers' - and a longer racing life.

Registrations for the 2005 JWRC closed at the end of November 2004 and it was understood that fewer than 15 drivers had entered. In the championship's four-year history, this would be the lowest total ever, and high costs were being blamed.

The JWRC is a driver's championship, and the FIA does not permit manufacturers to run official teams; a ruling based on the feeling that if works teams were allowed, costs would be raised. The reality, however, is that although there is a price cap on Super 1600 cars for the series (Euro120,000 at present), this is difficult to control and that ceiling has been 'adjusted' by a number of manufacturers offering alternative performance-enhancing parts at higher costs.

There is a feeling among some manufacturers producing Super 1600 cars that official manufacturer teams should be allowed in the championship, and the debate was in full swing at press time.

# Pace race steps up for showroom rally cars



The Subaru WRC is more powerful than its 2004 predecessor

With two consecutive Production World Rally Championship crowns under its belt, the Group N Subaru Impreza heads into 2005 in 'Spec C' guise.

Compared to 2004's STi version, this derivative has more power, revised differentials and lighter body panels. It

was expected that the minimum 2500 Spec C Imprezas required for homologation into Group N would be produced by December 2004 and that competition versions would be ready in time for the Swedish Rally in February; the first round of the 2005 PWRC.

There has been an escalation in the development of the road cars contesting the PWRC over recent years, and Subaru's only major rival in the series, Mitsubishi, will also have upgraded its Lancer Evo VIII MR ready for the 2005 season.

### **Even more Latin Lancer**

Mitsubishi's Lancer WRC05 will appear at the season-opening 2005 Monte-Carlo Rally on Pirelli tyres - the first time ever for a works Mitsubishi rally car. A high proportion of engineers in Mitsubishi's, Rugby UK-based, world rally team are Italian; as is its boss, Mario Fornaris. The decision makes Mitsubishi the second manufacturer to make the switch from Michelin to Pirelli for the 2005 WRC. after Peugeot announced it was switching to the Italian rubber and, with Subaru, brings the number of teams running on Pirellis to three.

The Lancer WRC05 takes advantage of the FIA rule enabling an increase in body width by 30mm in 2005 for cars over 4000mm length. This necessitates redesigned front and rear wings, rear quarters and bumpers, together with longer suspension links and driveshafts. The chance has also been taken to develop



The WRC05 will be racing on new Italian rubber in line with much of its team personnel

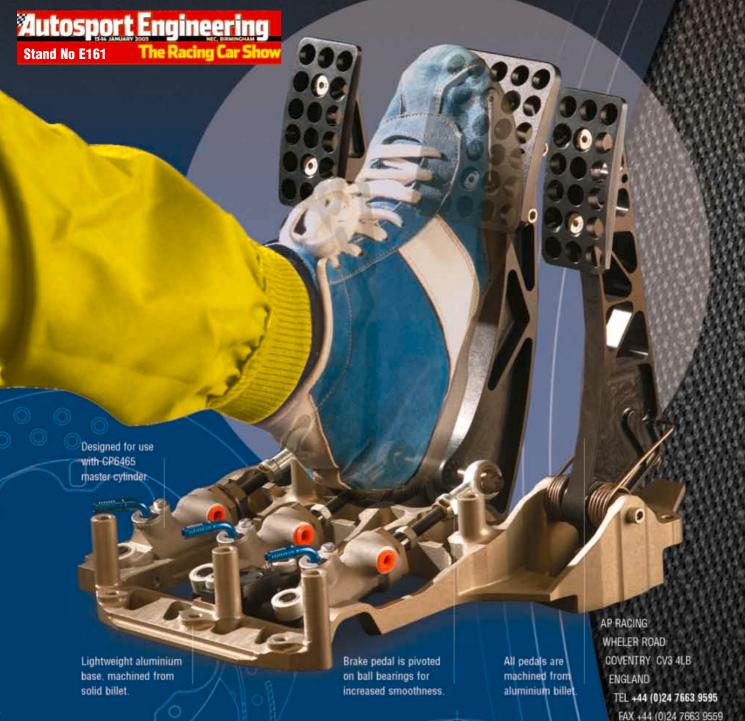
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## RML announces 2005 Le Mans prototype plans

RML has announced that it will enter the 2005 Le Mans Endurance Series and the 24 Heures du Mans with the MG Lola, backed by the AD Group. The existing MG EX257 is undergoing an upgrade programme and will enter the series in the LMP2 category. RML is working closely with MG and Lola to finalise the aerodynamic and safety upgrade package for the car.

Through MG's association with Engine Developments the car will be fitted with a Judd-developed, 3.4-litre, XV V8 engine. The car will run as an MG Lola and will be liveried similar to this year's LMP1 challenger. Team owner Mike Newton wants to focus on the prototypes in 2005 as a result of



The 2005 MG Lola will be an upgraded MG EX257, fitted with a Judddeveloped, 3.4-litre V8 engine and running in the LMP2 category

the competitive performance of the cars in 2004, when the MG Lola EX257 ran to 5th place in the Le Mans

Endurance Series standings and recorded its endurance record at Le Mans, completing over 20 hours of the

24-hour race. In addition, the increased profile of the LMES championship added strength to his decision.

## Audi raring to go

After Audi AG's successful DTM comeback, winning the drivers', manufacturers' and teams' championships, the team has increased its works involvement in the series. The new Audi A4, an entry of eight instead of six cars and a newly formed driver squad should allow for a solid defence during the 2005 season. As before, the two partner teams of Abt Sportsline and Joest Racing will assume responsibility for the race logistics. Based on the new Audi A4, the 2005 DTM car is being

developed at Audi Sport. With its prominent radiator grille and revised bodywork shape, the Audi A4 DTM 2005 will distinguish itself from the 2004 championship car and, in addition, will have a new engine configuration.

In total, four new A4 DTM cars will race alongside four 2004 season cars. In parallel to the works DTM entry, Audi Sport is developing a new prototype sportscar as a successor to the Audi R8 for 2006, which starts its sixth and final season in 2005.



Four of the highly successful 2004 Audi A4 DTMs will run alongside a new model in 2005

## Live action arena



A chance to sample a variety of UK race series machinery made Race Car Live a success

The inaugural 'Race Car Live' event at Brands Hatch on December 4 2004 was deemed a success by Motor Sport Vision's Dr Jonathan Palmer.

Cars from a number of the UK's most popular circuit racing series attended the show, which aimed to offer a live action showcase for potential customers for the forthcoming 2005 season. To that end, MSA licence holders were afforded free entry and were given the opportunity to sample some of the circuit machinery on offer on the Brands Indy circuit, either from the passenger seat or (with

consultation) from behind the wheel.

There was plenty on show to tempt all budgets, ranging from Formula Ford to Kuhmo BMWs and classic Ferraris, right up to contemporary Formula 3 and even British GT cars. Entry level classes such as Global Lights and T-cars were also on show, as were the ever popular Radicals, although the exciting new V8 version was on static display only.

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# Adrenaline boost for Woodward

Woodward Governor Company, independent designer, manufacturer and service provider of energy control solutions, has acquired the ionisation feedback and ignition specialist company, Adrenaline Research, to contribute to its combustion control strategy.

Combustion control is part of Woodward's systems integration strategy and, while it admits the acquisition is 'not material in terms of earnings impact', it will help customers reduce emissions and improve fuel efficiency. 'Our commitment to quality, service and cutting edge technology will be enhanced greatly,' said Ed VanDyne, Woodward's new director of advanced combustion controls.

Woodward will continue providing its 'SmartFire' products and technology, which are currently used in racing, dynamometer testing and automotive development around the world.

SmartFire technology delivers both a high-energy spark when needed and combustion feedback for knock and misfire detection. In the future, it is hoped this technology will allow 'in-cylinder combustion analysis' so engines can be tuned while running.

## Shell strengthens relationship with ZF technology

Cooperation between Shell Global Lubricants and international supplier ZF, which specialises in driveline and chassis technology, is set to expand as a result of a meeting in November.

The two companies already have a strong history of collaboration on many successful motorsport projects and the meeting enabled both parties to further develop their strategic partnership and learn from each other.

Uwe Tribian, international key account manager at Shell Lubricants, commented: 'We were



Shell Global Lubricants fuelled the 2004 Ferraris to win the F1 constructors' championship

really able to learn about each other's businesses. We gained a far better understanding of ZF's requirements and it learned about how Shell Lubricants can bring further benefits to its operations.'

### Tata signs IT deal with Ferrari at Maranello

Tata Consultancy Services of India has signed a three-year deal to provide information technology to Ferrari. India's largest software service firm will provide engineering services for the development of the team's racecar for the 2005 season.

Engineers have already been working at Ferrari's headquarters in

Maranello, with core work being carried out on the engine. Vice president of Tata, Mr Chandrasekaran, said that the deal would help Tata raise its profile in Europe. The company is currently made up of 80 businesses spanning industries including hotels, truck manufacture, software, consumer products, chemicals and communications.



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## Energetic debate

Once seen as no more than a marketing gimmick, there is now a major effort to make alternative fuels in motorsport relevant to the whole motor industry

BY CHARLES ARMSTRONG-WILSON



The EEMS report cites Team Nasamax, Taurus Sports and Mardi Gras Motorsport as trail blazing examples of how energy efficient motorsport can benefit road cars and racing

At the SAE Motorsport Engineering Conference at Dearborn in December. Chris Avlett acted as moderator on a panel discussing the relevance of energy efficient motorsport [EEMS]. Its aim was to help raise the profile of EEMS to the broader world of motorsport. It is Aylett and the MIA's conviction that in an increasingly energy conscious world, this association would have two-fold benefits. Firstly it will enhance the image of alternatives to petrol or gasoline giving them a more dynamic image and greater public acceptance. Secondly associating motorsport with green solutions will, they believe, improve its image which currently is widely regarded as being at odds with energy efficiency.

Aylett, is quick to point the inaccuracy of this perception citing the need for fuel efficiency to win not just endurance races but, these days, also Grands Prix. It is this phenomenon that has led to the publication of Energy Efficiency Motorsport by the MIA. The report, sub titled The role motorsport can play in the development of energy efficient automotive technologies, proposes the case for alternative fuels in motorsport and looks at strategies for encouraging their use. It is the result of research by the EEMS Project Team established in February 2004 to look at past activities and review strategic options for the future. The aim is to, 'encourage the automotive industry to view motorsport, not only

as a driving force for the development of its future energy efficient technologies, but also as an ideal marketing platform to promote low emission, fuel efficient vehicles,' according to the report.

In its pages it looks at three UKbased projects during 2004 that have attempted to explore the use of alternative fuels in motorsport. Team panel of knowledgeable experts were asked to discuss the practicalities of alternative fuels and energy efficiency. On the panel were Dr Steve Bunkhall of the EEMS project team, Derek Charters of the Motor Industry Research Association, Mike Endean founder of Xtrac and part owner of Nicholson McLaren Engines, Callum Lockie one of the Taurus Sports drivers at Le Mans in

proposals into realities and making alternative fuels more than just a fringe issue in motorsport.

To achieve this it has set a number

 It aims to persuade at least one UK championship to adopt a fuel flow formula which it believes will, 'allow considerable technical freedom for engineers to develop race winning, fuel

# WHILE AN IRL CAR HAS A DRAG COEFFICIENT ONLY SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN A BARN DOOR, MOTORSPORT IS ENERGY EFFICIENT WITHIN ITS OWN OBJECTIVES 77

Nasamax launched a credible assault on the Le Mans Endurance Series running its sports prototype on Bioethanol all season. Taurus Sports bravely attempted Le Mans on a shoestring budget with its Lola powered by Diesel. Also, Mardi Gras Motorsport competed in several rounds of the British Touring Car Championship powered by Liquid Petroleum Gas.

The report examines the fuel options and puts a case that was strong enough to win backing from the government. Its proposals were put before the UK's Motorsport Development Board, a body charged with investing £16 million of government funding to develop and enhance the UK motorsport industry.

It was against this backdrop that a

2004 and John McNeil of Team
Nasamax. One thing they all had in
common was a conviction that EEMS
was not only possible but essential. Aylett
pointed out that motorsport was the
key to making green cars popular, citing
examples like the Taurus Sports diesel
Lola as demonstrating how it can work.

Meanwhile Endean tackled the public perception issue by pointing out that, while an IRL car has a drag coefficient only slightly better than a barn door, motorsport is energy efficient within its own objectives.

Generally response to the initiative from within the room was positive although on the whole they were preaching to a sympathetic audience. Having received its funding the EEMS Project Team is faced with turning its efficient and environmentally friendly technologies.'

- OEMs from around the world working with UK companies to compete in championships based on EEMS concepts
- Cars using different fuels and engine technologies racing against each other in the same championship.
- Gasoline no longer seen as the only fuel capable of delivering high performance and high efficiency.
- High performance Eco Record Breaking focussed on one or two annual events.

One attendee at the conference also proposed that Formula SAE should include an alternative fuels class suggesting that EEMS may well be the future of motorsport.

### Race people



Nick Fry

- Nick Fry will replace Dave Richards as team principal at BAR. Fry has worked closely with Richards at the Northamptonshire based team, primarily as managing director of Prodrive Automotive Technology.
- Mercedes-Ilmor has appointed Ola Kaellenius as its new managing director. The move comes as DaimlerChrysler edges towards taking over the company completely.
- Tyre manufacturer Michelin has moved its F1 programme manager Pascal Vasselon away from the sporting side of the company. Vasselon will now work on road tyres for fourwheel drive cars in the USA.
- Group Lotus has employed Kim Ogaard-Nielsen, as its Chief Executive Officer.



**Pascal Vasselon** 

Nielsen from Denmark has managerial experience from a variety of international industries and has co-founded the IT-based consulting and outsourcing business. IBIS Corporation, which primarily focusses on business process re-engineering and improvement through the application of webbased technology solutions



Mark Gillan



Dietrich Mateschitz

- Dietrich Mateschitz, owner of the drinks firm Red Bull has bought the Jaquar Racing Team. The 60 year-old Austrian bought the team after it was put up for sale by Ford. Mark Gillan, Red Bull Racing's Head of Vehicle Performance, is to leave the team to pursue a career as a lecturer at the University of Surrey in the UK.
- Former TWR and Arrows boss **Tom** Walkinshaw has signed a deal to manage Australia's Holden Motorsport in 2005. Walkinshaw is a previous owner of the Holden Racing Team, and is a partner in Holden Special Vehicles, the company's performance road car offshoot.



Tom Walkinshaw

- Don Rice, who became ill after heart surgery, has died. Rice was the dynamic director of Clemson University in the USA driving the establishment's development. Racecar Engineering offers its sincere condolences to his family and friends.
- Peter Knivett has been awarded the Guild of Motoring Writers' Delphi Award for Automotive Technology Journalism. The award was based on three submitted features, one of which was an analysis piece on the 2.0-litre K-series engine used in the WSR MG BTCC cars, which appeared in RE V14N8. Racecar **Engineering** would like to congratulate Knivett on his award.

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#### How did you first get involved in motorsport?

Polishing the wheels of my dad's U2 and making the team cups of tea - I was drawn in from then. Firstly by racing professionally and then forming Mallock Atlantic Racing in 1979 which later developed into Ray Mallock Limited, in 1984

#### What's the most interesting project you've ever worked on?

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#### Can you name your favourite racing car of all time?

Of the cars I have driven i would say that it was my Mk11 Mallock U2 which I won the Clubmans Championship with in 1971 and I am still winning in it this year. With regards to cars I haven't driven then it would be the Lotus 49. It combined Colin Chapman's and Keith Duckworth's brilliance at a time when they were defining the future of F1 racecar engineering.

### What achievements are you most

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#### Who do you most admire in racecar engineering and why?

Patrick Head. I believe that he is a brilliant engineer, sportsman and businessman.

#### What tool/instrument could you not work without?

Without a doubt the calculator - it is all in the numhers

#### What racing era/formula would you have liked to work in and why?

Can Am in the early 70s where the rules allowed engineers a great deal of scope which resulted in massive performance

improvements, almost week by week, culminating in the Chaparral Fan Cars.

#### What engineering innovation do you most admire?

The use of ground effects, we were all blissfully unaware of it for decades.

#### Is motorsport about engineering or entertainment?

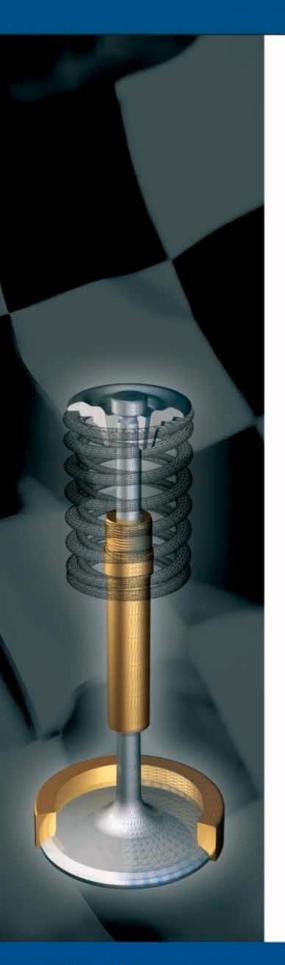
It's a combination of both, but at the professional end, it is mostly about marketing.

#### What new technologies in motorsport are you most excited about?

Simulation Programmes. With the majority of formulae now restricting testing, it is possible to get a huge amount of analysis and feedback without even loading the truck.

#### Is there a future for high technology in motorsport?

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LAT Photographic will be celebrating its 40th anniversary by displaying photographs from its world-renowned archives in the Historic Hall at Autosport International at the NEC, Birmingham from 13-14 January 2005. The display will include 1-metre high images along a 35m section of wall.

The new hall dedicated to historic motor racing and rallying is set to take pride of place at the world's greatest motorsport show and in association with Classic and Sportscar and MotorSport magazine. For many years Autosport International and Autosport Engineering has included historic cars and this will be the first time specific companies and historic car clubs will have their own dedicated hall in the show.

The archive, now boasting over 9 million images represents the history of the sport since 1895. LAT will be displaying images from the most evocative eras of motor racing, many seen for the very first time. LAT's photographers cover all major motorsport events world-wide from the Formula 1 World Championship to NASCAR, World Rally Championship to Le Mans.

Peter Higham, Director of LAT said, 'The launch of the Historic Hall gives us the perfect showcase for our unique archives, derived from influential magazines such as Autocar, and MotorSport, as well as Autosport. The images taken on glass negatives in the early years of the car capture the speed and personalities of a heroic age. We hope that this collection will add another dimension to the Historic Hall.'

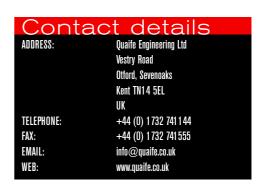


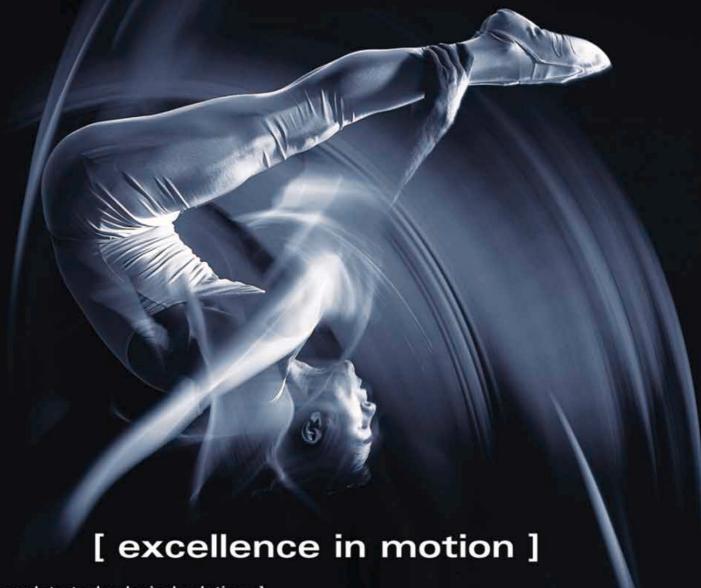
# Getting the drive to perform

Quaife Engineering has manufactured driveline components since 1965 and now specialises in both motorcycle and car transmissions: meet the team at the Autosport Engineering Show

he Autosport Engineering Show, taking place 13-14 January at the NEC in Birmingham, provides a great opportunity to meet companies and clients and those involved in the motorsport and engineering industries. One such company is Quaife Engineering, which has been an exhibitor at Autosport International and latterly AES for 12 years. Quaife Engineering designs, develops and manufactures driveline components for the competition markets worldwide and also has a commercial division that supplies leading manufacturers with on-board power for many utility companies. The company was set up by the late Rodney Quaife who first incorporated RT Quaife Engineering Ltd in 1965 at Charcott, near Tonbridge, Kent. The business started by carrying out subcontract work for the motorcycle industry of AMC in South London. In the 1970s Quaife went on to gain exclusive contracts with Triumph Motorcycles and had various success with riders like Barry Sheen, Percy Tait and Paul Smart all winning with Quaife gears in their motorcycles. The company however now provides components for both motorcycle and car transmissions. In 1980 Quaife developed its 4x4 driveline system and later went on to develop its own GT car, for both road and racing. The business is now run by brother and sister Michael and Sharon Quaife

and the company currently employs 80 people worldwide. Seventy-five per cent of Quaife's products are manufactured in Kent and then distributed through various agents, its best-selling product being the Torque Biasing Differential. Quaife America however distributes to all of North America. In 2000 the Ford Motor Company fitted Quaife differentials as standard equipment to its limited edition RS Focus road car and Daimler Chrysler currently fits the Quaife ATB to its M12 GTO-3R. Quaife is now launching its own new trackday car named the Quaife R40. You can speak to the Quaife team about its new car or anything else at the Autosport Engineering Show, which Quaife believes is 'the best in the world and the only show to be seen at'. Make sure you are there too!





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## V - A N G L E S

By Paul Van Valkenburgh

## The vacuum effect

Fancy doing something outrageous and totally pointless? How about modifying your racecar to drive on a vertical wall or, even better, upside down on a ceiling!

have a long history of promoting 'suction traction' for racecars. At Chevrolet R&D in 1968, I built and drove a prototype for the famous Chaparral 2J, which eventually got the principle banned forever in racing. Mine had a military tank cooling fan, which was belt-driven off the engine, and a plywood plenum with sliding skirts made out of plastic and nylon (for the complete story, see my book Chevrolet racing — 14 years of raucous silence!).

When word got around at GM that I was working on vacuum traction, I was told that someone at Pontiac had tried earlier to use the concept to help in drag strip launches. Apparently they had attached a vacuum box to the solid rear axle housing, although I never heard what they used to pump the air out. As the story goes, it was uncontrollable, sucking the axle down so hard that it flattened the

tyres, and locked the box to the pavement.

Eventually, as you may have read here already, I saw the error of my ways, and now promote just the opposite — zero aerodynamic downforce in racing. However, it's common for technology which is banned in racing to be highly developed and promoted in everyday passenger cars, like computer-controlled braking, traction control and stability control. And for the street, or exhibitions, anything still goes. Think 'drifting' for example.

Then, in another of my books, AUTO2010 — The car magazine from the future, I included a chapter about a fictional car with suction traction, that was designed to run on the walls of flood control channels and up the walls of buildings. This led to a project for Road & Track magazine where I

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added an axle-driven fan and skirts to a go-kart, which then out-cornered an Indy car on the skidpad. Since durability wasn't a consideration, I just used long strips of Lexan, cantilevered out from the edges of the plywood, so that they were drawn down into contact with the pavement by the suction. They were good for maybe 20-30 laps before they wore through. Subsequently, other racers built better versions for

this 'Skidpad Challenge', raising the low-

speed cornering power to almost 2gs. Their skirt seals also consisted of plastic strips

sliding on the ground but, at speed over rough

concrete, leakage was still fairly great. The skirts bounce and wear, with either too much or too little pressure holding them down, and they are easily broken off by sliding across pavement seams. Perhaps the best sliding-skirt

the best sliding-skirt
material now is ultra-high
molecular weight polyethylene, or
UHMW. This has only a slightly higher

sliding coefficient of friction than Teflon, and is far more wear resistant.

Recently a reader asked if I could offer some tips on how to do it. But there's really no justification for it, other than to prove it can be done, since it isn't allowed in racing. And it would rarely be useful on the street either — except perhaps in emergency braking — where it could shave many car lengths off your stopping distance (at least if it was always on, or it came on fast enough).

I don't have the time or facilities (or the need for sensationalism) any more but, if you have an appropriate vehicle — and the time and money — and you want the exposure, and you are nearby, I'll offer consultation and do a story on the results.

My first thought would be to modify one of those parking-lot sweepers that has a separate engine-driven vacuum fan mounted on the back of a pick-up truck, sucking rubbish up from a plenum underneath. It would be interesting to set it on wheel scales to see how much extra downforce it pulls as it is.

Otherwise, to start with, I'd suggest a more powerful vehicle, with rear-drive and front engine, so that the fan can be driven out front, off the nose of the crankshaft. If the fan doesn't fit behind the radiator, it could be mounted ahead of the bumper, and a shaft run under (or even through) the radiator, with a long, double-u-jointed shaft.

As for the fan — or air pump — the best compromise for maximum pressure drop and efficiency, and enough flow volume to allow for all the skirt leakage, seems to be an industrial centrifugal or 'squirrel-cage' blower. They generally

have nice, cast aluminum impellers, but their housings are crudely made out of sheet steel, and they're quite heavy. However, those can be easily reproduced in sheet aluminum.

The underside plenum should be hung from four suspension components, and not the body, so that it maintains a more constant clearance height with respect to the ground, and doesn't pull the chassis down. My first thought was to use a Corvette, but something like a Mustang has greater ground clearance and easier attachment points at the solid rear axle. The plenum roof has to be really stiff, because of the load created by just a few psi multiplied by 50-80 square feet. A carbon composite sandwich panel ought to be best.

The real challenge is usually the flexible skirt seals. But I know from experience, it's not that hard to develop a sliding seal which has minimal contact pressure (and therefore sliding resistance and wear), and yet minimises the airflow leakage into the plenum. The worst case is at the leading edge, where added frontal air pressure and pavement irregularities impact it.

As with all radical innovations, there will be a lot of development problems. Especially if the car is to be run completely inverted, and not just on a vertical surface. Think about stunt aircraft as an example. Every fluid container has to be re-considered, including things like the fuel tank pick-ups, as well as engine oil settling in the cylinder heads. Fuel injection and a swinging fuel pick-up ought to help, but oiling problems are tough to solve. Although most engines can be run dry at low load for a minute or two without serious damage, a re-plumbed dry sump system might ensure the engine and vacuum pump don't suddenly seize and stop. And you will soon discover that dealing with all the vacuumed dirt is also a very real challenge...

In development, it might be fun to first set new traction records on the skidpad. Then it will be necessary to find appropriate locations for vertical and/or overhead driving, and ways to 'get it up'. But when you get to that point, refer to my fictional events in AUTO2010

Speaking of driving on walls... You want to think about something really bizarre? Consider all the speedways out there that are completely walled-in, from Indy to California Speedway. There must be some racing classification that doesn't specifically limit you to just four wheels. Suppose you mounted another two free-spinning wheels horizontally on the right side of the car? You could enter each turn at any speed you wanted, and just 'lean' against the wall all the way around. The gs would be limited only by the speed (therefore power) available, and the blackout tolerance of the driver's brain. Traction wouldn't be an issue, so any small (even solid) wheels that could take the load and RPMs would be adequate. I can't believe no one's tried it, or at least thought of it, already. Especially those guys who have a tendency to smack the wall anyhow.

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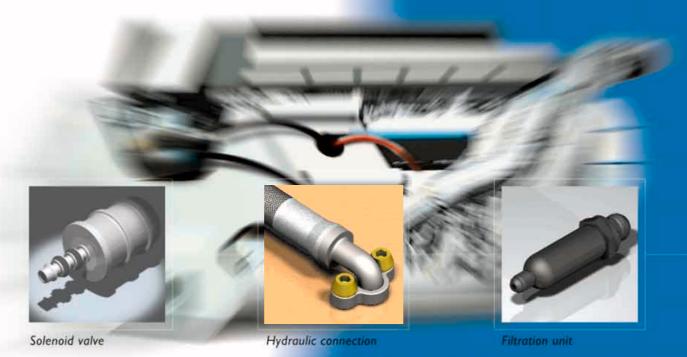
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## **Forum**

### In defence of scientists

I read Charles Armstrong-Wilson's November 2004 (V14N11) Write Line column with considerable interest and, while I generally agree that spacecraft projects should not be lead by scientists, the premise that these projects should rather be lead by engineers is equally flawed.

I am a practicing engineer in the business of building spacecraft, and I have witnessed first hand that not all engineers make good technical leaders. Far from it. The majority of engineers make poor project leaders, lacking the expertise, experience and manner of thought necessary to properly manage a team. Most are very good at component, assembly, or sub-system design and development, but fail when made responsible for the overall system. That said, the aerospace industry does have its share of Mike Gascoynes.

Most spacecraft are prototypes differing primarily in the payload they host, which is the part the scientists are most interested in. Consequently, experienced spacecraft engineers are good at those aspects of the spacecraft that scientists are not, and vice versa.

Motorsports is not immune from suffering the effects of differing engineering views of the project. Honda's earliest turbocharged engines had great power but lacked 'driveability'. The Can-Am Porsche 917-10 was similarly afflicted in its early incarnations. Only when the Williams personnel stepped

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Not all engineers will make great spacecraft designers say the scientists

across the engine-to-chassis interface and applied themselves to the engine did the team realise success. It is interesting to note that in winning FI teams, the engine supplier is now integrally involved in chassis development.

While the top Formula I teams possess the aptitude, spacecraft are fundamentally a different engineering problem to a racecar, being unmanned and commanded remotely. The only view of their performance is through telemetry. They are deployed and never recovered for post mission analysis and their lifespan is very long. They must survive the vibrations of the launch event and operate in temperature extremes that make Formula 1's 'hostile environments' look very inviting. Such environments

would kill terrestrial electronics in a very short time. And their development budgets are small in comparison to all but Minardis.

The motorsports community undoubtedly has expertise obtained over many years, derived from building thousands of examples, that can be of benefit when applied to the manufacture of spacecraft. However, asserting that the motorsports industry could do or would have done a better job as the prime contractor in a spacecraft development effort is as naïve as stating that the major aerospace concerns could build a successful Fi car. Say, didn't Matra try that some time ago?

Rod Colen Reston, Virginia, USA

#### Digital age

I have an enquiry about your new digital format. Will this service include versions of back issues published before the launch issue or is this going to be as far back as they will go?

#### Matthew Parker, by email

Unfortunately we can't generate issues retrospectively, so the December issue will be the first one available in digital format. However, from now on, subscribers will be able to create their own digital archive which is compact, portable and searcheable. If, however, there are features from past issues you are particularly interested in, and which are no longer available from our back issues department, let us know and we may be able to generate an electronic version of just that feature - Ed

#### Back issue index

It would be very helpful if you had an index/table of contents for your back issues for sale. I saw one issue on your back issues page that mentioned kart design, but I have no idea what the scope of the article is or if it really would be of sufficient interest to warrant ordering the issue.

#### Bill Martin California USA

Thank you for your suggestion which makes a lot of sense. We are continually developing our website and that could be a good future addition — Ed



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# Taking the lead

The SAE held its biannual motorsport engineering conference among some prestigious company and the result was enthralling



or 2004, the Society of Automotive
Engineers' Motorsport Engineering
Conference returned to its traditional
home, Dearborn, Michigan, USA after
visiting Indianapolis in 2002. And with the move
it brought an array of big guns to speak to the
assembled company. The theme of the
conference was Change for Relevance and the
keynote address on Tuesday morning was given
by Max Mosley, president of the FIA.

He talked of facing the challenges presented by safety and also of rising costs and the pattern of boom and bust that it inevitably brings. Mosley observed that NASCAR had broken that pattern and went on to present four strategies to be applied to Formula 1, Touring cars, GT racing and World Rally respectively to control costs and ensure their stability in the future.

He then took his seat for the business panel alongside Tony George of Indianapolis Motor

Speedway, Tom Crompton of the NHRA, Mike Helton of NASCAR and Steve Johnson of the SCCA. What transpired from this session was, not so much the differences between these diverse arenas of motorsport, but the similarity in the challenges all five faced. One felt there

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were contacts made between them that day that would be maintained to their mutual benefit for as long as they held office.

#### **Brawn's method for success**

However, for all the gravity they brought to the event and the relevance of their insight, most attendees were eagerly anticipating the meat of the conference with some hardcore engineering. Perhaps the biggest draw on this front over the three days was understandably Ross Brawn, the technical director who has presided over Ferrari's phenomenal success of recent seasons. Opening his presentation on the Keys to Ferrari's Formula I Racing Success he was bullish about a need for direction in Formula I by stating that, 'FI should identify what its attraction is'. He asked whether budgets are controlled by the objective or the money available and said an FI team needed to be able to do a respectable job



Left: (from the left) Paul Pfanner, Racer magazine; Duane Tiede, SAE; Steve Johnson, SCCA; Mike Helton, NASCAR; Max Mosley, FIA; Herb Fischel, Business of Motorsports; Tony George, Indianapolis Motors Speedway Corp and Tom Compton, NHRA. Above: award winners Klaus Böttcher, Bosch; Markus Krug, BMW Motorsport; Ross Brawn, Scuderia Ferrari and Doug Louth, Pratt & Miller Engineering. Below: the conference presented to a knowledgeable and appreciative audience



for \$20 million. He also referred to the Concorde Agreement as a ball and chain.

His insight into Ferrari's competitive edge was even more enlightening. According to Brawn there are three main ingredients, budget, technology and people. He insists that the team's income only stems from sponsors and Ferrari's own marketing budget and claims no money comes from parent company Fiat. One ray of hope he gave other team principals, though, was that while Ferrari had enjoyed a period of growth, he said that it had now reached the limit and they are now looking at ways of getting greater value. Brawn put great store on the team's technical partnerships. In particular he said the team had lost its paranoia about working with other companies and he highlighted the relationship with Bridgestone that he described as now being, 'a totally open partnership' with a free transfer of information.

Crucially he explained how the team capitalises on its human resources by encouraging a 'no blame culture' within Maranello. 'If something goes wrong, there's a reason for it,' he observed and explained how during pit stops, perhaps one of the activities most vulnerable to human error in FI, Ferrari has three stages of failure. As he said, 'to err is human' and he closed with the team's motto TEAM standing for Together Everyone Achieves More.

Other speakers during this session included

IN HIS VIEW THE RESULTANT RISE IN REVS WILL OFFSET MUCH OF THE POWER LOSS

Doug Louth of Pratt & Miller Engineering, Markus Krug of BMW Motorsport and Klaus Böttcher of Bosch. Louth talked about the strides the team had made in conjunction with GM in vehicle dynamics optimisation on the Corvette C5R. He recounted the simulation techniques that had been employed and the contribution they had made to the car's competitiveness. Krug related the challenges of developing hand controls for Alex Zanardi's return to racing in an ETCC BMW and Böttcher gave an insight into the development of direct injection for the Audi R8 sportscar.

#### **Engine melt down**

A lively discussion came out of the Engine and Drivetrain Panel session with ex-Cosworth and TWR engine man Geoff Goddard doing duty as moderator. Again the subject of effective cost reduction reared its head, a subject looming large in panel member Charlie Whiting's life at the moment as the FIA's F1 technical delegate. He pointed out how the one engine per weekend rule had already brought down costs as well as reducing engine failures during the race. Fellow panelist Ross Brawn elaborated on the challenges of achieving this and revealed that repeated heat cycling was causing problems on the forthcoming two-race engines.

Goddard added his thoughts on the proposed reduction to 2.4-litre V8s for Formula 1 engines pointing out that any assumption it will produce a corresponding reduction in power, 'doesn't take into account harmonic vibration of crankshafts.' In his view the resultant rise in revs will offset much of the power loss. He also dropped some tantalising figures into the conversation including 140 per cent volumetric efficiency on the best race engines and cylinder pressure monitoring technology measuring in one tenth of a degree steps at 19,000rpm.

From here on it was into the papers proper and the dilemma for attendees of which presentations to sit in on when there are up to four on the go at once. On this occasion the FIA's Hubert Gramling's paper on 'Testing of Car Launching by Nosecone Wheel Contact' coincided with Joseph Katz on 'Aerodynamics of Race-Car Lift-Off'. Surely frustrating for anyone with an interest in this field. Papers that had people talking included 'Spec Race Engine Preparation Techniques' in which Rudolf H Stanglmaier of Colorado State University proposed ways that extra performance could be extracted from controlled formula engines. After he closed, Geoff Goddard then added a few more suggestions of his own.

For those with any energy left, there was a lively historical session in the evening. Ex-Lotus man Peter Wright, now a technical consultant to the FIA and Racecar Engineering recalled

#### **SAE Motorsport Engineering Conference**



The range of subjects addressed was very broad and attendees were often presented with a dilemma over which presentations to sit in on when interesting subjects clashed

the changes in Formula I throughout his four decades of involvement. He was followed by Peter E Bryant on his career from a Lotus mechanic to CanAm racecar designer.

#### **Crash-test dummies**

Safety is always the easy option for a conference such as this, being one of the few areas of motorsport people are willing to talk openly about. So it is in the organisers interests to exert some restraint on the subject to prevent the event metamorphosing into a safety conference. In this the SAE was successful and focused most of the interest on a Safety Panel on the Tuesday morning.

John W Melvin of Tandelta highlighted the importance of crash data recorders in analysing accidents citing readings as high as 140G in a 60mph IRL accident. Shoulders and hips, he said, are the critical load paths to support the body without injury and pointed out the problem of using standard crash test dummies that are not designed with shoulders.

Gary Nelson of NASCAR triggered gasps around the room with his high-speed video shot inside a stock car pitched into a roll for research purposes. The crash-test dummy in the drivers seat moved in ways that most watching would never have imagined including its feet appearing

above the dash board.

Following an intensive first day, things settled a bit but did not slow down at all. The range was also undiminished. Daniel Metz' paper on Engineering of a Bonneville Land Speed Streamliner brought an enlightening counterintuitive approach to racecar design. He

# CIRCUIT BOARDS CONTAINING A COPPER SANDWICH THAT ACTS AS A HEAT SINK

advocated high polar moment of inertia, narrow track and a high mass in preference to drag inducing aerodynamic downforce.

Andreas Pechlaner of Infinion Technologies gave an insight into the challenges of creating a new electronic management unit for the Ferrari Formula I car. The biggest headache was heat build up in the unit generated in the chips and, because of the compact design, being unable to be dispersed. Infineon came up with circuit boards containing a copper sandwich that acts

as a heat sink conducting heat away from the critical components.

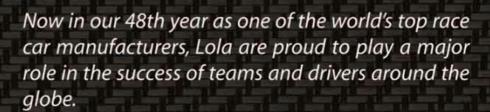
Thursday's vehicle panel was well attended and once again the question of where motorsport technology should be going was raised again. As Peter Wright put it, 'motorsport is facing an identity crisis,' and there was much deliberation on how much technology should be in a racecar. David R McLellan discussed the concept of 'dumbing down chassis' while Dr Wolfgang Ullrich of Audi was unequivocal in his assertion that racecars should be 100 per cent driven by the driver.

The last day finished with a very entertaining pair of presentations in another historical session. Geoff Goddard talked about his time at Cosworth and TWR relating tales of Indy engines that went faster as they reduced the boost and a very standard looking Ford panel van capable of 150mph — how else do you test an XJ220 engine in secret? Road and Track's technical editor Dennis J Simanaitis regaled the assembled company on the tortuous legal wranglings that associated the birth of the aircraft industry.

In a world of compulsive secrecy, the SAE conference is a rare fruit but one well worth catching for its insight and openness. Be there for 2006 wherever it is.

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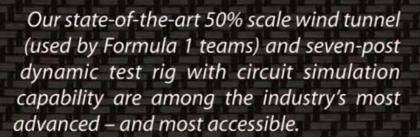






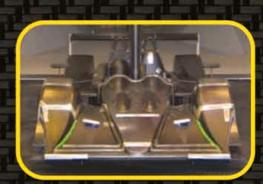
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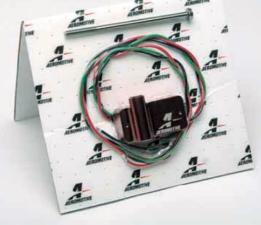
t is true that the Las Vegas-based SEMA show concentrates on street performance parts and accessories. However, the fact that the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) has its own Motorsport Parts Manufacturers' Council, and that the MIA runs a mission to the event indicates its relevance to the racing industry, too.

It should also be pointed out that this year's show saw Jim Cozzie appointed SEMA Person of the Year. Cozzie is vice president of sales for B&M Racing & Performance Products, supplier of precision sport shifters and transmission coolers to the motorsport industry. Another relevant prize was that of the Best New Performance-Racing Product award which went to Aeromotive

for its carburettor float bowl sensor, with JSC Engineering and SCE Gaskets taking runner-up positions in this category.

#### Manufacturer debuts

The vehicle manufacturers take SEMA very seriously, and not just to show off their concept cars either. Pontiac announced that, following its success powering Daytona prototypes this year, it would be expanding its motorsports programme in 2005. Two production-based GTO cars are to join the Grand American Series midseason. The company claims it will be the first to produce cars to meet the new GT regulations, the stock-bodied racers being based around its 6.0-litre LS2 small block V8 engine. Safety



Best performance product: Aeromotive carb float bowl sensor



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One of the success stories of 2004 was B&M Racing



Jim Cozzie, VP of B&M was SEMA's person of the year 2004



Ford announced its exciting new '05 competition programme



NASCAR Tech Institute chief Dennis Hendrix (centre)



New Pontiac GTO is set to join GrandAm series mid-2005

features developed in the Corvette C5-R and Cadillac CTS-V racing programmes are to be incorporated in the GTO, the intention being to eventually offer the car to private teams.

General Motors also announced that its Chevrolet brand is to broaden its Sport Compact drag racing programme with the introduction of the new Cobalt Phase 5 dragster. The demonstration vehicle at SEMA was designed to show racers how they can build their own frontwheel drive Cobalt dragsters using off-the-shelf GM and aftermarket parts.

Sport Compact drag racing was additionally in the news with the announcement by A&A Performance Motor Sports of New York of what was described as the first ever professional rearwheel drive Dodge intended for this category. The car's Stratus body covers a Pro Stock tub chassis built by Unorthodox Chassis & Fabrication and a Chrysler 3.2-litre V6 running on methanol, with airflow provided by twin Garrett turbochargers. Also featured is a

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purpose-built, multispeed, planetary-style transmission designed and built by the Californian company Pro-Trans.

Ford was the featured manufacturer this year and its 2005 Mustang the featured car. Dan Davis, director of Ford Racing Technology announced plans to continue its

presence on the racetrack with a new performance parts and competition programme. A race version of the car was unveiled at the show, its colour scheme aping the orange and black livery of the legendary Parnelli Jones Boss 302 Trans Am cars. Ford Performance Parts is to offer everything from a 'body in white' for the DIY racecar builder up to a ready-to-race vehicle. The first offering from the competition programme is a road racing-spec Mustang powered by a 5.0-litre Cammer V8. For the drag racer, Ford is investigating the availability of a rolling, race-prepared chassis that can be built up using its performance parts catalogue.

Ford Racing also introduced two new screwtype supercharger 'swap' kits and announced that its crate engines are to be sold with a 12month/12,000 mile limited warranty.

#### Where road meets track

For some, the fact that SEMA is where road meets track is seen as an opportunity. Cooper Tires, for example, used the event to point out to the USA that its tyres are to be used for the AI GP series. Cosworth Racing may have been for sale at the time of the show but it reckoned its

stand to be busier than ever this year. Of particular interest was its new d-Power range of performance upgrades for the Ford Duratec engine. Another company once part of the Ford empire, Visteon, was leveraging the experience of C&R Racing, which fabricates radiators for NASCAR, to introduce a line of Racing Radiators that can be used for street use as well as racing. Hand-fabricated from die cut, aircraft quality, polished aluminium tanks and with engineered racing cores, these radiators come complete with attached electric cooling fans.

#### Re-inventing the wheel

First time visitor Paul Webb, autosport product specialist at Deutsch Industrial, pointed out that pure racing technology is still too complicated, and thus expensive, for the average SEMA customer. However, he also added how basic the PRI show was five years ago, predicting that 'a harness house with vision' might well take stand space at SEMA in a few years time

It might be a sign of the times in the USA, or it may be just coincidence, but virtually all the racecars on display at SEMA and at the adjacent AAPEX (Automotive Aftermarket Products Expo) were closed cockpit. The open wheeler racecars, from IRL to midgets, seemed to have disappeared

almost entirely from the show.

Demon Tweeks' John Minshaw also commented that there is no longer anything new to be found at these events. However, there were those among the first time visitors who disagreed and, with around 1100 products said to be have been premiered at the show this year, perhaps they were right — although even SEMA itself talks about re-inventing the wheel.

There was certainly new product if you looked carefully. Mechanix Wear, for example, unveiled a new racing mechanics glove, the Garage Camo. While this had more to do with graphics and less to do with innovation, the company also introduced a new lighted glove that features a 10,000 lumen light built into the index finger knuckle area of the design.

SEMA claims that, in terms of numbers through the door, 2004 was the most successful in the show's 38-year history with, at the time of writing, an attendance expected to top the 2003 figure of 105,000 industry professionals.

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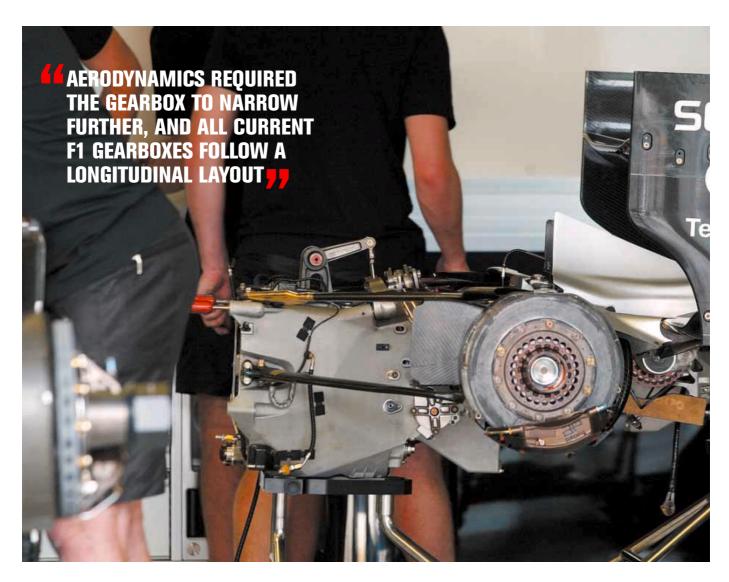
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# F1 transmission trends F1 gearbox developments over the

past decade have been as spectacular as engine developments, only less talked about. Racecar looks at the latest trends

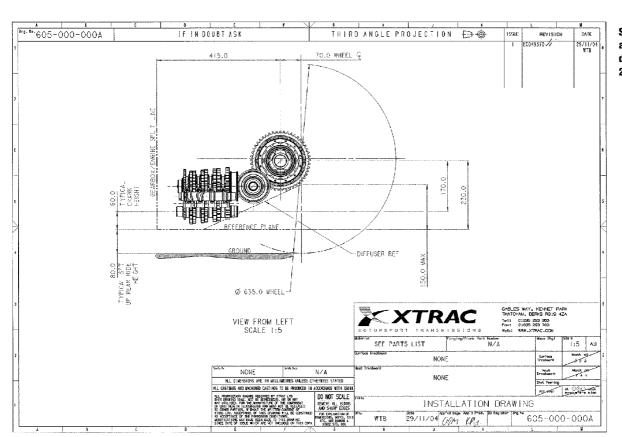
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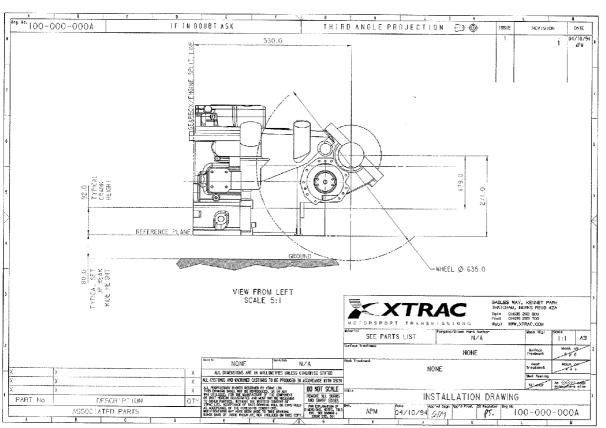
t has been said that the only time a gearbox gets noticed is when it breaks. This does a great disservice to the high-quality engineering that goes into modern racing transmissions, and especially so in Formula 1. Here, engine outputs have climbed back up to almost 1000bhp under the prevailing rules of 2004/05, and yet the gearboxes are smaller, lighter and more efficient than ever, contributing significantly to the cars' performance enhancement.

This progress has been driven by various factors, including: regulation changes; aerodynamics; the quest for weight saving and optimum weight distribution; better detail packaging; and more efficient operation. And the principal facilitators to progress include better materials, improved design and manufacturing technology and, let's not forget, good old-fashioned ingenuity.

To chart some milestones during the past decade or so we spoke to



Some constraints and typical dimensions on a 2004 F1 gearbox



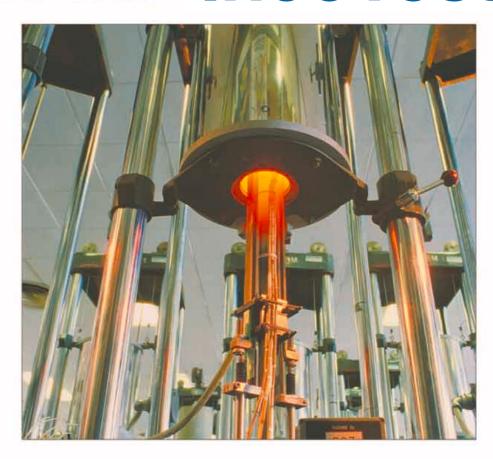
Installation
drawing of a
1995 F1 gearbox
- the dimensions
make an
interesting
comparison with
current models

Adrian Moore at Xtrac Ltd, the renowned Berkshire, UK, racing transmission specialist that has been heavily involved in FI since the late 1980s. After four years as a design engineer at Xtrac from 1992-96, Moore then spent a year at Ferrari, followed by two years at McLaren ('97 and '98, including design work on the '99 car), after which he returned to the Xtrac fold where he became technical director in 2002. With that history, there can be few people better placed to be our guide.

#### Layout and packaging

'Nowadays,' says Moore, 'the gearbox is just an inconvenience to the aerodynamics guys, and slightly less so for the suspension guys'. But the regulations also delineate the space the gearbox must occupy. The reference plane (the plane defining the minimum height for any component except the wheels and tyres) dictates the bottom of the gearbox. 'The distance from the reference plane to the engine  $\rightarrow$ 

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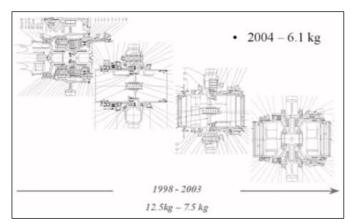








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Progressions in Formula 1 differential development between 1998 and 2004

crankshaft is critical. In the mid-'90s that was typically around 90mm. Now it is typically a bit less than 60mm. The 'box layout has had to change in response to this.' Moore continued: 'at the rear the diffuser delineates the space the gearbox occupies too, and since the suspension avoids the diffuser, and the suspension attaches to the 'box, this also defines the 'envelope' the 'box must fit. So the space is very confined. Of course aerodynamicists would prefer not to have a gearbox at all!'

The fundamental configuration of the gearbox has also changed considerably. In the early to mid-'90s there was a mix of transverse and longitudinal layouts — the former being wider but

shorter. But post-1994 the 'stepped bottom' rule was invoked to reduce downforce levels by raising the minimum height of the outer sections of the floor. This meant that transverse layouts required drop gears to transfer drive to the wider-spaced internals above the step. The alternative was to use a longitudinal layout such as Xtrac's own F1 design of 1995. However, aerodynamics required the gearbox to narrow further, and all current F1 gearboxes follow a longitudinal layout.

The F<sub>I</sub> layout locates the gear cluster ahead of the final drive, so ratio swaps can only be done by removing the 'box from the engine. But with simulations and track testing, ratio swaps in F<sub>I</sub> (at race meetings at least) are now rare, so this in itself is only a minor inconvenience.

Clutch diameters, too, have shrunk in recent years. 'Around 1997 they were down to 4.5in (114.3mm),' recalled Adrian Moore, 'and now typically they're 4in (101.6mm). Recently with launch control disappearing and manual starts returning, although clutches have remained the same diameter to keep [rotational] inertia down, the number of plates has increased. This is because the driver is less efficient than an electronic control system using the clutch, and the start is where the clutch is given the hardest time.

'We have seen different clutch locations too,' continued Moore. 'For example, it could either be traditionally positioned on the engine, or in the 'box in an attempt to reduce stress on the engine crank and bearings. Either way it requires space, and this has usually been in the front of the gearbox. There have also been attempts to locate it at the rear, to improve weight distribution by moving the gear cluster forward, but this tends to be a slightly heavier solution because of the length of clutch shaft.'

#### Weighty issues

On the topic of weight, Adrian Moore reported that 'in 1995 several FI teams adopted Xtrac's longitudinal transmission (its '95/'96 'box was the last entire FI gearbox made by Xtrac). This weighed about 54kg including

the bellhousing (that contained the engine oil then), the hydraulic hoses and the suspension. In 1998 typical weights including the hydraulics and suspension were in the range 43-45kg, although engine oil tanks had been relocated in front of the engine, accounting for some of the weight saving. Currently a typical transmission weighs around 40kg or less, including the gear change system and the hydraulics and suspension. For comparison a typical sportscar gearbox weighs 70-80kg.'

Weight reductions have come from three areas: reduced dimensions, lighter casings and lighter internals. Dimensional changes were possible thanks in part to reductions in the size of internals, and this enabled reductions in overall dimensions of the casings. Adrian Moore's figures for the last decade show gearbox length — from the rear of the engine to the differential centreline — has reduced dramatically from around 500mm (19.7in) to around 400mm (15.7in). Clearly this factor alone has contributed

significantly to weight reductions.

But materials too have played a considerable role. Moore continued: 'in 1995 casings were usually made in RZ5 sand cast magnesium, weighing at least 14kg including the bellhousing. Nobody uses magnesium now, and current options include precision cast aluminium, investment cast aluminium or titanium, or carbon fibre reinforced plastic (CFRP) [as successfully employed by BAR in 2004, profiled in Racecar V14N9]. And Ferrari utilised fabricated titanium and even steel from the mid to late '90s.

'Precision sand casting can get the wall thickness down to 3mm typically, but investment casting can go much thinner. This enabled metallic casing weights to reduce to around 10-

IIkg, but a carbon casing is probably around 8.5kg. John Barnard was influential on the use of these materials, and the '95 and '96 Ferraris used carbon bellhousing and suspension mounts on a fabricated titanium 'box.

'JB made everyone think about carbon casings but, interestingly, it hasn't usually been the front teams that have innovated, which says something about attitude to risk. It was the 1998 Stewart SFo2 [under Alan Jenkins] that first ran with a carbon casing and, although they

CAD view of a 2003 F1 differential

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A 22:26 gear ratio set from the early 1990s, in carburised re-melted steel



Same ratio again, but 2004 - lighter, smaller and with a new surface finish

originally had manufacturing problems, they solved them successfully. JB's first carbon case ran in the Arrows A19 that same year. And it was Minardi that first ran an investment cast titanium casing in 1999.

'The main reason for abandoning aluminium and magnesium is that these metals do not have good mechanical properties, in particular stiffness at temperature. That is the big gain with carbon. Its specific stiffness is six times higher than that of magnesium at room temperature, and much better still at high temperature. And if the gearbox can run at higher temperature then the cooler can be smaller, offering an

aerodynamic benefit. A secondary benefit is that aluminium and magnesium are essentially not repairable because of the heat treatment they require when they're originally manufactured. Titanium can be repaired, as can carbon.'

One of the larger internal assemblies is the differential, which has seen not only changes in operation principles in the last decade, but





Same gear ratio set once again, but this time a typical sportscar gear set

also substantial weight savings. Adrian Moore: 'Pre mid-'90s most teams used the plate-type 'Salisbury' limited slip differential, although there was some dabbling with hydraulic pump diffs. In the mid-'gos the viscous differential probably became universal, mostly made by Xtrac around 1996. Being speed sensitive made them good for reducing wheelspin, but they were far from optimum. Since then everyone has gone to hydraulically-controlled active differentials, and the rules are pretty free now, except there can be no torque biasing for a steer effect [as is allowed by the regulations in World Rally Cars, for example].'

On size and weight though there has been tremendous progress through improvements in design and manufacture. In the case of the diff this has enabled a 12.5kg item in 1998 to slim to less than half that at just over 6kg in 2004. Adrian Moore: 'in that time the basic functionality has stayed similar, but attention to detail has enabled the diff to be made much narrower especially. This allowed ->

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longer driveshafts, which have less angularity, and that's more efficient. In dimensional terms, since the mid-'90s the distance between the output joint faces has gone down from about 225mm to around 90mm now, which represents a big gain in aerodynamics and mass location.'

#### Improved design and manufacture

The improvements on the final drive and diff unit sound particularly impressive. The crown wheel gear is a heavy item, but by applying extensive knowledge of gear tooth design, and using leading edge technology, such as full form tooth grinding in manufacture, and

inspection too, significant weight savings have been possible. And this same detailed approach has been applied to all the other gears in the transmission.

It's not all about computer-aided analysis tools either, although finite element analysis (FEA) is extensively used to better understand the loads each part must tolerate. Improvements in manufacturing technology also allow parts to be made to the shape and precision that analysis methods indicate. For example, one of the operations that has improved is the so-called 'hard machining' of heat-treated parts. Traditionally a part would be machined, then heat treated, then finally

ground to shape and size. Now it is possible to carburise and then sparkor wire-erode, or even use milling or turning to machine a heat-treated part down to the optimum material thickness, allowing ever finer precision.

#### **Modelling and materials**

Xtrac also employs what it calls its 'foursquare rig', a piece of equipment analogous to a scale model wind tunnel, but instead the foursquare rig tests model gears. Pairs of very small gears are run to failure, and because they reach that point much sooner than full size versions it enables the study of certain gear characteristics to be rapidly accelerated. Using this rig Xtrac has gained valuable information on materials, heat treatments

and surface finishes, which has added to the company's database for application particularly to Fi.

Xtrac has always manufactured loaded gears from in-house developed carburised vacuum re-melted steel — typically aerospace grade or better — which is ultrasonically tested to ensure its quality. A recent development is steel with increased core hardness for improved strength, enabling smaller, lighter gears to be made. One of the crucial qualities required of motorsport gearbox internals is what Adrian Moore refers to as 'impact resistance', or the ability to deal with shock loadings encountered when striking kerbs, enduring standing starts or from

accident impacts. Xtrac believes this requirement makes motorsport unique in the field of transmission technology, hence the attention to materials quality.

Nevertheless, by optimising 'safety factors' it has proven possible to push design limits while retaining astonishing reliability, leading to dimensional and weight reductions of many internal components. And changes of material or surface finish can be invoked to influence fatigue life and further 'tune' safety factors. Thus, for example, taller gear ratio sets can be made narrower and yet achieve the same safety factor as the short ratios, enabling

reductions in gear widths. A gear that was 14.5mm wide pre-1995 was reduced to 12.5mm during the late '90s. Remarkably, in 2005 that same ratio has been reduced to just 9mm!

Thus, although the layout of the gear cluster remains essentially unaltered since the mid-'90s, everything is smaller in detail, making a more compact, lighter package that remains reliable.

#### **Evolving dogs**

And it's not just gears that have been subjected to detail optimisation, as a glance at the selector forks and dog engagement rings shown at the top of this page reveals. In 1995 an example F1 selector fork and dog ring set weighed 324g (11.40z). Now those components weigh just 195g (6.90z)

IMPROVEMENTS IN MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY ALSO ALLOW PARTS TO BE MADE TO THE SHAPE AND PRECISION THAT ANALYSIS METHODS INDICATE?

and their performance has been continually improved along the way.

There have been evolutionary steps in dog ring design. In the early to mid-'90s the 'internal dog ring' appeared (another John Barnard invention), the dogs protruding inwards from the inner rim of the ring. This enabled significant narrowing of the rings, and a reduction in the overall length of the gear cluster. These rings were also slightly lighter than the earlier conventional type with the dogs on the ring face, but were not as robust or durable and hence carried an element of risk.

The next evolution incorporated a web between the internal dogs, these slimming down very slightly again. But current F1 dog rings are jewel-like in comparison, looking impossibly fragile.

Selector fork design has also benefited from detailed analysis – a current fork weighs 97.2g (3.420z) compared to 199.6g (7.040z) in the mid-  $^{\prime}$ 90s. The material is exactly the same in this case, but removal of redundant metal has reduced weight by over 50 per cent.

#### **Miscellaneous modifications**

There has been a raft of other changes in the past decade, too, some relating to performance and operation, others imposed by new regulations. Adrian Moore: 'Oil systems were pretty basic in the mid-'90s, with oil/air coolers sitting on the top of the 'box. Now, oil/water coolers are plumbed into the engine system with the cooler in the sidepod. In the

early '90s there were simple oil pumps but, by the mid '90s, these became multiple stage scavenge systems. Now we're back to one or two-stage pumps, analysis enabling a better understanding on where to scavenge.

'Oils have also improved, allowing higher temperature running which, combined with developments in casing and other materials and bearings, means we see much higher 'box temperatures now, again allowing for smaller coolers. A couple of teams in the past have tried combining the

engine and gearbox oil systems, but there's a compromise on the oil, filtration is more complex, and it's a difficult route to find a small benefit.'

Rear crash structures mandated in 1997 affected the width of the rear of the gearbox and its structural design. Wheel tether loads also have to be withstood now. And internally bearings have changed. 'Mid-'90s bearings came off the shelf from SKF, Timken etc.' recalled Moore. 'Plus there were a few 'specials'. Now there are specialist companies, including Xtrac, who design and make specific racing bearings. There have been two main design steps: first to angular contact bearings, then to ceramic hybrid bearings. Basically they allow smaller bearings with better load characteristics and the potential for higher temperature operation.'

#### Shift changes

Sequential shift gearboxes have been universal in F1 since around 1993, with 'assisted changes' on every car since 1995, and despite various evolutions the operation principles have remained similar. Adrian Moore revealed a little-known aspect of this development: 'John Barnard introduced the first semi-automatic shift [that raced in F1] on the 1989/'90 Ferrari so he didn't have to package a gear linkage!' Then it was realised there was also a performance advantage...

'The mechanics and control systems for a semi-automatic shift require massive development,' continued Moore, 'plus great emphasis on manufacturing technology to produce, for example, the requisite dog tooth undercut, which has extremely tight tolerances. There have also been various types of actuator, such as the linear type driving a ratchet, or the proportional control rotary actuator. The ratchet type [as used on motorbikes] is probably more reliable, and doesn't need redundant sensors because it has an inherent mechanical failsafe mode.'

#### The future

**OILS HAVE ALSO** 

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There may be an impending revolution as pre-selector systems begin to appear. For example, twin-clutch systems already exist, although Adrian Moore declined to indicate if they have ever raced. 'There are a lot of control systems problems to solve, and they're mechanically complex and heavier' commented Moore. Racecar Engineering has already reported on the 'ZeroShift' system (V14N2), which offers minimal fluctuations in torque delivery as gear changes occur. No F1 teams had taken up this particular system at the time (February 2004), although the advantage that it, and well set up pre-selector systems, could offer is faster acceleration through minimally interrupted power delivery.

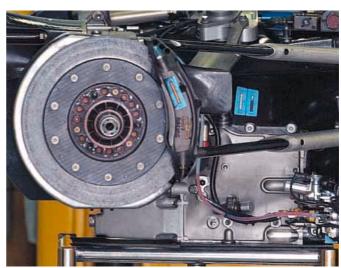
Not surprisingly Xtrac has its own development along these lines. Known in-house as the 'Post Box', or 'Post gear change de-selection gearBox' to give it its full title. Its principle of operation allows, for example, when driving in third gear, fourth gear to be selected without deselecting third gear. The system reduces the time out of gear, as do the pre-selector systems mentioned above, but without the need for twin clutches or extra gear shafts. The system has been 'car tested though not raced' and is aimed at WRC and Fi. Watch this space...

It may be a matter of interpretation as to what type of 'pre-selector' gearboxes meet current F1 rules, or, as Adrian Moore put it, 'their use requires liberal interpretation of the regulations — only Charlie Whiting

can tell you if they are legal or not!' The use of alternative gearbox principles might require similar 'clarifications'. For example, constantly variable transmission (CVT) has been deemed outside the regulations. Adrian Moore speculated on whether toroidal transmissions like the Torotrak and Perbury systems, which are also technically CVTs, might be a better technical solution than current operation principles. 'Perhaps,' he suggested, 'if they operated in a stepped fashion then they would not strictly

speaking be CVTs, although it appears that at the moment the regulations are being interpreted in such a way as to not allow even these solutions. They would certainly improve starts because they have a 'geared neutral', so there would be no clutch, hence there'd be no clutch slip...'

So, transmission developments have pretty much mirrored engine developments in Formula I — the current breed being smaller, lighter and more efficient than a decade ago. And clearly these developments have had an important influence on the cars' performance, too. It may also be that we're about to witness further performance enhancing gearbox developments in the very near future.



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## Chassis analysis

Having produced outstanding handling road and racecars for 50 years, Lotus chassis technology is now available in a simple-to-use software package aimed at motorsport engineers

Words	Charles Clarke
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f you've ever had the opportunity to drive a Lotus, you understand what world-class ride and handling is all about. Lotus has always delivered an exhilarating driving experience, but it hasn't always been perfect. The original Lotus Elan was the best handling car there was at the time in the dry, but in the wet it was a nightmare. Most models have had their foibles over the years, but Lotus Engineering has continued to hone their chassis and suspension skills, aided and abetted by improving dynamics

knowledge and software. So much so that the current breed of Lotuses — the Elise IIIR and the new Exige are, quite simply, superb driving cars.

Such is my affliction with the marque that I also had a MkI Elise, which was a real disappointment — not in the ride and handling department, but in the overall completeness of the project — which probably goes to prove that you shouldn't buy a MkI of anything. But six years on, all the annoying MkI wrinkles have been well and truly smoothed out — the build is

much better, the amenity is much improved, you still can't see much behind you, but hey, these cars are meant for going forwards (and sideways). The new, racier Exige is shod in standard trim with almost slick Yokohama tyres and the effect is nothing short of stunning — it's a true racecar for the road.

There is substantial aerodynamic downforce which, when coupled with the sticky tyres and significant mechanical grip from a highly tuned chassis and suspension system, makes the Exige



feel like it's on rails. Lotus kindly let me thrash one round its test track and you really have to be acting the hooligan to get it to step out, let alone do anything more dramatic.

The highly tuned chassis and suspension packages exhibited by these cars come from superior software tools and good old fashioned Lotus know-how. And the good news is that these are now available on the open market in the form of LSA (Lotus Engineering Suspension Analysis). This is the commercial version of some Lotus Engineering internal software that has been under development for 15 years.

The quality of this development has gone hand in hand with the quality of the physical development, which is there for all the world to see in the Elise IIIR and Exige. And just as you can buy the state-of-the-art in a physical sense, you can now buy it in a virtual sense, too.

#### **Lotus know-how**

LSA is the encapsulation of Lotus Engineering suspension know-how in software form. It provides an easy-to-use tool for the design and analysis of suspension geometry. Standard suspension types using individual default prefilled templates provide fast creation of kinematic models, in either 2D or 3D modes. The template type defines how the suspension is connected to the vehicle.

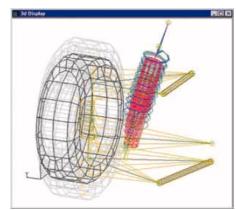
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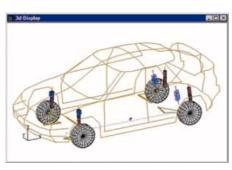
Macpherson struts, trailing arms, semi-trailing arms, pull rod and push rod damper actuation and 'A' and 'H'-frame configurations. You can also create and distribute your own specific templates and, even with no previous suspension design knowledge, you can be looking at something halfway decent in as little as 10 minutes.

Interestingly, steering type also includes steering box, which speaks volumes with regard to the origins of early versions of this software.

When you select particular templates you are presented with a wire frame representation of the suspension in a 3D environment. The graphical representation of the wheel is just that and, from a kinematic point of view, the tyre is assumed to be rigid. In terms of kinematics the contact of the tyre is a point not a patch. When you get into compliance modelling, forces can be



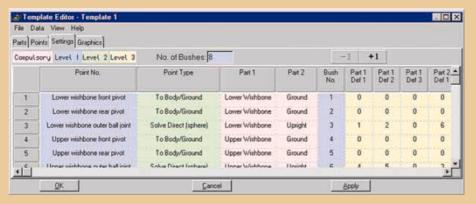
Standard templates include all common suspension types



Here, a traditional Macpherson strut and trailing arm set-up

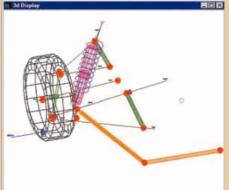
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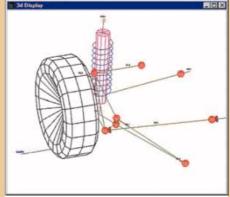
If you go for a shaded image display, the whole experience slows down, but in wire frame changes are instantaneous. The software

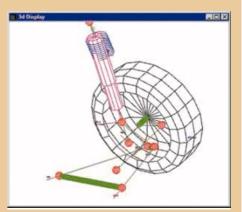


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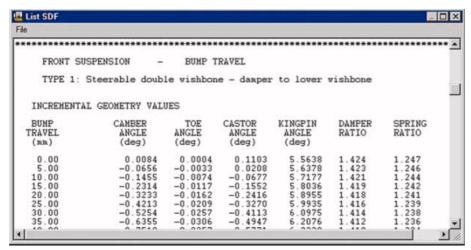
Choosing a pre-set suspension template allows for fast creation of kinematic models, or you can create your own set-up



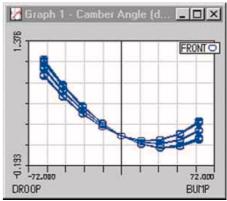




Shown here are three of the templates built into the programme that allow users to start work on analysis immediately. Template type defines how suspension is attached to the vehicle



All the significant kinematic suspension parameters are included in the package and can be altered incrementally



allows you to work on one corner of the suspension or two but generally most users prefer to concentrate on a single corner analysis at any one time.

The hard points are defined in a global (automotive) coordinate system, while bushes are orientated into a local coordinate system. The hard points of the template are just a list of coordinates. If you select 'change coordinates' you can modify the default values and the model changes. There is also a facility called 'joggle' which allows you to step through changes for particular coordinates — these changes can be sent to 'fine' or 'coarse'.

The suspension hard points coordinates can be picked on screen and edited to review changes to the suspension characteristics. Points can be moved interactively by on-screen dragging in 3D or by constraining the dragging along one or more axes. The beauty of this kind of manipulation is that the results are updated as you make the changes.

Where geometric relationships are fixed, points can be moved as a group, such that the dimensional relationship of an item such as a wishbone can be maintained. There is also a mode called 'tolerance analysis' where the effect of point tolerance on the calculated suspension derivatives can be evaluated and displayed through the same interactive environment. You simply select the point and specify the desired tolerance.

You can also do 'point limits', which is a way of putting a box round each point, so that if a particular motorsport regulation specifies that hard points should be within a certain envelope, you can define that envelope in the system. As you subsequently modify the suspension the system won't let you violate the pre-set regulations. If you wanted to know the effect of moving a point within a box on say, toe angle, if you select 'solve', 'point tolerance analysis' and select the point, you get the complete spread of toe and castor of moving the point within the box. So you can readily identify where you have

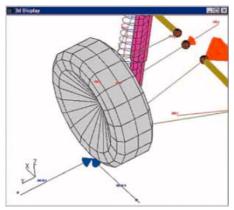
RESULTS ARE PRESENTED AS A SERIES OF CURVES WHICH SHOW HOW THE SUSPENSION GEOMETRY CHANGES WITH THE VARIATION OF A PARTICULAR ELEMENT

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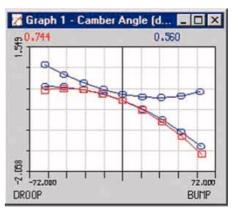
In some cases, particularly in motorsport, an existing part must be maintained. To do this it is possible to 'retain part lengths' so that when the hard point is moved the suspension is rebuilt, maintaining the geometry of the particular part.

#### **Vehicle animation**

It is also possible to put a body on the suspension so that if you were examining the (suspension) roll mode you could see the animations in the suspension as the vehicle is iterated through a roll sequence. And you can see things like the roll centre and centre of



External forces can also be applied to the suspension set-up



Any number of results curves can be open at once to help understand the consequences of each particular modification

gravity migration. Whilst the suspension is animating you can still make changes and see interactively the effect of the changes you are making on the animation.

All significant kinematic suspension parameters are included in the output, including camber and castor angles, toe, kingpin angle, spring and damper ratios, CofG and roll centre position, brake steer, track change, wheelbase change, percentage anti-squat, percentage antidive and percentage Ackermann. Results are displayed either graphically or numerically over specified bump, rebound, roll and steer articulations. External forces can be applied to the suspension, as well as suspension spring loads, anti-roll bar forces and the influence of steering rack coupling and compliance. Calculations are updated after each design change, together with graphical result displays, so you can see instantly the significance of changes. Results are presented as a series of curves which show how the suspension geometry changes with the variation of a particular element, and you can have as many curves open as you like to examine the consequences of particular modifications.

If you choose a particular characteristic, the graphics illustrates the directions of freedom and you can drag the geometry with your mouse in those directions to examine the changes.







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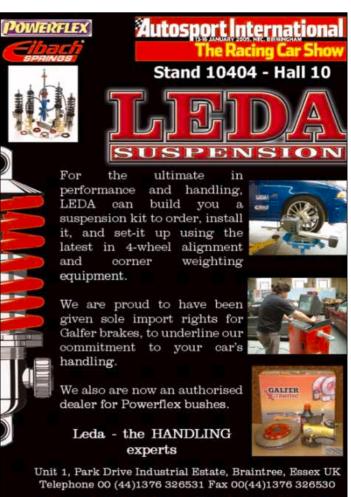
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It is then possible to output graphs or numerical listings of the results, which can then be fed into other software. In the past, users used to write out wheel centre coordinates for people to do wheel envelope type work. Now it is possible to simply list out points so, if you wanted to know the coordinates at a certain position, you just request them. This data can then be cut and pasted into other applications.

#### **Spline and articulation**

While some users like to see results in terms of articulation, others may like to see the output in terms of splines, so there are options to put 'spline fits' to these data — instead of getting the numbers you get equations. Some other handling packages prefer to receive data in spline format.

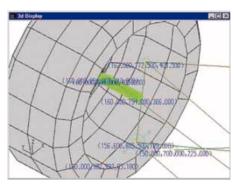
You can also 'target set' with the graphs and specify the required response so that the output you receive as you animate the suspension and move the points is in relation to the target. You can't actually make a change to the graph and have it reflected in the geometry, but the target setting is sensitive enough to enable trends to be readily identified. To get a particular response you can do basic optimisation where you set up a number of runs with geometry varying incrementally until it converges to your desired result.

Factors such as spring forces and roll bars can be turned on and off and rack forces can be linked across the car. It even does 'exotic' roll bars like blades. Basically, as long as you can represent it by mechanism with a stiffness it's possible to model virtually any kind of suspension system.

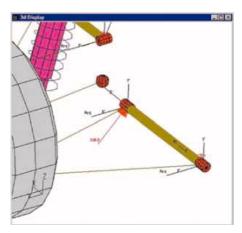
The benefit of having such an interactive approach is the ability to identify trends in the suspension response very quickly. One of the other main uses of the suspension analysis system at Lotus is to train new ride and handling engineers to give them a very quick insight into how changing suspension geometries influence the performance of the vehicle.

#### **Compliancy module**

An optional module is available that allows you to add the stiffness properties of compliant bushes to calculate compliant displacements and bush forces. The software is deliberately structured like this because Lotus felt that many race teams would not be interested in compliance. However, if they are, it is possible to move around the geometry selecting the various bushes to be compliant and then changing the bush properties and orientations to reflect the actual situation. Just like the kinematics module, points can be picked up and dragged around and you can actually manipulate the bush axis to give you a more desirable response. This allows the axis of the bush to be altered and the mechanical reaction to that alteration examined. The rate, position and orientation of the bushes can easily be modified.



Individual points can be manipulated to give desired results



An optional module is available to allow the addition of compliant bushes and their displacement to be calculated

using the same interactive editing environment, to allow effects such as lateral force steer due to compliance to be included in the analysis.

The compliant deformation can be animated either throughout the suspension travel or as a scaled 'deformed geometry' sequence at a particular suspension position. You can also plot the distortion of the bush under the animation to examine whether a particular bush axis would shorten the life of the bush.

#### **Lotus software**

In addition to the defined suspension spring properties, external forces can be defined to review instantly the effects of compliance on suspension geometry and its derivatives. Instant graphical feedback is available with respect to how the system deforms, together with instantaneous numerical updates to the analysis. Any number of forces can be applied to any of the parts and the system recalculates when any of them are moved. It is even possible to apply 'sliders' to the properties of the bush to modify a parameter such as the stiffness of the bush. Moving a slider quickly tunes the suspension to give the required result.

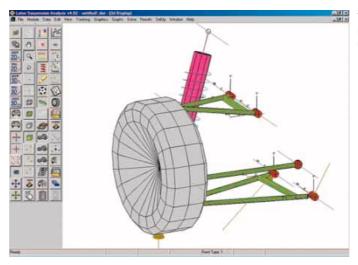
The great thing about this software is that it has the capacity to save you so much basic work — most common suspension configurations are pre-programmed and all you have to do is supply your dimensions and loads and the system is ready for your analysis.

LSA was originally developed at Lotus for its ride and handling engineers. These engineers have been responsible for the vehicle dynamics of many of the world's class-leading passenger cars, Lotus' ride and handling team was integral to the design and development of the LSA software and continues to use the package for in-house and client development projects. The PC-based software has been continually updated and refined to keep abreast of the latest trends in suspension configurations, design techniques and analysis requirements. The current software sits comfortably on an Intel P4 (or equivalent) PC with 512MB of RAM and a reasonable graphics card. The software footprint is small and you don't need any specific solvers for the kinematics and compliance modules as everything is contained in the code.

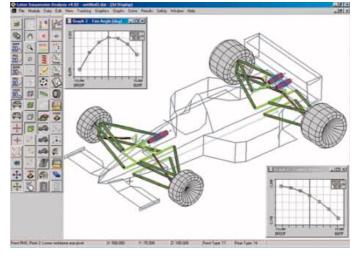
#### **Handling module**

The additional handling module available uses the MSC. Adams solver but is not promoted to the same degree as kinematics for that reason (it is generally seen as more beneficial to existing MSC. Adams users as a pre-processor to Adams). What it can do though is to import data from the Lotus Engineering Suspension Kinematics and Compliance Measurement System (SKCMS) or import data direct from the kinematics module. With a full vehicle suspension modelled in kinematics you can run a 'virtual compliance rig', which replicates what happens on the SKCMS rig. It is then possible to see the load cases being imposed and the lateral force tests. This in turn generates all the data needed for the handling module which models dynamically more tangible vehicle properties such as unsprung mass, track, tyre data etc.

The handling module is particularly suitable for manoeuvre/time based applications as it will produce simulations from one wheel bump to



This example shows the Lotus Elise suspension itself running on LSA



The software is suitable for all racecar types, and adding a body allows users to see animations in the suspension of a vehicle through a roll sequence

the next, road motions, steering motions, step changes, acceleration and breaking type manoeuvres. The vehicle model is driven by splines, populated with kinematics data or data taken from the SKCMS rig.

The SKCMS rig provides accurate measured data of suspension and steering behaviour in response to applied quasi-static forces. These forces approximate those present at the tyre contact patch during cornering, braking or accelerating. Additional forces can be applied at the wheel centre if required. A typical full set of vehicle tests on the SKCMS takes approximately 16 hours to perform.

LSA's interface, with its unique 3D viewing and editing environment and its rapid computational speed, makes it ideal for use by either designers

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or analysts at the concept design stage of a project. Common suspension layouts are preprogrammed into the software, whilst the user-definable template feature enables unique suspension configurations to be constructed. It is fully interactive and, once you have your configuration, you can make comprehensive 'what if' adjustments until you get the performance you're looking for.

Lotus Engineering is targeting LSA at suspension designers and analysts across a wide range of organisations from OEMs to small performance-engineering firms. Many top-flight professional and private motorsports teams are already interested in the software, but are currently reluctant to talk about it. However, several renowned academic institutions including: Cranfield's Motorsport Department; Kingston University, London; University LeMans, France and Kookmin University, Korea already have the software.

LSA is available through a range of flexible licensing options from Lotus Engineering Software (www.lesoft.co.uk), starting from as little as £350 per month up to a perpetual licence price of £8000 — small beer when you consider the wealth of development knowledge incorporated in this code.



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o many people, the Fi Technical Working Group's decision to prohibit the use of magnesium alloys in Formula I engines is difficult to understand. Clearly there were cost implications but more than that we do not really know. Magnesium is a low-density metal which is the sixth most abundant in the world and, in alloy form, would seem to be an ideal material for motorsport applications.

As with all pure metals, it is not particularly strong, but when alloyed with other materials, it comes into its own — a greater strength-to-weight ratio than aluminium alloys, good machinability and readily weldable.

Road car manufacturers are increasingly adopting magnesium alloys to save weight and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. For example, BMW's straight-six engine now has a magnesium/ aluminium hybrid engine block, a magnesium bed-plate and a magnesium cam cover.

DaimlerChrysler's new 7-G Tronic seven-speed

Abundant, versatile and increasingly common in road cars, why is magnesium's long history in motorsport being constrained?

Words	Dave Hancock	
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automatic gearbox (to be introduced across most of the Mercedes car range) has a magnesium casing. Looking at a smaller component, intake manifolds on an MG weigh 4.3kg in magnesium alloy. In aluminium alloy, they would weigh 9.3kg, while in plastics (polyamide) 6.2kg.

Motorsport wheels are almost entirely magnesium, and magnesium transmission components are used in series such as FI, WRC, DTM and LMES, as are magnesium hydraulic parts and steering components.

Sadly though, magnesium is a largely misunderstood metal, perhaps suffering from the reputation of older alloy technology. It is generally perceived to have poor high temperature performance and limited corrosion resistance. Yet magnesium alloys are now used in safety-critical applications in the aerospace industry — in helicopters and in military machinery, from jet fighters to amphibious craft. Clearly, we need to know more about magnesium and its alloys.



engineering materials including magnesium alloys, zirconium products, aluminium tube and high-pressure gas cylinders.

The Magnesium Division of the Luxfer Group is the largest producer of magnesium powders in the world (for use in the chemical, pharmaceutical and defence industries). A recent acquisition in North America means the group is now also the largest producer of magnesium wrought alloy products as well. Although Magnesium Elektron UK has some involvement in these markets, it specialises in magnesium casting alloys and wrought products, having developed more of these than any other company worldwide.

Wrought magnesium alloys — in sheet, sections, bar and billets — are quite popular in motorsport where tight turnaround times and low volumes often dictate machining an item from solid, rather than having it cast. Casting falls into two categories — die-casting in large volumes or sand casting in smaller quantities, the latter applying more to motorsport.

#### Rare earth metals

The oldest of the magnesium sand casting alloys are magnesium-aluminium-zinc alloys, dating from the 1930s. Those designated British Standard (BS) MAG 3 or the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) AZ91, contain around nine per cent aluminium, one per cent zinc and less than 0.5 per cent manganese, the remainder being magnesium. Since the 1980s, these have evolved into high purity alloys, AZ91D and AZ91E, with good corrosion resistance. They are inexpensive, but are only suited for low temperature applications and can be difficult to produce consistent results with.

From the late 1950s, Magnesium Elektron

developed and refined the process of producing magnesium alloys that contained zirconium and rare earth metals. The zirconium — which is present as about 0.6 to 0.7 per cent of the composition of the alloy – dramatically refines the grain structure and hence the strength and ductility. The additional introduction of rare earth metals makes the alloys easier to cast and improves their temperature capability. Despite the exotic name, rare earth metals are fairly abundant. They are found as oxides, hence the designation earth, from which the metals used to be difficult to extract - hence rare. Ionexchange and solvent extraction processes are used today to quickly produce highly pure, low cost, rare earths. There are two blocks of rare earths – the lanthanide series and the actinide series, but there's no need to make this a chemistry lesson.

The original magnesium-zirconium-rare earth alloy, RZ5 or ZE41A, has been widely used in motorsport applications, such as transmission components, as well as similar applications in aerospace. This alloy has been around since the 1950s and is well known to foundries.

In the 1960s, silver was introduced to magnesium-zirconium-rare earth alloys at about 2.5 per cent to improve their capabilities at high temperatures. However, fluctuations in the price of silver have made these alloys less popular. There have also been magnesium alloys containing thorium but, as this is radioactive, they are no longer produced.

In terms of properties, the ultimate magnesium sand casting alloys are the Mg-Re-Zr alloys strengthened with yttrium — the WE family of alloys. Developed by Magnesium Elektron in the 1980s these WE alloys contain between four and six per cent yttrium, as

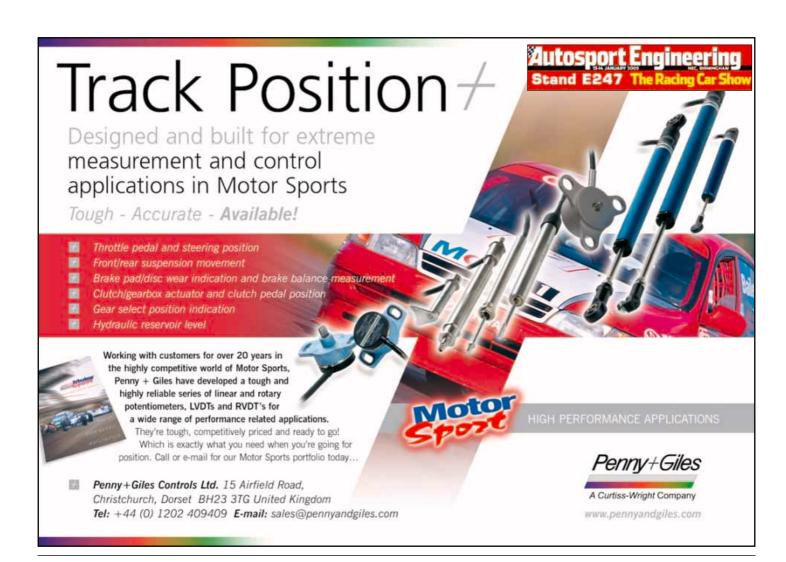
Magnesium, the lightest of the structural metals, was first discovered in 1808. Seawater contains 0.14 per cent magnesium and the element is abundant in minerals, carnallite, dolomite and magnesite. However, it was more than a century before a method of industrial production was developed. Nowadays, pure magnesium is mostly produced from Chinese dolomite rock, whilst most alloying takes place in the west. Around 400,000 tonnes of magnesium are produced per annum.

Magnesium is also recyclable — a process that takes just five per cent of the energy required to obtain magnesium initially.

Despite being bought and sold a few times in its 68-year history, Magnesium Elektron is the world leader in magnesium wrought and casting alloys. Since 1996, UK-based Magnesium Elektron (often called MEL) is the centre of the Magnesium Division of the Luxfer Group — an international manufacturer of high performance



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well as heavy rare earths, zinc and zirconium. They are commonly used in the aerospace industry due to their combination of low weight, high strength at high temperatures (UTS of 220MPa at 250degC) and extremely good corrosion resistance. Auxiliary drive gearbox casings for jet engines and stressed helicopter gearbox casings are good examples of aerospace applications. For motorsport, these alloys are also of interest, particularly in their wrought forms. Boasting similar or even better properties than WE castings, these alloys are perfect for Formula 1 engine components and ancillaries, such as cam covers, oil pump housings, sumps and end covers. Interestingly, the wrought WE alloys exhibit isotropic properties, meaning they are equally strong in the direction of extrusion as they are perpendicular to it. This is an extremely unusual trait for any material, and is being researched further by Magnesium Elektron and Manchester University.

## ANOTHER ADVANTAGE OF MAGNESIUM ALLOYS IS THAT THEY CAN BE MACHINED FASTER THAN ANY OTHER METAL

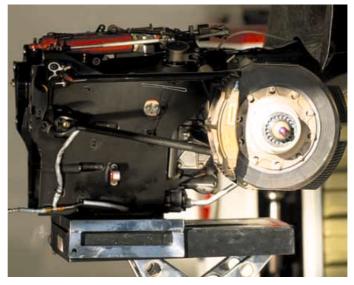
A special version is WE64, with six per cent yttrium and four per cent rare earth metals. This has higher tensile properties and hardness, but ductility is reduced. Nevertheless, Formula I teams have found its use attractive for (undisclosed) engine parts.

The latest development from Magnesium Elektron is Elektron 21 – a lightweight, high performance alloy for the motorsport and aerospace industries. The nominal percentage composition of Elektron 21 is 0.3 per cent zinc, 2.7 per cent neodymium, 1.3 per cent heavy rare earths (gadolinium based) as well as the usual 0.6 per cent zirconium grain refinement, with magnesium making up the balance. It has a finegrained microstructure, is pressure tight and, because of the low oxidation characteristics, Elektron 21 has excellent castability.

Elektron 21 was developed to collectively improve on three of the most common magnesium alloys. AZ91E, although inexpensive, is temperature limited and produces parts with inconsistent properties. RZ5 (ZE41) has less corrosion resistance (although it can be surface treated) and is limited to around 140degC. The WE alloys, although achieving the best properties at the highest temperatures, are relatively expensive because they contain

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WE magnesium alloys, strengthened with yttrium and containing zinc and zirconium have proved very popular with the aerospace industry, particularly in its wrought form, though cast magnesium alloys are still popular for items such as transmission casings



In 2002 F1 team BAR ran with a magnesium gearbox before switching briefly to aluminium and then going on to successfully develop a carbon fibre gearbox casing

yttrium. Yttrium is difficult to isolate as a pure metal, and its affinity to oxygen can lead to more casting defects, pushing up the overall component cost. With Elektron 21, Magnesium Elektron has tried to reduce the cost of magnesium components whilst maintaining their properties to as near to the WE alloys as possible. At ambient temperatures, Elektron 21 has a tensile strength of 28oMPa, compared to 255MPa for WE43 and a lower figure again for AZ91. However, it is Elektron 21's elevated temperature performance that is most impressive as it nearly matches the more expensive WE43 (Elektron 21 is about 65 per cent of the cost of WE43).

In conclusion, magnesium alloys are very capable at high temperatures, and easily beat most aluminium alloys for tensile properties when operating at higher temperatures.

#### **Corrosion resistance**

To overcome the old perception of magnesium's poor corrosion performance, we must look at industry recognised ASTM B117 Salt Fog tests for the newer magnesium alloys. The WE alloys, as well as Elektron 21, perform in a very similar manner to aluminium alloys such as A356 or A357, and are around 10 times better than the old RZ5 (ZE41) alloys. To understand why, we look back at the aluminium-zinc-manganese

#### **Magnesium**

alloys, such as AZ91. In the 1980s, it was discovered that if the contaminants in the alloy were kept below specific levels, this alloy would exhibit corrosion resistance on a par with aluminium alloys. Therefore, for the fourth and fifth iterations of this alloy family - AZ91D for die casting and AZ91E for sand casting - the iron, copper, nickel and silicon contaminant levels are maintained at extremely low levels, producing high purity versions with good corrosion resistance. The zirconium refined alloys, such as RZ5, the WE alloys and Elektron 21, make use of this contaminant reduction work, but it is the newer alloys' alternative strengthening elements that are less likely to form micro galvanic cells that further improve their corrosion resistance.

The magnesium alloys are all a shiny, silver grey colour and, just like aluminium, can be painted in any colour. To further enhance a magnesium component's corrosion resistance, several surface protection treatments are available. In motorsport, a chromate treatment followed by black paint seems traditional for the RZ5 castings, although this only actually offers a very poor surface protection, as it is easy to scratch. It would be better to use the improved properties of Elektron 21.

For protection against severe environments, such as helicopters on aircraft carriers, surface treatments based on an anodised layer are used. When sealed and painted, this can be used to protect magnesium in hostile environments for many years — which means it is commonplace on aerospace applications.

As with all magnesium alloys, Elektron 21 can be TIG-welded easily. The tensile strength of an undressed butt weld made by the argon arc process usually exceeds 90 per cent of that of the parent material in the un-annealed state. Post-weld heat-treatment to relieve residual stresses should follow unless the magnesium casting has to be heat treated at a higher temperature to meet the relevant specification for the parent metal.

Another advantage of magnesium alloys is that they can be machined faster than any other metal — up to 10 times faster than steel and twice as fast as aluminium. Indeed, machining magnesium is normally limited by the speed and power of the machine. It is normally machined dry and, if coolants are necessary, then a light mineral oil is used, rather than a water-based lubricant. After machining using a water-based lubricant, the storage of the resultant swarf is more difficult, due to the risk of reaction between the swarf and the water.

Magnesium components are almost impossible to ignite through the machining process, as magnesium must be heated to its melting point before it will burn. Magnesium swarf can be



Although still suffering from a reputation for poor corrosion resistance, several highly effective surface treatments are now readily available for magnesium components, such as chromate coating and anodising. Like aluminium, after treating, magnesium can be painted any colour

### MAGNESIUM IS ALSO RECYCLABLE – A PROCESS THAT TAKES JUST FIVE PER CENT OF THE ENERGY REQUIRED TO OBTAIN MAGNESIUM INITIALLY



ignited though, but the fast machining process should produce large chips that reduce this risk, as will good housekeeping. Cleaning machines regularly and correct storage of the swarf are

important aspects of machining magnesium.

So, forget your preconceptions and put magnesium alloys on your shopping list but make sure to check the regulations first...



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#### **D Sports Racer**

otorsports rules, goes the popular engineers' lament, have become so restrictive as to render racing no fun for the imaginative. In the US, however, a racing category exists that remains unfettered by the spec class-style regulations that have throttled innovation elsewhere.

D Sports Racer has existed on the fringe (some would say lunatic fringe) of amateur sportscar racing in the US for decades, a haven for backyard tinkerers, self-styled engineers and other black sheep blazing their own trail.

'It is a great class for those people who think they are the next Colin Chapman or Adrian Reynard,' observed Bill Maisey, founder of the www.sportsracer.net website that cultivates Sports Racer discussions. 'There is considerable romance in building a better racecar.'

It is not a class for drivers who dream of promotion to a professional career, nor one for drivers who aim to match their talents against others in equivalent equipment. DSR drivers typically wanted to outsmart their competitors, spending the off-season studying the rulebook for any previously unexploited unfair advantage.

The result was sparse attendance and an even more scarce collection of finishers at the end. Victory was commonly awarded to the car that broke last, as these homebuilt specials expired on the track with alarming frequency.

Two-stroke engines were popular for their high power-to-weight ratio, but their ear-splitting din and unreliability attracted few converts. Rules permit two-stroke engines up to 850cc, four-stroke engines up to 1005cc, four-stroke engines with two valves per cylinder up to 1025cc, and automotive-sourced engines with a maximum of two valves per cylinder of 1305cc. Rotary engines of 450cc are also legal.



Carburetion is unrestricted, as is fuel injection. Forced induction is permitted, but only on vehicles whose engines displace less than 62occ and have four valves or fewer per cylinder. Chassis construction is similarly flexible, with steel tube frames and monocoque designs legal and competitive. The monocoque cars may be fabricated of sheet metal or carbon

fibre, but the SCCA requirement that carbon fibre cars carry FIA crash test approval has been an effective prohibition on its use.

Wheels and tyres are free, with a minimum wheel diameter of ioin, and the requirement that left and right sides be identical. Front and rear need not be the same size.

Such variety and flexibility naturally attracted

#### Radical SR4

Price:	\$59,000 with engine (£32,000)
Width:	64in (1630mm)
Length:	147in (3730mm)
Weight:	992lb (450kg)

Radical may have single-handedly reinvigorated the DSR class, but the company has largely re-focused its efforts on the heavier, more powerful C Sports Race category and on trackday cars. The US importer continues to supply the original Radical Prosport upon request, but competition from an abundance of the cars already sold and the fact the car is a little bit of a heavyweight for that class, makes new sales of Prosport cars scarce.

Instead the company is concentrating

on the new SR4 model, which targets CSR, but can be configured as a DSR for customers who want to race in that class, where there are typically more competitors. US sales coordinator Dan McBreen points out Radical's reputation for

The car that started the motorcycle-engined revolution: The Radical SR4, shown here in C Sports Racer trim, but available as a DSR, too

quality and customer service as selling points for their cars. 'There is no other manufacturer that has sold more than a fraction of the approximately 500 DSR-type cars Radical has sold worldwide,' he said.

An obstacle to some customers who



creative types, where seemingly everything is legal. That's not quite the case, as both turbine and steam engines are specifically prohibited, but nearly anything else goes.

Minimum weight for cars using a chain or belt drive system — typically those with engines taken from motorcycles or snowmobiles — is 900lbs, including the driver, so the challenge for DSR designers is achieving this weight. The practical challenge is to get the car and driver combination as close to that weight as possible. For cars not using chain or belt drive systems, commonly converted Formula Fords with an alternative engine replacing the Ford Kent, the minimum weight is 1000lbs, including the driver.

D Sports Racer has evolved dramatically in recent years — not because of new, restrictive rules, but due to the introduction of a number of professionally built racecars based on the latest high-performance sport motorcycle engine technology. The cars are fast, good looking, reliable and not prohibitively expensive.

The catalyst for the transformation of DSR was the arrival in the US in the late '90s of the Radical — a popular sports racer used in European spec series. The car was not optimal for DSR's rules, being much heavier than the minimum weight, but it was a reliable, well-engineered, easy to drive car, which stood in stark contrast to most cars competing in DSR at the time. The result was great success, which cultivated widespread interest.

While few of the tinkerers would embrace a turn-key racecar, a new group of drivers flooded into DSR, attracted by the Radical's Le Mans styling and its dependability.

'Radical was a huge step forward in the DSR field because, up until then, there was no purpose built machine for this class,' said Bob

## RADICAL'S POPULARITY DEMONSTRATED A MARKET FOR FACTORYBUILT DSRS

Schader, US importer of Speads racecars. 'A lot of the businessmen racers could look at those and say, "I'll order one, I know what I'm getting." A lot of people who weren't mechanically advantaged were suddenly able to race in this class because these cars were available through your local prep shop and you knew what you were getting. It wasn't a step off into the abyss.'

Radical's popularity with paying customers had another effect — it demonstrated a market for factory-built DSRs. Other constructors and would-be constructors could see that racers would pay good money for a properly designed DSR, and they set about developing such cars.

This wave of purpose-designed, factory-built DSRs began in 2001 with the Stohr, from Oregon, USA. Other recent arrivals include: Speads from South Africa; Maloy from New Mexico; traXstar Supercars Inc. from Calgary, Canada; and OMS from the UK.

'Now we are in a sort of space race,' said Pat Prince, owner of Prince Engineering, a race engineering and fabrication shop. 'It is a common evolutionary step. The first class to go through this race for the best constructor was back in the early Formula Vee days. Then, in the late '70s, Formula Ford went through the same evolution and now D Sports Racer is doing it. As each new, better, more expensive car comes out and shows well, more constructors say, "we can

do that," and develop a new car.'

All of these cars rely on salvaged motorcycle engines for power. In stock trim, 1000cc motorcycle engines can produce more than 160bhp at the rear wheels and, in race tune, they can produce over 180bhp. All of the engines make tremendous power, while spinning at RPM untouchable by any but exotic racing engines. Except for those engines built to the absolute limit, reliability is excellent, and availability of donor engines is good.

In addition to the nearly universal use of motorcycle powerplants, another constant among the cars available is the variability of their prices. With many cars constructed overseas, fluctuations in exchange rates and differences in the equipment specified make prices unpredictable, at best.

The challenge for the 2005 season could be adapting to rules changes with regard to the use of underbody ground effects tunnels. Such tunnels have always been believed to be illegal under the SCCA's ambiguously worded rules. But recent challenges to that understanding have some teams and constructors ready to field ground effects cars in 2005 (unless the rules are changed to prohibit them). At this point it is difficult to predict what the outcome will be.

'My view is we should let everyone hack up their cars and build tunnels and do them badly,' said Maisey. 'To do it right you would need a good Formula Atlantic car, but it would still be too heavy.'

Further predictions of escalating budgets may not come to pass, because it is an amateur series with no potential for its drivers graduating to professional series. 'It is still a bunch of guys with money playing with their toys,' Maisey said. 'This is not the top level of racing.'

considered going the turn-key Radical route, rather than cobbling together a Sports Racer from an old Formula Ford for example, was the price tag. 'Everybody talks about the cost to purchase,' said McBreen, 'but it has got to be the lowest cost, highest-performance car available in the world.'

Design highlights of the SR4 include an adjustable pedal box, which helps accommodate a wider variety of drivers, and optionally available headlights, tail lights and air jacks, which not only complete the Le Mans fantasy for owners, but make the car ready prepared for endurance racing.

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Unlike the majority of Formula car-derived DSR designs, the Radical carries a two-seat cockpit. However, in the SR4, the left seat is too small to carry an adult passenger, so it is pretty much useless but forces an offset driving position

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#### STOHR D Sports Racer

Wheelbase: 96in (2438mm) Overall Width: 65in (1651mm)

Weight: 775lb (352kg)

If Radical started the revolution, it was Stohr that capitalised on it by creating the first factory-built car designed specifically to dominate the class by taking full advantage of the rules. The result has been a couple of impressive victories at the SCCA Runoffs in races that have been dominated by Stohrs.

The Stohr DSR is based on managing director Lee Stohr's previous Formula Ford designs, with the necessary changes to make the car a Sports Racer. The biggest change is a switch from a purely tube steel frame to a semi-monocoque 4130 steel tube frame that includes a tub made of iin thick carbon fibre composite panels in the cockpit area. 'I came up with a semi-monocoque design that is part steel tube and is part carbon and honeycomb,' Stohr said. 'It is designed to be repairable. We've had two guys who had big crashes and they've been fine and the cars were repaired. I think it is a lot better than just a steel tube frame. It is pretty much like a Formula Atlantic tub, but the carbon is not as thick.'

Because the SCCA requires FIA crash test certification for monocoque designs, the carbon tub is only a part of the car. 'It is a structural part of the centre of the chassis,' said Stohr. 'There is enough steel tube in there that that SCCA allowed me to homologate it as a steel tube frame.

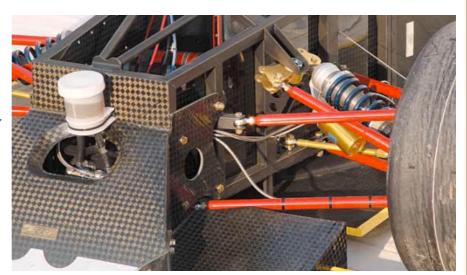
Another innovation is the front suspension which, rather than using a conventional pushrod acting on a bell crank to the damper, employs a 'double-acting' configuration. It is an outboard damper connected to a bell crank that has a conventional pushrod mounted on the opposite end. 'Both ends of the shock move, to increase the motion ratio, so you get twice the shock travel. I wanted a 1:1 motion ratio between the wheel and the shock. That is kind of hard to do with an outboard spring and shock because the angle isn't very good.'

Stohr's car initially used Penske dampers, but he has since switched to Ohlins, which is helping optimise the valving to suit the car. 'I'm working with Ohlins, on their sevenposter rig in North Carolina,' Stohr said, 'and they are trying to provide valving that gives maximum tyre grip.'

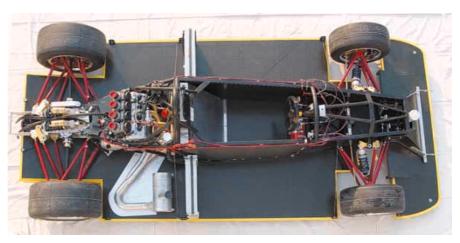
Another unconventional aspect of the Stohr's suspension is the absence of anti-roll bars, Stohr preferring to control roll with dampers and springs. This position defies



Lee Stohr with his semi-monocoque DSR which uses a part steel, part carbon fibre construction. Here with carbon body



The Stohr DSR has an unusual outboard damper/pushrod front suspension design to increases the dampers' motion ratio



Without bodywork, the formula car roots of the Stohr design are apparent. The paddle gear shifter is just visible here

conventional wisdom, but is supported by their success on track. 'My philosophy is that for any given engineering problem there are many pathways to the solution.'

Stohr has delivered 40 Sports Racers so far, of which 33 were in DSR configuration. One feature that lends a modern feel to the Stohr's operation www.stohr.com

is a steering column-mounted paddle shifter that lets the driver change gears with both hands on the steering wheel. The shifter connects to the motorcycle transmission's shifter shaft via cables.



#### Speads RS-04A

Price:	\$35,000 rolling (£19,000)
Length:	157in (3988mm)
Width:	64in (1626mm)
Height:	37in (940mm)
Weight:	81 2lb (368kg)

Speads is an anagram for the designer, John Sapsed's, last name. US importer Bob Schader found Sapsed selling motorcycle-powered formula cars in the UK, and convinced him to develop a Sports Racer derivative to target the US DSR market. The result is a car that scored a second place in its first appearance at the SCCA Runoffs, and which was on the pace of the winning Stohr for the entire week.

Such an impressive debut attracted significant attention, along with eight orders for cars at the time of writing. Like Stohr, the Speads' bodywork was obviously influenced by the Le Manswinning Audis and, as with the Stohr,

copying the Audis' lines has produced a slick, low-drag package. That, combined with an engine producing nearly 200bhp (according to Schader) produced a car with visibly higher straightline speed at the SCCA Runoffs.

But Schader also points to sound fundamentals in the design. Offsetting the engine to the right serves the dual purpose of moving weight to the inside for the majority of corners at clockwise circuits, and permitting the Quaife limited slip differential to be mounted in the centre of the car, with equal length halfshafts.

Further, the Speads enjoys good mechanical grip in the corners, according to Schader. 'John Sapsed is a very talented designer, he is able to achieve cars with amazing mechanical grip,' he said. 'Right off the boat, they are easy to drive and confidence inspiring as they give the driver tons of feedback. If the back end starts to move out, it moves out gradually and it telegraphs that information to the driver.'

In most respects, the Speads is quite conventional, with pushrod suspension acting on bell cranks to inboard dampers and springs. The front pushrods do stand at a steeper angle than is typical, contributing to the nearly 1:1 motion ratios for the dampers.

The tube frame starts narrow at the front, widens all the way back to the roll hoop bulkhead behind the driver, and then tapers again at the rear. 'It is a tube frame that is fairly triangulated throughout,' said Schader. 'The frame would be a little different in the top rail's trapezoidal shape.'

The Speads is one of the lighter DSRs available, with a claimed minimum weight, without driver, of 802lbs. That weight is not typical though, warns Schader. 'That includes cutting bolts down. Plus it had titanium bits and was a hugely expensive car.'

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The Speads RS-04A DSR shows clear Audi Le Mans influences in its styling. However, thoughtful engineering and an offset engine design helps generates massive mechanical grip





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Price:	\$42,000 rolling (£23,000)	
Length	ı: 115in (2921mm)	
Width:	60in (1524mm)	
Height	: 36in (914mm)	
Weigh	t: 750lbs (340kg)	

Perhaps the most radical DSR proposed for series production is the Canadian traxStar tX-1. The car mounts its motorcycle powerplant alongside the driver for a lower polar moment of inertia. Designer and company founder Peter Derviller says he originally had the idea for the car upon the introduction of Honda's 1987 CBR1000 motorcycle, which produced then unthinkable amounts of power in a compact package.

'I had been a voice in the wilderness, saying these engines are great and they would make a super racecar powerplant. That was regarded as a strange idea until along came Radical.

'They sound great, they go great and if you don't tune them up too much they go forever. You can probably run it for a couple of seasons before it needs freshening. For the grassroots racer it is the ideal solution. It is lightweight, easy on tyres, easy to transport and easy to store — all in an affordable package.'

Derviller got his first prototype on track in 1990, followed by an improved version in 1994. Since then, he has worked to build the latest version, which arrived in 2002. 'From our point of view the hardest part wasn't designing the car, it was gathering the financial resources to build a platform that would show what the innovative parts could do. That's why it took us three cars to get to that stage. We feel like we've finally arrived at the point that we've proved the unique features of the car are a competitive advantage.'

Putting the engine beside the driver centralises the car's mass and makes it easier to make the car smaller, according to Derviller. That really gathers the mass of the car between the wheels. It makes it a very responsive platform, which really shows up on courses where you have tight, slow corners.'



The traxStar DSR carries its motorcycle powerplant beside the driver, offsetting the cockpit to the right side of the car

An additional benefit, however, was that moving the engine out from behind the cockpit leaves more space for the driver. 'We wanted to create a small car but one that had a full-length cockpit for a normal, American-size driver,' Derviller said. 'You can't recline somebody in a short wheelbase car without putting their legs ahead of the front wheels, which the rules won't let you do.' An adjustable pedal box helps drivers of different heights fit into the car.

Another benefit of moving the engine and transmission alongside the driver is that the suspension is left by itself at the rear of the car. 'It leaves the back of the car quite accessible, so you can get to the suspension. That was sort of a bonus that we found we had when we put the car together.'

The company has delivered two cars so far, and offers complete rolling chassis for \$42,000. Customers can install whichever motorcycle

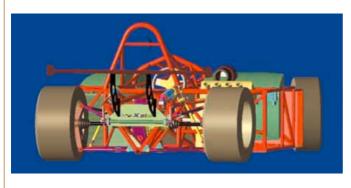
engine they prefer, a flexibility provided by the engine's location, because there is plenty of space beside the driver.

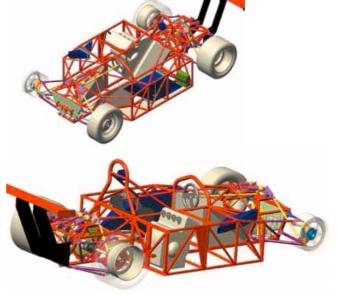
In a bid for parts affordability, the traxStar uses off-the-shelf TDC uprights, shared with older DSRs such as the Omnifab Cheetah and the Amac. 'We picked them because they are tried and true and they were available off the shelf,' Derviller said. 'They are the same left to right, they use Volkswagen Rabbit/Golf internals, they are adaptable to AP or Wilwood brakes and they work with radius rod and double wishbone type suspensions.'

Like Stohr, the traxStar car can run without anti-roll bars. 'At our last event we discarded the rear anti-roll bar and that worked out very well. As our spring rates increase, the need for anti-roll bars diminishes.'

www.traxstar.biz

CAD images of the traxStar design show the engine mounted alongside the driver in order to give a lower polar moment of inertia and more space in the cockpit





#### **D Sports Racer**

#### Maloy Racing DSR

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67in (1702mm)
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While the designers of other D Sports Racers hope to convince potential customers that they have the know-how to design a successful racecar, the Maloy DSR designer has already established his credentials. Alan Mertens penned a DSR that follows convention in most areas.

The Maloy DSR's chassis looks much like an adapted formula car design, like the Stohr, but with some differences. The Maloy hangs the engine from mounts in the frame rather than using it as a stressed member, as the Stohr does. The car also uses traditional T-style anti-roll bars that may be set up for cockpit adjustability, according to general manager Don McCandless.

Durability and ease of repairs were kept in mind, so the engine sits where its oil pan doesn't hang down below the frame rails where it is susceptible to damage. 'If you run over a rumble strip it doesn't hole the oil pan,' he said.

The front floor has a replaceable splitter, simplifying repairs from off-course excursions, and the floor on newer cars has been narrowed in the rear so the car can accept wider rear tyres. The Maloy uses the same upright design at each corner, reducing the spares inventory dealers and teams need to stock. Those uprights use shims to adjust camber and have enough range of



Maloy frames are powder coated in bright yellow to aid crack detection after races and when repairing crash damage

adjustment to accommodate the high negative camber settings required by radial tyres, 'for those teams that want to run radials,' according to McCandless.

The downside of the car's durable design is that it is said to be heavier than its competitors. McCandless declined to cite a specific weight for the car, but pointed out that it is getting lighter. For example, switching from a balsa-core floor to a carbon fibre nomex honeycomb core floor saved 26lbs. Another 6olbs was cut from the bodywork with a switch from glass fibre to carbon fibre. Total reductions have been about 100lbs we were told.

The company has built six cars so far,

with a list price of \$44,500 as a roller, with Ohlins shocks and carbon fibre bodywork. 'With similar equipment, the Stohr is \$60,000,' McCandless claimed. To help spark interest in the car, which scored a third place finish at the 2004 SCCA Runoffs, Maloy is offering cars with stock Yamaha RI engines installed for just \$45,000.

'The challenge for me is to do whatever it takes to get some cars on track,' he said. 'If you get behind the wheel, it is amazing how easy and fun it is to drive.'

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A Maloy DSR on the pregrid at Mid-Ohio in the USA. Despite being a heavy design, the option of buying a complete car with a Yamaha R1 engine already fitted makes them a good proposition

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# A question of balance

Once the domain of string and weights, chassis set-up is now a scientific art. We look at what's available to professional and clubman racers alike

Words | Ian Wagstaff

artin Short of Rollcentre (which, along with Demon Tweeks, is responsible for the sale of Intercomp products in the UK) recalls how as a clubman racer in the late 1980s he was looking for ways to improve the performance of his car. He undertook an 'exploratory mission' to the PRI show in the days 'before people had discovered it.' The result was to be introduced to 'a bunch of companies, the most pivotal being Intercomp.'

In his search for that competitive edge, Short — who has gone on to become a serious LMES contender — had come across corner scales. Most people setting up their own chassis in those days used bars and string, a few may even have even brought into the equation a set of bathroom scales, but to Short this was something extra. And it was a product that 'people could not make themselves.'





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Short also points out that, due to the specialist nature of the product, it is most likely to be manufactured in a country where racetracks, and therefore potential customers, abound. This would account for the predominance of US suppliers Intercomp and Longacre in this category.

Intercomp Company has been described as the world's largest manufacturer of portable weighing solutions, so its racecar products are just part of a portfolio that even includes aircraft scales. ISO 9001 accredited, the company has registered facilities in both the USA and UK. It supplies the official technical scales for a wide variety of sanctioning bodies and every NASCAR Nextel Cup, Busch Series and Craftsman Truck Series team is inspected at the track with the Intercomp scale system.

In May 2004 Intercomp moved to a new corporate headquarters and hitech facility in Minneapolis, while Longacre has just opened a new

51,000sq.ft manufacturing plant, close to the Evergreen Speedway in Monroe. Washington, USA - a convenient location for the testing of new products.

Precise weight distribution can have a major effect on a racecar's handling. Chris Turner, sales and marketing manager of Demon Tweeks points out that investment in set-up equipment can outweigh that put into a search for more power. Proper chassis set-up requires the weight balance be set correctly for the car, driver and track conditions - something that can only be

achieved with a set of electronic scales.

A car should be race ready before the final scaling procedure is undertaken, and that means the castor should be adjusted, camber set, the rear end square and the toe checked. The fluid levels need to be topped off, tyre pressures set and ride heights adjusted. Whether the driver is in place is up to you, but driver weights vary so having them in the cockpit ensures the most repeatable results.

Intercomp offers a range of computer scales said to suit everyone from top professional teams to the clubman racer. At the top end is the Professional model. Like all offerings in the range this features  $15 \times 15 \times 2$ in smooth, flat scale pads with a 1500lb capacity per pad. Other common features include half-inch display figures, a twoyear warranty, 9v battery operation (most



Longacre Professional models offer auto levelling, noting the importance of consistency

scales are designed to work on a fully-charged battery, it being recommended to use this method to ensure a consistent supply of power) and certification to o.i per cent accuracy. The Professional model is almost twice the price of the entry level E-Z Weigh but has a 100 chassis set-up memory, centre of gravity calculator and user-selectable display modes. Other features it shares with the middle-of-the-range Quick Weigh are baseline set-up recall, printer and PC output and the ability to read any combination of left/right and front/rear weight and percentage display, including cross weight.

The Professional is what the name suggests, while the Quick Weigh, which has a 16 chassis set-up recall and is intended for the clubman racer

> while the E-Z Weigh is said to be an introduction to the use of scale systems. Intercomp also introduced a Special Edition Scale Set to celebrate 25 years of business. Based on the Professional, it features specially engraved billet aluminium pads, a car cover and racecar management software. A scale cart - an aluminium trolley

that carries all four pads, cables and controller and has space for turn plates and other equipment is also included in the Intercomp line-up.

> Longacre likewise offers a full range of computer scales starting with a Professional model with four corner weights that read left or right weight and percentage, front or

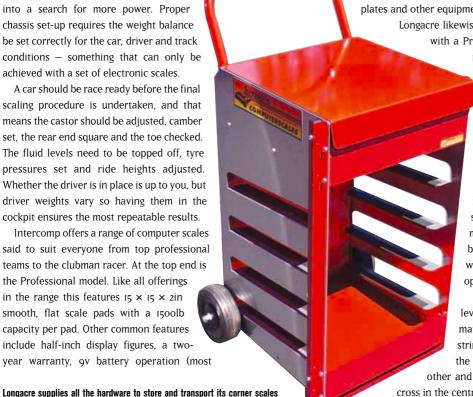
> > rear weight and percentage, diagonal and total weight. An auto level electronically compensates for level differences between the workshop and the racetrack by holding baseline settings for recall.

Consistency is all-important when scaling and most workshop floors vary in height. If you are using a more basic set of scales it may be necessary to use shims to ensure that all four scale pads are level. Alternatively, use can be made of levelling trays. It is important to remember that scale pads also need to be maintained within the same plane. Raising one corner or opposing corners will affect the readings.

Longacre recommends a short cut to finding level ground when you get to the track paddock - a matter of four team members and two pieces of string. The person at the right front holds one end of the string, his opposite number at the left rear the other and vice versa for the other length, thus making a

cross in the centre. Whether the top string is higher than the  $\rightarrow$ 

# **INVESTMENT IN SET-UP EQUIPMENT CAN OUTWEIGH** THAT PUT INTO A SEARCH FOR **MORE POWER**



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Intercomp Professional series claims accuracy to 0.1 per cent and can store 100 pre-sets

bottom or whether it holds it down will indicate which pads need to be shimmed up. Using this process helps to ensure the weighing pads are placed in the same plane.

A Semi-Professional model is also available from Longacre but without centre of gravity, goal weight and customisable display. Further down its price range are Matrix Scales, with extra large corner weight displays, the Accuset model and the bottom of the range Intro model. Both Longacre and Intercomp also offer scales for karts.

The Longacre range of set-up equipment additionally includes scale set-

up platforms, scale pad and roll off levellers, castor/camber and camber gauges and a chassis height checker. Interestingly, the company points out how the use of roll off-type trays is arbitrary, citing the fact that, in NASCAR, they have been used by such as Rusty Wallace and Dale Jarrett but not by Jeff Gordon or the late Dale Earnhardt. Likewise, Intercomp also has a variety of associated product including scale

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ramps, levellers, corner weight scales, turn plates, laser pad levelling system and a variety of gauges in its line-up.

A third company offering equipment for chassis set-up is Dunlop. Both laser and optical alignment gauges are included in their product range, the latter said to require no special skills to operate. Also from Dunlop is a steering turntable with ramps – a useful piece of kit when measuring castor angles, kingpin inclination, toe-out on turns, and wheel lock and full lock angles. In addition the company offers a castor, camber and kingpin device – two instruments housed on one storage box – as well as a separate camber gauge.

# Alignment

Toe settings have a major impact on directional stability, while castor angles improve straight-line stability. It is important to ensure that the castor is the same on both sides of the car to avoid the tendency to pull to one side. The correct camber can ensure that the tyres are working to maximum efficiency, although tuning camber angles has been described as a black art. Understanding of all three is obviously critical for the successful team.

ART (Advanced Racing Technologies) claims to be a world leader in totally portable laser and electronic alignment equipment. Its Triple Laser String II is claimed to be the only 3D portable wheel alignment and chassis inspection system available, and the only gauge to use the vehicle centreline as reference. The entire battery-powered system weighs less than 23kg. Also available from the company is a laser toe/tracking gauge, laser and granite corner weight scale pad levelling system and various gauges, as well as laser toe plates and laser string, originally developed for CART technical inspection. Longacre's Jeff Butcher describes laser equipment as a 'nice luxury,' the alternative being to attach reference string between two simple jack stands.

Staatsburg, New York-based ART, which this year celebrated its tenth anniversary, supplies product for use by the CART technical inspection

team, as well as the majority of NASCAR teams.

Other brands operating in this sector include: Precision Point (digital camber gauge, wheel alignment gauge and castor/camber gauge frame); Trak-Rite (alignment gauge); Smart (ride height gauge, castor/camber gauge, camber frame and castor/camber gauge frame); and ADA (castor/camber gauge and corner weight gauges). (FF)

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# Pocketsized pump

UK-based liquids handling specialists, Pump Engineering, has developed a new, pocketsized, air-operated pump.

The Pageboy SFD15 selfpriming diaphragm pump is ideally suited to use with aggressive or corrosive liquids such as solvents, strong acids and alkalis as the diaphragm is made from PTFE, with seals to suit individual applications. It comes in a choice of body materials including polypropylene, PTFE, stainless

steel and aluminium and has a maximum output of 3ltr/min with a maximum pressure of 6bar. As standard, the air supply required is 80-100psi and air consumption is approximately 0.5cfm, although a special version can be supplied for even lower air pressures.

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The SFD15 is designed for vertical upward flow and comes with extended tie rod mounts.

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# Compact doubles | The stud(s)



UK-based Switchtec is offering a new twin-relay aimed at the automotive industry.

By incorporating two completely separate relays in one compact package, the Hongfa HFKA doubles up on functionality, while only occupying the space of one relav.

The PCB relay has two sets of contacts, each able to switch currents up to 30A with a 25A motor load rating, yet measures just 15.4 x 14mm with a height of 13.5mm. The relay weighs 8g, is sealed to IP67 and is designed especially for use in automotive applications, having a functional shock resistance rating of 100m/s<sup>2</sup> and a destructive figure of 1000 m/s2. Its resistance is 100Mohms and it has a maximum operation time of 10mS within a wide range of operating temperatures.

For more information call +44 (0)1785 818600, email switchtec@btinternet.com, or visit www.switchtec.co.uk

Now available in the UK through Co-ordSport is Automotive Racing Products' (ARP) range of bolts and fixings for Vauxhall 2.0-litre 16v XE-type engines.

The 8740 chrome moly steel main studs are heat treated to 200,000psi tensile strength and come with precision J rolled threads that are added after heat treating for maximum strength. Its range of conrod bolts are also manufactured from heat treated 8740 chrome moly steel and are available with a tensile strength of either 200,000 or 220,000psi.

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# Heat preservation



Tyre Technology, has developed a means to insulate the heat in tyres, during quiet periods of a race meeting. The high frequency electromagnetic energy device is built into a racing car and creates a heat shield on the surface of the tyre, which stops heat from escaping.

According to the UK-based company the shield will retain approximately 90 per cent of the heat within a tyre whenever it is activated by the driver.

Developed in conjunction with Lancaster University, the Black

Frequency on-board tyre temperature management system is designed for formation laps, times behind the safety car or in very cold or wet conditions. On one side the device comprises a black carbon element with a pure gold reflector on the other. This is all encased in a strong quartz, and one is placed on each tyre.

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# Low-heat light

Compressed air pneumatics and process control specialist, Thorite, has introduced two new LED inspection lamps under the COOLITE brand. The lamps' LCD elements generate little heat, enabling them to be safe in garages, workshops and factories. The 12volt model features 30 high intensity

LED bulbs and is supplied with three metres of cable, cigarette-lighter plug and crocodile clip, whereas the 230V mains adaptor version has 60 bulbs and eight metres of cable.
UK-based Thorite claims that both models are

shatterproof, water and oil resistant, with a long bulb life. The lights can be ordered online or from any of the company's regional sales and service centres. For more information call +44 (0)1274 663471, email group@thorite.co.uk, or visit www.thorite.co.uk

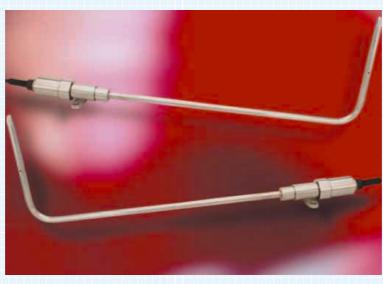




# Probe without piping

**UK-based Kulite** Sensors has launched a pitot-probe assembly for modern racecar applications. The ET-10DC-312M provides an output for differential pressure applied via the pitot tube. An integral differential pressure transducer monitors the total and static pressures, calculating an output that can be used in computations to indicate airspeed. The product

integrates the transducer directly with the pitot tube and removes the requirement for any additional piping to be used to connect the pitot tube to a remote transducer. The



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electrical excitation is 8 to 16VDC

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# Demon catalogue

**UK-based Demon Tweeks** Direct, provider of equipment and accessories for motorsport competitors, has published its new 2005 professional motorsport equipment catalogue.

The 404-page, full colour, mail order catalogue lists a huge range of products

available including, for 2005, two completely new product lines from Alpinestars and Sabelt.

Over 29 manufacturers' products are displayed within the catalogue including SIP (power tools), Impact Racing (US helmets), EZ-UP (portable shelters), VDO (gauges), SFS

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# **Value** judgement

Xtrac's family of gearboxes share the same architecture but with different torque capacities. The 407 touring car box offers torque handling of 300Nm

If you thought Xtrac's transmissions were out of your budget then the company's new range of in-line touring car and sportscar gearboxes are worth a close look

Charles Armstrong-Wilson

ver the last couple of decades, Xtrac has built an enviable reputation for the quality of its racing transmissions. During that time the company's components have been used by every Formula 1 team on the grid but consequently its products are widely regarded as the 'cost no object' option in racing. However, those with limited budget have tended to regard Xtrac transmissions as not cost effective. While durability and reliability that ensure low running costs and an absence of failures would be attractive qualities for a less well financed

car and sportscar applications.

All three six-speed transmissions use non-stressed L169 aluminium casings sealed with O-rings. The touring car casing comprises three parts. One houses the drop gears and joins to the customer's bell housing, another contains the gear selection system and gear box mounts while the rear casing houses the gear cluster and oil pump. The sportscar version has an additional intermediate casing creating more space for the larger cluster.

By designing the units with so many common components, Xtrac has been able to increase the size of manufacturing batches, thereby reducing unit costs of components. This strategy has produced savings that the company has passed on to its customers in the form of lower prices. Now many customers, who would otherwise have been unable to consider Xtrac, can reasonably consider incorporating the company's products into their budgets.

The touring car box, designated 407, weighs in at 31.5kg (69.4lb) and the gears come from Xtrac's standard 100 range with 12-12.5mm (0.47"-0.49") wide gears offering torque handling of 300Nm (221lb ft). Meanwhile the sportscar gearbox comes in two forms. The 427 uses Xtrac's 195 range of gears which at 17.5mm (0.69") wide handles 550Nm (406lb ft) of torque. The meatier 437 runs Xtrac's 126 range of gears which at 20.5mm (0.80" wide) handle 800Nm (590lb ft) of torque. These units weigh 38.5kg (84.9lb) and 44.5kg (98.1lb) respectively.

Xtrac hopes these new transmissions, with their robust design and high standard of manufacture, will make the qualities associated with company's products available to a broader range of customers bringing both reliability and competitiveness.

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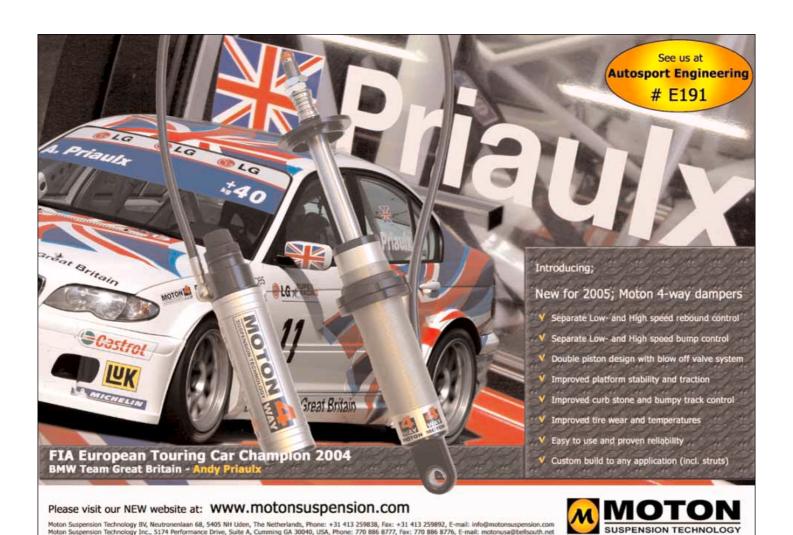
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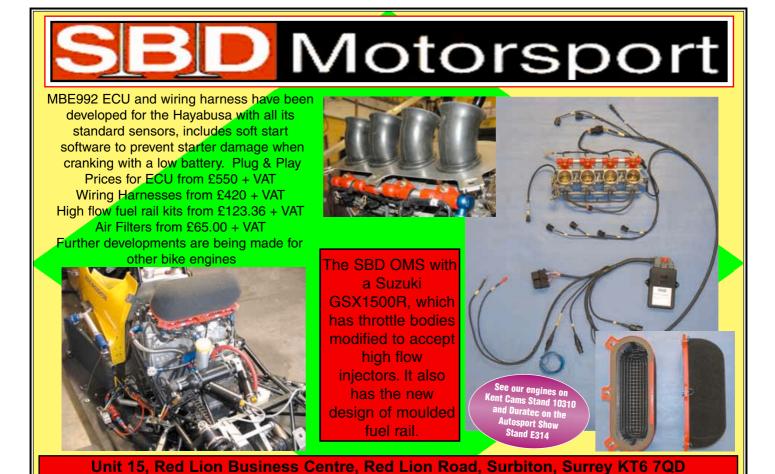
Now the company has addressed this with a range of inline, sequential gearboxes that bring Xtrac quality at a more manageable price. Using its transverse touring car gearbox as a basis, the company has utilised this cluster design to produce a family of gearboxes that share the same architecture but with different torque capacities for touring

The 427 sportscar unit uses a range of gears which at 17.mm wide is able to handle 550Nm of torque



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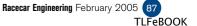






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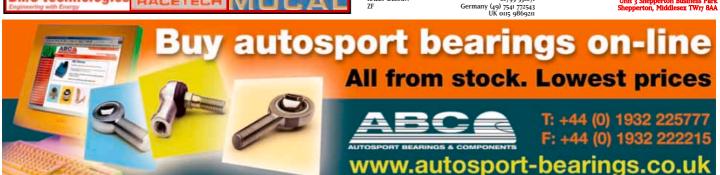
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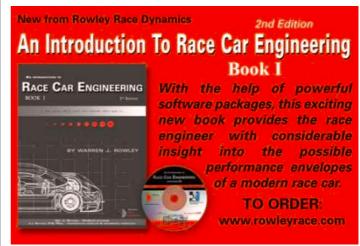




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# **AEROBYTES**

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# **Rear spoilers**

The benefits of rear spoilers are legend, but the mechanisms are not so well known. CFD reveals all...

he usual texts are pretty much in agreement on what we can expect to gain and lose when fitting a rear spoiler onto a saloon/sedan-based racecar, not surprising considering how much work has been done on the effects of varying spoiler length and angle. The benefit of looking at the topic with CFD, though, is that changes to pressures and airflows can be visualised in ways that help us understand so much better what's actually going on.

Advantage CFD once again used the full size virtual model of a NASCAR racer that regular readers will have seen in the past few issues to evaluate the effects of changing spoiler angle and length. Figures 1 and 2 show the racecar model, and the geometry of the spoiler device tested (which for simplicity was modelled as an infinitely thin flat plate).

Figures 3 and 4 summarise the results in graphical form, with dimensionless coefficients multiplied by frontal area plotted versus spoiler angle, which is the aspect this column will focus on. Positive  $C_LA$  values represent total downforce, while negative  $C_LA$  values represent lift. Let's draw the obvious conclusions before proceeding: there is an increase in downforce when a rear spoiler is added (this is felt at the rear, there is actually a slight decrease in front downforce) and there is a more or less linear increase in downforce with increasing spoiler angle.

The downforce gain seems to be tailing off at the steepest angle and longest length, though at shorter lengths the gains with increasing angle are still linear. In general, steeper angles lead to greater drag. For any given length, increasing spoiler angle also increases efficiency  $(C_1A/C_DA)$ .

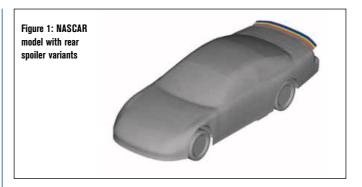
There's no doubting the value of a simple rear spoiler on this type of generic production car shape then — substantial and perhaps surprisingly efficient gains in lift reduction/downforce creation are apparent. Indeed, a shallow (20 degree) spoiler as long as 60mm is capable of actually reducing the car's drag while reducing rear lift or creating modest downforce, and although it's likely that seeking maximum downforce will be the aim in many cases, clearly there are options to balance downforce and drag here, rules permitting of course. Note that different body shapes are likely to produce different results and therefore would ideally need individual evaluation.

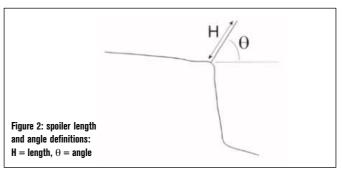
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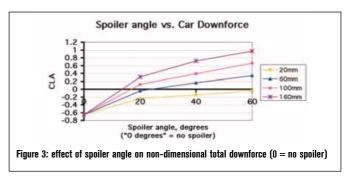
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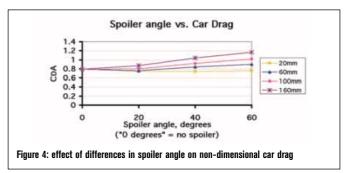


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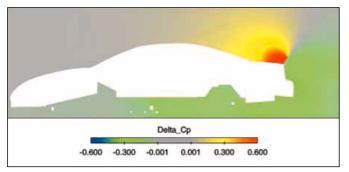
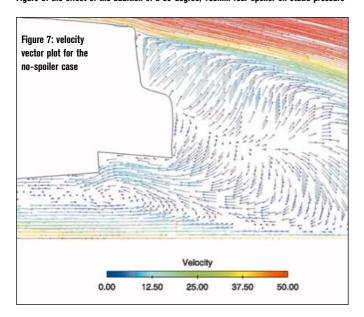


Figure 5: the effect of the addition of a 60-degree, 160mm rear spoiler on static pressure



Red and yellow indicate increases in local pressure, while green indicates reductions. Clearly there is a substantial increase in pressure over the rear deck of the car, extending quite a long way forward, which contributes to lift reduction/downforce generation. It is also clear that the pressure behind the car has reduced, which contributes to the increased drag in this configuration. And there is also a notable reduction in pressure beneath the car, which further contributes to downforce generation. So now let's delve a little deeper into the mechanisms themselves.

The change over the rear deck is relatively simple to explain. Adding a spoiler has slowed the airflow over the rear deck and, at steeper spoiler angles, has probably caused the flow to separate from the shallow angle rear screen, both of which have contributed to the increases in static pressure in this region. The airflow direction is also altered, the spoiler deflecting the flow upward, indicative of momentum transfer from the airflow to the car.

Behind the car the situation is more complex. Adding a spoiler increases the size of the car's wake and the low total pressure region behind the car. Increasing the spoiler angle leads to further increases in wake size and the low total pressure region. And it is the losses in total pressure that are significant here, more than any changes to air velocity. Returning briefly to Bernouilli's Equation explains the significance of this:

$$P_s + I/\rho v^2 + losses = C$$

Where  $P_s$  = static pressure and  $I/2\rho v^2$  = dynamic pressure.

The losses are large and cause the static pressure to reduce. Any reductions in dynamic pressure as the result of decreases in flow velocity, which in a more ordered flow regime would cause increases in static pressure, are outweighed by the losses.

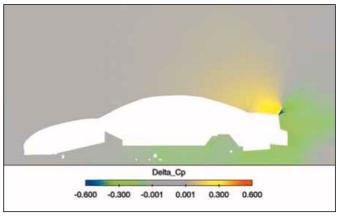
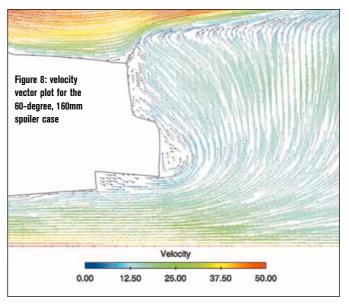


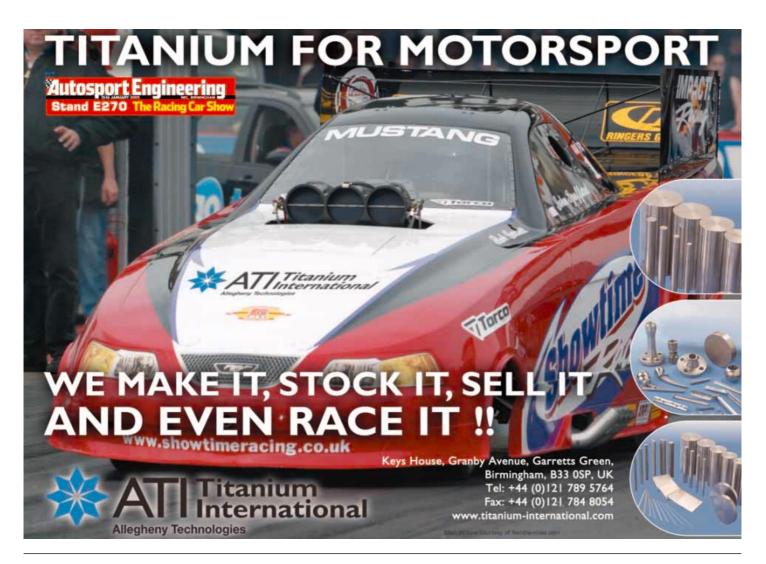
Figure 6: the effect on static pressure of increasing spoiler angle from 20 to 60 degrees



Beneath the car a different situation prevails. The reduced static pressure region behind the car promotes an increase in mass flow under the car, air flowing happily into a low-pressure region. This has caused an increase in dynamic pressure and, in turn, a drop in static pressure under the rear of the car in classic Bernouilli style. However, although this adds to the generation of downforce, a drawback of this is that the increased mass flow that interferes with the pipes and chassis rails beneath the car also adds to the increase in drag already caused by the pressure differentials across the spoiler itself, and around the car as a whole. Increasing spoiler angle amplifies all these effects, and figure 6 shows the change in static pressures (delta Cp) that occur when the longest spoiler is increased from 20 to 60 degrees inclination.

The change to the pattern of airflow behind the car from the baseline. no spoiler case to the steepest, longest spoiler case is profound, as figures 7 and 8 illustrate. Colour-coded velocity vectors show in figure 7 that with no spoiler the airflow coming off the rear deck is fast and downward directed towards the rear, but the flow immediately behind the car is very slow and completely disordered. Contrast that to figure 8 with the steep, long spoiler, and not only has the flow over the rear deck been slowed and re-directed, but now the flow in the wake shows no recirculation under the car, and overall is pulled strongly upwards by the presence of the spoiler. The flow emerging from under the rear is also clearly smoother and faster.

Next month we'll ponder the mechanisms involved with different spoiler lengths in more detail, and also examine how a short spoiler reduces drag.









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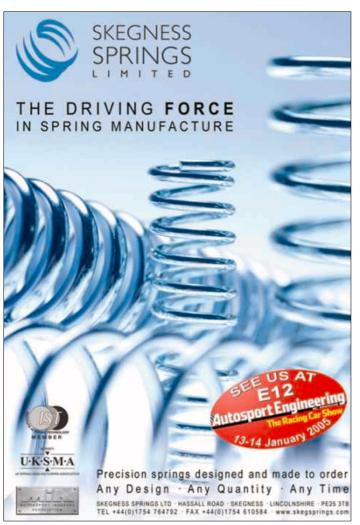
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# Explaining load transfer in cornering



Use of the term weight transfer can confuse this issue. Load transfer causes an increase in force and a decrease in coefficient of friction



Could you explain in more detail the effects of load transfer under braking?

In the Forum column of the October 2004 issue was a letter from a physicist, responding to an earlier article on the theory of cornering line and trail braking by Erik Zapletal (V14N8). Erik had correctly noted that forward load transfer (weight transfer, in customary vernacular) tends to improve the lateral acceleration capability of the front wheels, at the expense of the rear ones. The physicist took issue with this, and pointed out that adding weight to a wheel pair reduces lateral acceleration capability, because due to the phenomenon we call tyre

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load sensitivity, the coefficient of friction diminishes as we add load. Zapletal replied that this is true, but load sensitivity is a minor effect. He also noted that other factors enter into this, including aerodynamics, brake bias and camber changes.

So who is correct? Well both are, partly, but I shall endeavour to explain the matter a little better. (I should perhaps mention here that Zapletal is a sharp guy and it was he who first pointed out my error on brake caliper location — see below. Hopefully, I am returning a favour and shedding some light here, not being a pain).

This question illustrates perfectly why I prefer to speak of load transfer rather than weight transfer. The effects of forward load transfer under braking are quite distinct from the effect we get if we move mass forward in the car. Moving mass forward in the car adds understeer. Forward load transfer in braking adds oversteer. Both effects can be said to relate to tyre load sensitivity.

When we move mass forward in the car, we increase both the normal (vertical or perpendicular to the road) force on the front tyres and the centrifugal (inertial) force the tyres must overcome to produce any given lateral acceleration. Consequently, the front end's lateral accelera-

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tion capability depends not on whether the force capability of the tyres increases, but on whether it increases at the same rate as the normal (and centrifugal) force. The ratio of the tyre's force capability to the normal force is the coefficient of friction. This diminishes with increasing normal force so, in any situation where we add weight to the front end, the lateral acceleration capability diminishes.

When we brake, however, most of the load increase on the front wheels does not come from mass moving forward on the wheelbase, although a small amount of such motion does usually occur. The increase in front wheel loading comes primarily from the forward pitch couple which inevitably results from the tyres exerting a rearward force at ground level, and the car's inertia exerting an equal and opposite forward force above ground level. To prevent the car from somersaulting, the front tyres exert an increased support force against the ground, and there is a correspond-

ing decrease in support force at the rear, creating an equal and opposite anti-pitch couple. Because the centre of mass has not moved appreciably on the wheelbase, the front wheels are not required to overcome an increased centrifugal force per unit of centripetal acceleration in proportion to their increased normal force. The normal force increases, while centrifugal inertia force for a given car-lateral (centripetal) acceleration remains largely unchanged. Consequently, lateral acceleration capability for the front wheel pair increases.

In both cases, the normal force increases and the coefficient of friction decreases. But in the former case, the centrifugal force per unit of acceleration increases with the normal force, whereas in the latter it does not.

The latter case may be said to be similar to what happens when we add aerodynamic downforce. We add significant normal force, or load, without adding significant mass.

# **ERRATA AND ADDENDA**

Thank you to readers who have pointed out some detail discrepancies in recent columns in Racecar Engineering, which are drawn from my newsletter.

In the April newsletter I originally stated that for least bearing loads with an outboard brake, the caliper should be somewhere in the upper rear quadrant of the disc. Shortly after sending out that issue, I sent out a correction saying that should be the lower rear quadrant. This correction was supposed to be incorporated when the material was published in the magazine, but unfortunately the original version was what ran (July 2004 issue). So a correction is in BANNA BANNA

The original image of the Williams F1 suspension referred to by Mark Ortiz, showing the lower forward pick-ups for the control arms

order on this point, for those who read my column in the magazine.

In my October 2004 column, drawn from the June 2004 newsletter, there was some disagreement between what I said about the Williams Formula I suspension and the second picture that ran in the magazine, showing the suspension from above and behind. I had said the forward portion of the upper wishbone was not aligned with the tie rod, whereas in the picture it appears to be aligned. Some readers have understandably called this to my attention.

The picture in question was chosen by the magazine, not supplied by me. I based my comments on other pictures, which I did not have in electronic format. If anybody is to be faulted here, I am. Anyway, it appears there have been two versions of the suspension. In the version shown in the magazine, the bump steer and aerodynamics appear good, but the camber control properties appear poor. In the version I was looking at when I wrote the text, the control arm appears to have been levelled out by moving the forward pick-up point down a bit, without the steering rack being lowered to match.

Without inside knowledge of the team's internal affairs, I am of course speculating as best I can from partial evidence. The best explanatory theory I can devise is this: the original version had the wishbone and the tie rod as shown in the October column's illustration.

Perhaps the camber control was consciously compromised to get the nose higher and aid airflow underneath it, which was also partially the object of the tusk nose design. To get the nose up, the driver's feet had to go up. That forced the steering rack, the pedals, and everything else to go up. The wishbone then had to agree with the steering, to prevent bump steer and get good airflow over the tie rod and wishbone.

When it was found that the car lacked front grip, and other fixes didn't cure the problem, the team tried moving the wishbone pick-ups down. Moving them down a little on the existing tub was feasible, but moving the steering rack was tougher. So as a temporary experiment — and hopefully a temporary solution — the team decided to accept some bump steer and rely on driver skill to deal with that, and see if improved camber control would help the grip.

Raising the upper ball joints and outer tie rod ends was not an option, because the wheel rim was in the way. Lowering the rack was not an option either, because the driver's feet (or maybe other elements of the car) were in the way. So the team made the only modification they could under the circumstances.

I also noticed in the October issue that as of the Hungarian GP the team abandoned the tusk nose, although the tub has not been re-done. I understand they are trying an entirely new approach for 2005.

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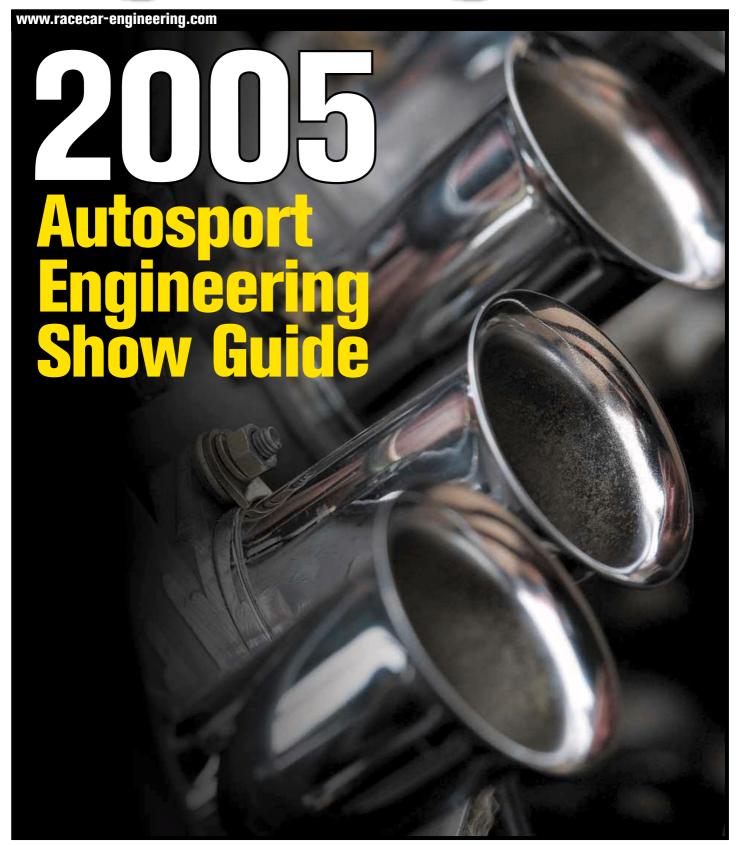
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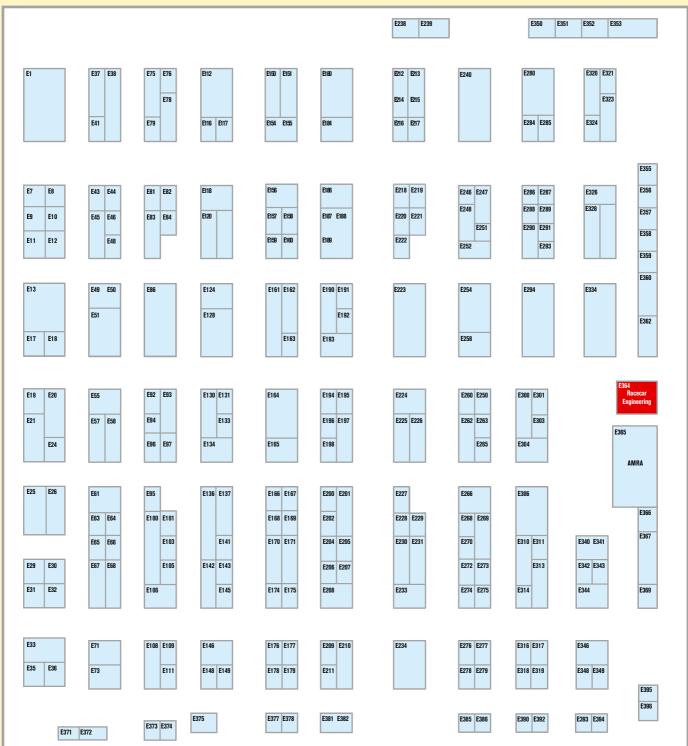
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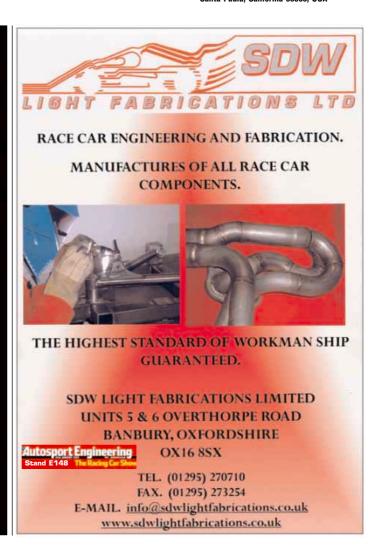




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New from Baty is the 3D Venture Multi-sensing vision CMM range. Available as manual or CNC, the Venture now features 0.5 micron resolution and programmable white LED lighting for surface and profile illumination. Other standard features include an on-screen focus meter for manual Z axis measurement and auto-focus for CNC systems. Also available in 2D format for profile projectors, Baty's new software can scan profiles and best fit to a dxf file and report specific dimensions in a drawing format. A 40-page guide to metrology solutions is available from the Baty stand.

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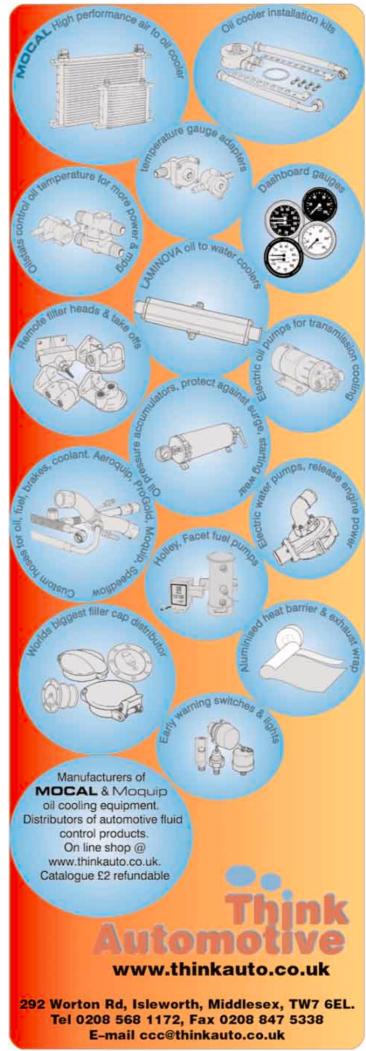
Product listing: motorbikes and race car bucking system pressure limiter; master cylinder; brake designer and CNC machined callipers. Beringer has developed the Aerotec patented system of chromeplated guides for brake pads which greatly reduces hysteresis of the caliper. The company works for motorbikes, car motorsport and light planes.

• Rep on stand: G Beringer

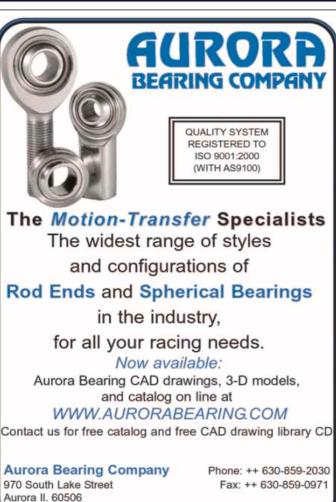
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Corus Engineering Steels offers autosport component manufacturers and end users: specialist VAR or ESR remelted and standard automotive steel bars; multi metal stockholding services; materials technical support service; and supply chain experience. The stand personnel will be available to discuss the development of improved steels and material supply routes for engine, transmission and driveline, steering and suspension components.

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For 2005 CPP is sharing a stand with its strategic partner, Superform Aluminium. They will be exhibiting a pair of high performance, all-aluminium racecars, demonstrating the specialist capabilities of the two companies in development and production of body, chassis and lightweight components. The pair will comprise a Spyker supercar, featuring full aluminium chassis and body, manufactured entirely by CPP, and a Morgan GT racecar, prepared for the 2005 season and featuring superformed aluminium body panels. The two companies are also collaborating on the development of magnesium race parts and will have demonstration samples on the stand.

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CTG has several exciting developments to show at the 2005 exhibition. It will be demonstrating the TOROline range of advanced composite driveline products, including a range of aftermarket automotive propshafts, new race propshafts and TORQdisc Flexible Disc Couplings, together with a new addition to the TORQline portfolio, its range of optimised lightweight metallic propshaft solutions. CTG will also show its ever-developing range of advanced composite hydraulic accumulators and pressure vessels. Several other highly innovative composite motorsport products will also be on display, as well as CTG's superb keronite ceramic coating for aluminium and motorsport magnesium

• Reps on stand: Mike Dewhirst, Dinesh Sathianathan

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Another busy year at Deutsch autosport as it starts production of the next generation of autosport

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DVT Corporation will present the world's first public demonstration of vision-enabled robotics Developed with KUKA Automation + Robotics, the technology, which embeds machine vision within the robotics controller, is causing quite a stir. As sensors become part of the robot itself, this system shows how an emerging generation can work faster still, make autonomous decisions based on sensory feedback, reduce or eliminate the need for line fixtures and even be operated by untrained personnel, using its two-tier GUI. By being able to interact directly with its own vision system (effectively giving the robot a pair of eyes) the robot can change programmes to respond to what

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Farringdon will be showing the latest versions of its lap timer products including models with data logging and a performance indicator. Also on show will be the SWIS10 Steering Wheel Instrument System which provides a comprehensive set of timing and gauge instruments, housed in an enclosure integrated with a racing steering wheel. These systems are available with a range of data logging options. The new RCA50 racing quartz tachometer with a tell-tale hand will also be shown. A special version will be available that closely resembles the chronometric tachometers used on many historic race cars.

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• Reps on stand: Mr Jobst, Mr Weik

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Kulite produces a range of pressure transducers for the extreme environmental conditions encountered in competition vehicles. Small yet rugged, Kulite sensors possess high signal outputs, combined with impressive repeatability and infinite resolution, combined with a high temperature capability. On show will be a varied range of miniature motorsport transducers, including a combined pressure and temperature sensor with an 8mm mounting thread. Of particular interest is a new pitot probe device with an integrated pressure sensor, providing a high level output signal relating to a differential pressure of typically 80 millibar, without the need for extra pipe work.

Reps on stand: Steve Bancroft, Brian Waterworth

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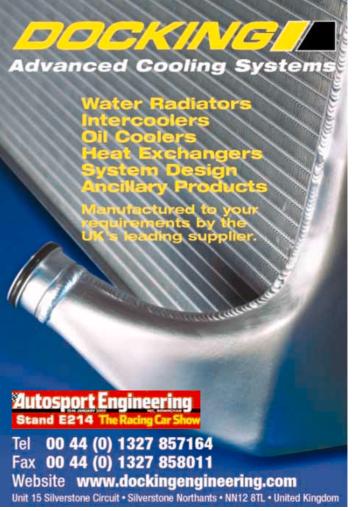
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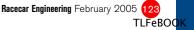
• Reps on stand: Gillian James

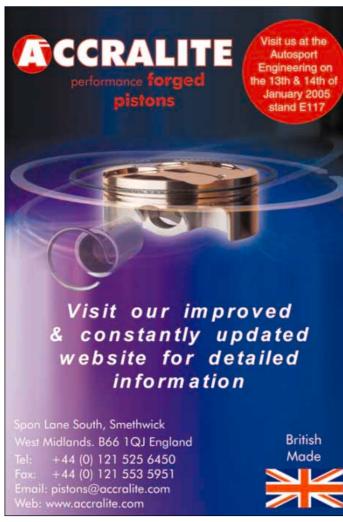
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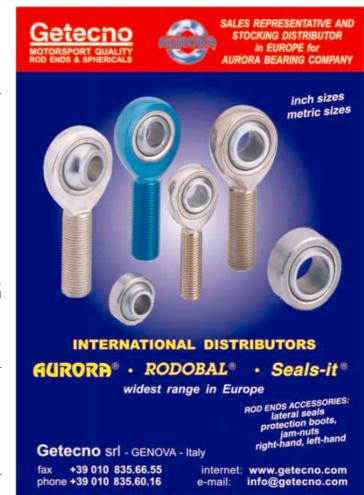
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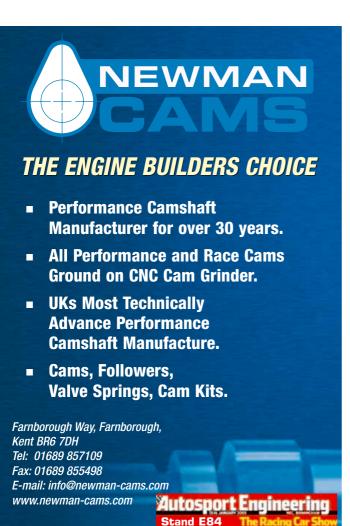
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- Reps on stand: Pays de la Loire Innovation
- Gérard Duchene; Alsim Jean-Paul Monnin, Cyril Jousselin; CénoSYS- Valérie Pelhate, Dominique Vovard; SOJADIS- Adeline Humeau, Jean-Marie Humeau, Joël Malville, Guillaume Perrain

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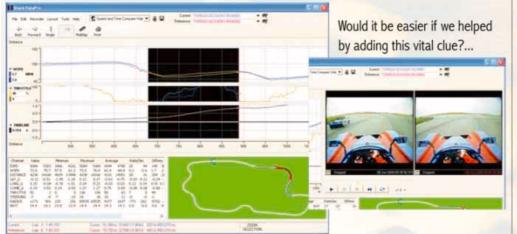
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· Reps on stand: Rob Jenkinson, Paolo Andolfi. Ian Peverill

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Manufacturer of fire suppression systems, electronic instruments, alpha steering wheels, steering quick release assemblies, and mirrors. Sole European distributor for Penske Racing Systems. The SPA group also has manufacturing facilities for fabrication and composite work and manufactures a comprehensive range of shock

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• Reps on stand: Ian Maple, Steve Hawkins

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• Reps on stand: Graham Leo, Peter Boote

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• Rep on stand: Peter Webster

# Swindon Racing Engines E180

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Swindon Racing Engines designs, develops and manufactures racing engines for the automotive industry, with 34 years' experience and winning in Formula 1, Formula 3000, Formula 3, Touring Car, World sportscars and World Rally Cars. Consistent investment in technology and the company's impressive facilities have kept it at the leading edge of performance engine development. It has the in-house capacity to manufacture billet crankshafts and five-axis CNC cylinder head portflow machining using the latest developed CAD CAM software will be demonstrated at the show.

• Reps on stand: Gary Dunn, Eric Pasture, Sean O'Rafferty

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Subcon Drilling specialises in providing a first-class service in gundrilling, honing and superfinishing to F1, motorsport, and various other hi-tech industries. A positive approach and an emphasis on quality has underpinned all of its operations and helped facilitate its recent BS EN ISO 9001:2000 accreditation and membership to the MIA. The company was established four years ago and although a young and growing business, its management has a combined total of over 30 years' experience in gundrilling and honing. Subcon can comfortably undertake a broad spectrum of jobs from the simplest to the most complex. Flexibility is a key attribute, so one-off jobs as well as whole production runs can be easily catered for.

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in these most demanding markets. Its production facilities, featuring the latest in CAD/CAM technology, and its established network of suppliers for materials and processes, enable it to offer a cost-effective 'one stop shop' for all of your requirements, from one off prototypes to batches of many thousands.

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· Reps on stand: Derek Heath, Matthew Potter

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Tilton Engineering, manufactures racing and high performance driveline components and in-cockpit controls, which will be on display. Driveline components include racing clutches (carbon and metallic), flywheels, bellhousings, concentric slave cylinders and competitive driveline systems. For 2005. Tilton is introducing many new brake system controls, including an advanced pivot-type balance bar/master cylinder system that will be available separately or as part of a new firewall-mount pedal box. In addition. Tilton will be displaying its rang of high torque Super Starters.

• Reps on stand: Kirk Skaufel, Jason Wahl

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TMD Friction is exhibiting Mintex racing and fast road brake pads, brake discs and brake fluid. which have had another highly successful year. New this year is Mintex 'F6' compound for high temperature, medium friction, applications - the latest addition to the race winning 'F' compound

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• Rep on stand: Harley Morgrette

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• Reps on stand: Tim Blake, George Ryton, Dave Plant, Steve Wills

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• Rep on stand: Bill Bray

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· Reps on stand: Callum Goodland, John Goodland

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Tungsten Alloys (TAL) manufactures and supplies finished to drawing and blank tungsten alloy components in various specifications of tungsten materials, drawing on over 35 years of manufacturing experience. TAL services the performance racing industry with balance weights (static and dynamic), ballast, heavy skids, and other tungsten products where high density (65% greater than lead), quality and prompt service are priorities. Other engineering applications are in defence, aerospace (military and civil), tooling and radiation shielding. Showing will be examples of tungsten alloy ballast, skids, crank weights (dynamic and static), plus other dense products.

# · Reps on stand: Chris Smith, David Richardson, Craig Wilkes

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· Reps on stand: Steve Grundy

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Vibra Technics will be exhibiting a range of its own design engines and gearbox mountings for high performance cars including the VW Golf range, Escort and Sierra Cosworths, Focus and some Peugent and Citroen applications. Also on the stand will be some of the suspension bushes it has developed for competition and fast road use. It will be offering its engine mount system design services to the smaller companies involved in car construction who may not be able to afford to have anti-vibration and system design engineered in the engine mounting area.

• Reps on the stand: John Wright, Hannah Bentley, Roger Lott, Martin Tyman, Mark Wrinht

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· Reps on stand: Richard Nagel, Peter Williams

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• Reps on stand: Simeon Collins, Howard Maher, Mike Morris, Tony Gibbs, Andy Hirons

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Rep on stand: Bill Mitchell

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• Reps on stand: Robin Price, Cliff Hawkins, Peter Digby

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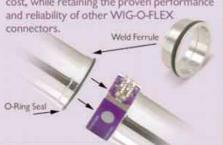
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