

PRESS RELEASE

The GT40 Racecar is Back in Production After 40 Years: The GT40-R

After 40 years an authentic recreation of the iconic GT40 racing car that beat Ferrari and won the Le Mans 24 Hours Race in 1966, 1967, 1968, and 1969 is being rebuilt and sold in the US. Named the GT40-R, this racecar will be eligible for vintage racing in the Historic Sportscar Racing association (HSR) and other venues. The GT40R is an authentic reproduction of the original, and is licensed as a continuation model qualifying for the Shelby American Automobile Club (SAAC) and Safir GT40 registries.

Melbourne, FL (PRWEB) February 6, 2009 -- Superformance LLC, in partnership with Pathfinder Motorsports LLC, announced today the availability of an authentic competition version of the iconic GT40 racing car that beat Ferrari and won the Le Mans 24 Hours Race in 1966, 1967, 1968, and 1969. Named the GT40-R, this exceptional racecar will be eligible for competition in several race series, and has already been approved for vintage racing in the Historic Sportscar Racing association (HSR).

Superformance and Pathfinder Motorsports created the GT40-R as an affordable and accurate 1960's-era Le Mans-type racecar for use in vintage racing and high-speed track events, such as those sponsored by the National Auto Sport Association. While other Superformance GT40s have been registered as street-legal road cars, the GT40-R was designed for racing, and boasts supercar handling and acceleration, along with available modern safety features such as a six-point roll-cage, FIA-approved fuel cells, fire suppression system, competition seat belts, and much more.

Superformance's engineers went to great lengths to ensure authenticity and accuracy. So much so that the GT40-R is licensed by Safir GT40 Spares LLC as a continuation model of the original 1965 GT40, and not only carries a continuation vehicle chassis and MSO number, but is also eligible for entry in Safir's GT40 registry alongside the original racecars. In addition, the GT40-R is eligible for inclusion in the prestigious Shelby American Automobile Club (SAAC) registry, thereby substantially enhancing the car's collector value.

This GT40-R continuation model is built to exacting standards with over 85% of the rolling chassis's parts interchangeable with the original car, including the highly complex 'monocoque'-style chassis. The GT40-R also boasts a pressed steel roof, a beautifully finished body, and is available in either MKI or MKII configurations - in right- or left-hand drive. It is expected that the right-hand drive will be most popular due to it being both more authentic and best suited for many US racetracks.

The GT40-R is exclusively sold in the US by its co-developer, Florida-based Pathfinder Motorsports. Pathfinder's CEO, Alan Petersen, said at today's announcement, "After a tremendous investment of time and effort, we are very proud to announce today the availability of the GT40-R - the most exciting race car to hit America's race tracks in almost 40 years. We believe that this car will provide unbeatable performance and thrills to the legions of race enthusiasts who see the GT40 as the most exciting racecar of all time. With the original cars selling for millions of dollars, our goal is to provide the vintage car enthusiast and weekend racer with a safe, exciting, and highly affordable racecar that is nothing less than a true GT40."

Lance Stander, President of Superformance LLC, remarked, "The introduction of the GT40-R is a significant milestone in our company's history. We pride ourselves on the quality of our high-performance continuation vehicles and the GT40-R is a great example of that commitment to excellence." He went on to say, "The GT40-R has been built with racing in mind, with such features as a competition roll-cage, racing suspension, period-correct aerodynamics, and even small details like windshield wipers that operate at speeds in excess of 150mph. And despite the small production numbers for a specialized vehicle like the GT40-R, each car will be constructed by skilled artisans in the largest and most sophisticated factory of its kind, employing over 500 professionals. Those lucky enough to own the competition version of our GT40 will have a highly capable, historic racing-eligible racecar not unlike the original 1960's World Champion racecar."

The GT40-R is already in production, with the first racecar arriving in the United States in late-March. GT40-R's will be on display at HSR and other motor racing events beginning in the Spring of 2009. They will be sold exclusively through Pathfinder Motorsports LLC in Melbourne, Florida.

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