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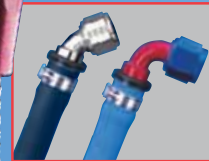
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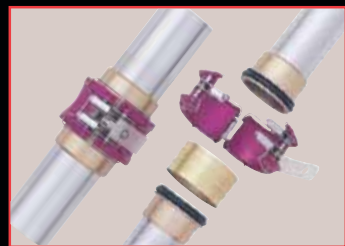
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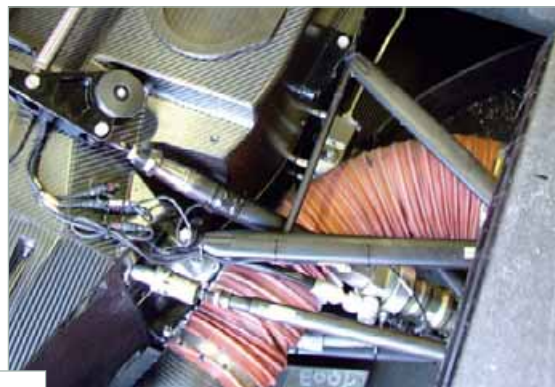
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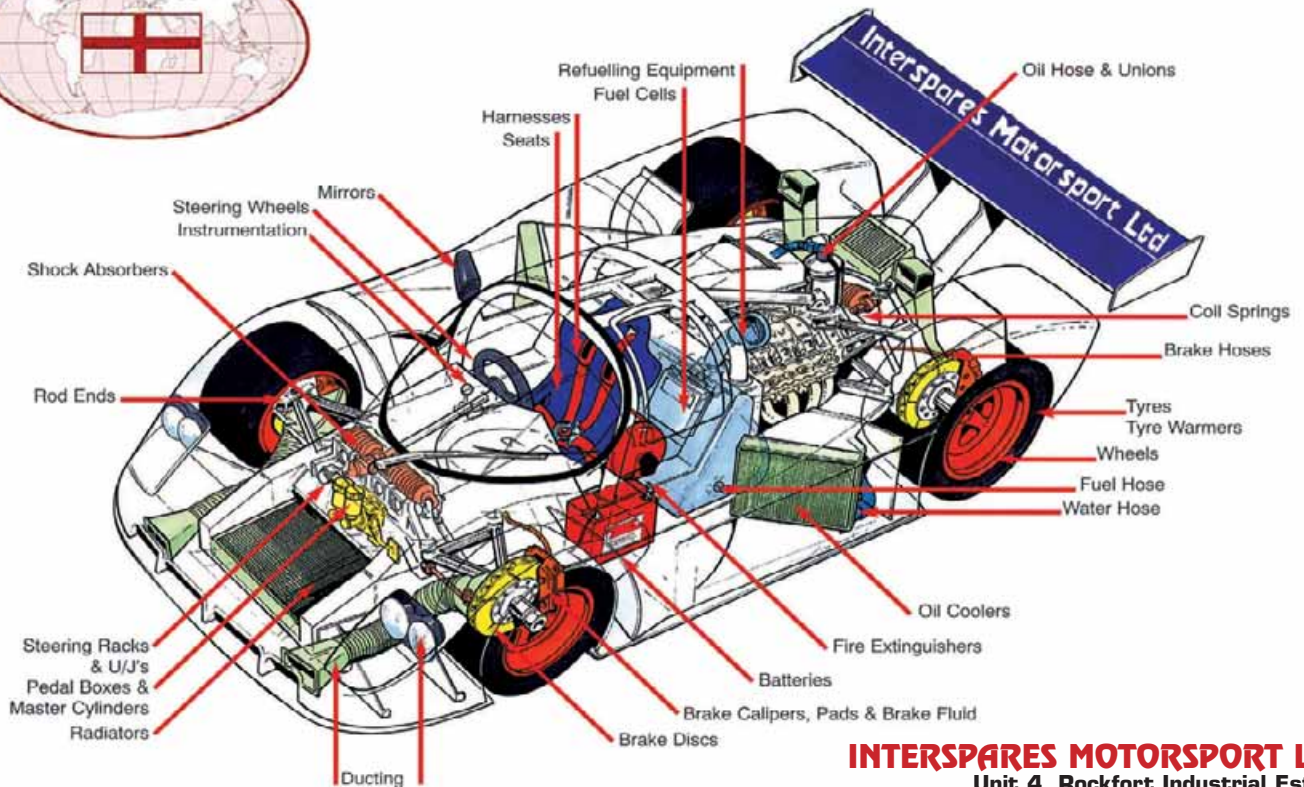
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Write Line

Really exciting new ideas in motorsport engineering are as rare as sound foreign policy in the middle east. So when one as good as Creuat's new suspension comes along it deserves any attention it gets. But for all the excitement, what are the chances of it changing the shape of the racecar as we know it? It depresses me to say they are probably pretty slim.

The history of racecar design is punctuated by trendsetting technological milestones that provide the landmarks with which we navigate the past. The mid-engined Cooper, the monocoque Lotus, the ground-effect Lotus, the carbon-tubbed McLaren – all these left their mark on racecars resulting in the single seaters we are familiar with today. Wouldn't it be great to witness another revolution in design? To see conventional springs, dampers and anti-roll bars, with all the compromises they encompass, being swept aside in favour of a more fundamentally pure system. It would be a leap as big as from spaceframe to monocoque or from wings to ground effect.

But I doubt it will happen, and this is why.

The commitment from Racing For Holland has to be commended, because taking a new technology into a new environment and

blazing a trail with it takes courage. As the late Carroll Smith once said, 'the last of the old will always beat the first of the new,' and with good reason. For a technical advance to pay dividends, it has to be standing on the shoulders of an already optimised package. If not, any advantage it gives will be lost in the deficiencies of the rest of the package. To maintain that level of competitiveness while retaining enough spare capacity to develop something new will always be a challenge.

Assuming a new technology like Creuat's suspension works, the first hurdle it will encounter is finding a race team willing to put itself through the research and development pain barrier that will have to be breached before a worthwhile advantage is found. However, nothing ventured nothing gained, and with sufficient resolve anything is possible. So the technology starts paying dividends, the car tops the timesheets and becomes the one to beat. That is when you attract the attention of the organisers. What they previously let through scrutineering as an interesting curiosity is now being viewed as an unfair advantage. Under pressure from other teams they will be faced with a choice. Either they let the winning team keep their technology but accept it will mean other teams will inevitably have to follow suit to regain competitiveness. Or, alternatively, the organisers ban the technology, save everyone the expense of development and strike another blow against rising costs in motorsport.

The latter strategy is the favoured tactic in Formula 1 and is already filtering down through other tiers of the sport. As a self-confessed innovation junkie, I find the prospect all too depressing but it may go some way to explaining why, despite a widespread belief in the myth, motorsport no longer improves the breed.

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Charles Armstrong-Wilson



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Motor racing world cup becomes reality

Motor racing's world cup looks to have become a reality. At the close of press 17 A1 franchises had taken delivery of their cars. These first teams will all have their main car and a spare in time for the first race at Brands Hatch. Late sign ups, expected to include Ireland, Germany and Italy, will only receive their second cars after the first race.

Most of the franchises are being run by established outfits, although the Malaysian and Indian entries are being run by groups established by the franchise holders.

The man behind A1GP, Sheikh Maktoum, told RE how he came up with the look of the cars, how he made Lola build the car he wanted and how he managed to make the whole thing a reality. 'The initial design ideas that I came up with were from a swordfish and



A1 cars took to the track in a group for the first time ever at Silverstone in July

a stingray, and why not, they are the most aerodynamic creatures in the water and that has a density of a thousand times more than air. You cannot argue with nature,' he explained. 'Lola tried to talk me out of the fin initially, now they have actually found an aerodynamic use for it.' There were

other areas where Maktoum was keen to keep the car looking 'right'. 'At the start I wanted to have 18in rims and low profile tyres because that looked good, but they talked me out of it, and we went with their suggestion. When they put on their choice of tyres I said it just doesn't look right, because they were smaller. I said

Confirmed A1 entries

COUNTRY	TEAM
Australia	Alan Docking Racing
Brazil	ASM Racing
China	TBC
France	DAMS
Mexico	DAMS
Great Britain	Arden International
Lebanon	Carlin Motorsport
Netherlands	Racing For Holland
New Zealand	West Surrey Racing
Pakistan	Super Nova
South Africa	BCN
Switzerland	TBC*
USA	TBC
India	Run in-house

*The Swiss entry was run by DAMS at the Silverstone test but only as a temporary measure

to Lola, 'well I want bigger tyres, just bring them.' Eventually they put the bigger tyre on that you see now and it actually fitted the car perfectly, and if it looks right it must be right.'

2006 engine deals now done

Williams F1 will run Cosworth 2.4-litre V8 engines in next year's F1 World Championship if reports are to be believed. Originally Williams had planned to use BMW units throughout 2006 but the German firms buyout of the Sauber team, allied to reportedly sour relations between the two, saw the British team without a clear engine deal. Rumour suggests that Williams will use Cosworth engines for one year

Williams has used Cosworth V8 power with success before



until Toyota is ready to supply Lexus-badged V8s in 2007.

Cosworth is already committed to supplying Minardi with restricted 3.0-litre V10 units in 2006.

Meanwhile, Toyota announced a new home in the Midlands. Jordan (who become Midland F1 in 2006) already runs the Japanese firm's engines so there will be little change.

2006 engine situation

All teams are using 2.4-litre V8 engines bar Minardi who are using a restricted V10

TEAM	SUPPLIER
McLaren	Mercedes Benz
Ferrari	in-house
Toyota	in-house
Williams	Cosworth (TBC)
Red Bull	Ferrari
BAR	Honda
Sauber/BMW	BMW
Midland	Toyota
Minardi	Cosworth

Honda withdraws from Indy League

Following Toyota's departure last month, Honda has announced that it too is to withdraw from the Indy Racing League at the end of next season. However, it may not be a permanent withdrawal from the series 'because of a technicality in the IRL rules which automatically renews a contract if no action is taken,

we are withdrawing from the IRL to keep our options open,' explained Honda's performance development boss Robert Clark. He went on to say that Honda would have to be convinced not to return to the series in 2007.

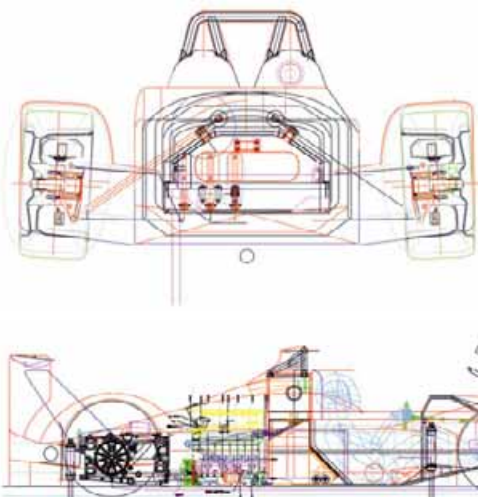
Citing a technicality in the rules, Honda aims to keep its options open



New Radical on a roll

Radical has released further details of its forthcoming SR9 LMP2 competitor and has confirmed that it is aiming to be racing at Le Mans in 2006 with Martin Short's Rollcentre Racing team.

Since the SR9 project was revealed (RE V15N6) there have been a number of changes to the car's design. 'Originally the idea was to make a cheap car that's a bit off the pace but is a stepping stone to bigger things,' explains Radical's Mick Hyde. 'Then we got Peter Elleray on board and changed the plan - let's make it a bit less cheap, on the pace, but still open to whatever engine the customer wants, including our own V8. Finally, after consulting Le Mans teams, we have settled on a single integrated



Radical steps its LMP2 plans up a notch, aiming to make its new SR9 competitive from the outset

package with AER's twin turbo V8.'

Three SR9 chassis have been sold so far and more are expected to find customers soon. Radical also

confirmed that it will be supplying full support and corporate hospitality at every Le Mans Endurance Series round in 2006.

Formula Atlantic revamped

Champ Car's Atlantic series is set for a major revamp with a new chassis and engine, while US racecar manufacturer Swift has been announced as the supplier of the new car. Cosworth will supply the 300bhp, 2.4-litre engine that will be fitted into the back of the all-new O16a chassis.

Cars will cost around \$175,000 (£98,000) and at least 18 have already been ordered. Operating costs are being kept to a minimum and are expected to be around \$500,000 (£280,000) per team. 'We feel we have created a very



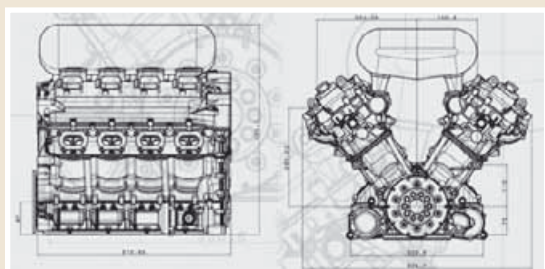
New cars are to be built by Swift and will feature 2.4l engines from Cosworth

affordable and highly-competitive environment for teams to race Atlantics next year,' claims the series' managing

director Vicki O'Connor. The championship will continue to run at Champ Car venues next year.

AER engine unveiled

AER has unveiled a new sportscar engine. The 3.4-litre, twin turbo V8 features a 75-degree 'V' angle and direct injection



ACO penalises top GTs



One body shape rule means Aston's Le Mans aero kit is out the window

Aston Martin's DBR9 and Corvette's C6-R will have to carry 25kg of ballast in all future races they compete in that are run to ACO rules. Aston will also have to abandon its Le Mans spec aero kit (see RE V15N8) as from now on only one body shape is permitted.

Porsche's GT3-RSR will have to run a smaller air restrictor in the LMES and Le Mans, but potentially not in the ALMS as the ACO has left that decision up to the US-based series organisers.

Rotary turnaround



A bigger air restrictor makes rotary-engined Courage more competitive

BK Motorsports has been granted a dispensation to run a larger air restrictor on its Mazda rotary-engined Courage LMP2. From now on the car will run a 53.5mm restrictor instead of the usual 49.1mm used by other P2 runners.

The team has also changed engine preparation company and will now have Dennis Spencer's group in charge of looking after the twin-rotor unit.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Cosworth has joined the ranks of sports prototype engine suppliers. The British firm is now offering a twin turbo, 3.6-litre V8 with direct injection.
- Phoenix has been dropped from next year's IRL schedule as a result of poor spectator numbers. The circuit had been on the calendar for nine years.
- Bernie Ecclestone claims to have rejected a \$1 billion bid for control of F1. The big money offer is said to have been made by Hong Kong firm Hutchinson Whampoa.
- Next year's Dakar rally is hugely oversubscribed, with 725 applications already lodged. As the event only has capacity for 485 starters the entry has been closed early.
- Last issue of RE reported that Tim Rapley had set up Digital Physical. He has of course set up Physical Digital – a mobile, non-contact, optical digitisation service.

Cosworth in the blood



Cosworth looks set to return to racing though now under the name Mahle Powertrain

Cosworth Technology, the half of Cosworth that went to Audi following the post-Vickers split, may return to its racing roots under the new name of Mahle Powertrain.

When Vickers sold the company in 1998, it was split into Audi-owned Cosworth Technology and Ford-owned Cosworth Racing, the latter responsible for motorsport business.

Both divisions have subsequently been sold on, although the engine components and filters group, Mahle,

made little fuss when it acquired Cosworth Technology at the beginning of this year. In July it re-named the company Mahle Powertrain.

Ulrich Wittwer, chief executive officer of the operation, points out that although it carried out some internal work, such as engineering for the hugely successful Audi R8, it had not been allowed (due to a gentleman's agreement between Ford and Audi) to use the Cosworth name in relation to any motorsport activity. However, the new

ownership means that it could soon openly be back in racing.

'Under the former owner we could not officially act in racing, but this has changed and there will be new opportunities for us,' Wittwer said. Professor Dr Heinz Junker, chairman of the Mahle management board said: 'It will be an interesting part of the future. It is too early to say how important, but we no longer have to do it incognito. Our blood is 'Cosworth' and motorsport is on the radar now.'

Cranfield expands course options

Cranfield University's motorsport group will run a number of short courses over the winter covering the following topics: motorsport electronics and data acquisition; advanced metallic materials for motorsport; project management; composite materials for motorsport;

the business of motorsport; structural design for motorsport; aerodynamics; vehicle dynamics; CFD and powertrain design. The courses start mid October and run until mid March – see www.motorsport.cranfield.ac.uk/teaching.htm for more details.

F3 car spotted at Silverstone

One of the RRR British F3 cars appeared to have had an outbreak of spots at a recent test at Silverstone – find out why in a future issue of Racecar Engineering.



Jakob Ehrny

Challenge chassis revealed



Peter Wardle's new 'Challenge' single-seater series was launched at Silverstone in August. More details in the next issue of Racecar Engineering.

SCSA stock cars withdraw from Europe

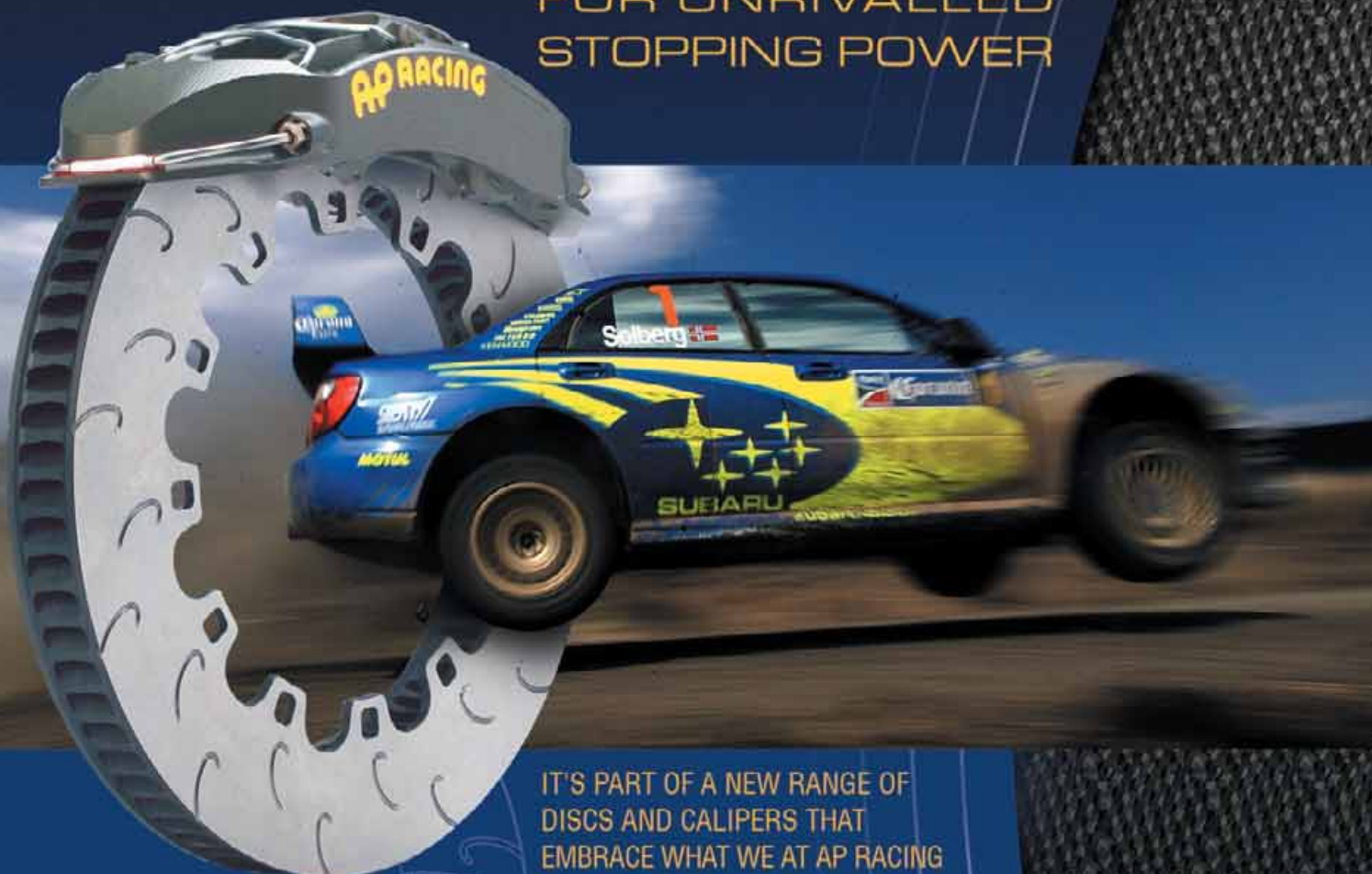
The UK-based SCSA stock car series has cancelled its German races this season due to a lack of entries. 'It would damage SCSA's credibility to run a depleted grid in Germany,' explained an SCSA spokesperson.

Eurospeedway Lausitz was scheduled to host the races in August but series

organisers may now look to other circuits closer to home, including Belgium's Warneton Speedway – home of the similar CAMSO V8 series – and the Mallory Mile in England. Road courses may also be on the agenda, SCSA cars having tested on the Brands Hatch Indy circuit in the past.

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NASCAR to be fried in Kentucky?



No-one is too big to take to court – Kentucky Speedway is suing NASCAR for alleged violation of federal anti-trust laws

Kentucky Speedway is filing a lawsuit against NASCAR and the International Speedway Corp (both of which the France family own) saying the two organisations have violated federal anti-trust laws in the manner they award Nextel Cup events.

The suit also alleges that NASCAR reserves new Cup dates for newly constructed or contracted ISC tracks and seeks an injunction against NASCAR to 'cease and desist from their unlawful monopolisation and conspiracy'.

Kentucky has been a host track for

the NASCAR Busch and Craftsman Truck Series and is a facility used widely by Cup teams as a test track as it is not a 'Cup' track. The 1.5-mile facility is a state-of-the-art track that opened in 2000 and has a seating capacity for 66,000 people.

New Ford, re-worked Chevrolet



The all-new Ford Fusion will join the NASCAR action at Daytona in 2006

A new Ford will be seen on the grid at the 2006 Daytona 500. The Detroit firm will replace the Taurus for 2006 in Nextel Cup and the Busch Series with the Fusion model. It's the first new name-plated Ford to be announced and raced in the US since the Torino, 38 years ago, which won the title in its debut year.

During the first week of August Chevrolet unveiled its made-over Monte Carlo with a slightly sleeker looking nose but, unlike the Fusion, it failed NASCAR's on-track portion of the approval process and was re-tested the following week.

F1 designer to oversee R&D at Childress

Richard Childress Racing has hired 20-year Cosworth veteran and F1 engine designer Nick Hayes to its staff. Hayes, 45, will oversee research and development at the organisation's new engine R&D facility. 'I think the re-organisation we've made is a positive new start to our entire engine department,' said Richard Childress, president and CEO of RCR. 'These moves, in addition to bringing on Nick Hayes to head up our engine research and development department, have put RCR in a better position to reach the goals we've set for ourselves.' Hayes formerly worked for the aero division of Rolls Royce Engines until 1984 when he joined Cosworth. He joined Childress full-time in August.



RCR front runners will benefit from ex-Rolls Royce and Cosworth man Hayes' involvement as head of its new engine facility

SADEV for Super 2000

French supplier SADEV has won the first contract for Super 2000 transmission supplying all S2000 rally cars. It will be a conventional, sequential dog engagement unit with strictly mechanical gear shifting. Active and viscous coupling differentials are prohibited and teams must run SADEV-manufactured mechanical friction plate/ramp limited slip units.

These measures remove the need for costly electronics and a chassis hydraulic system. The front-to-rear torque split provided by the centre diff is 50/50, and the front and rear differentials are identical. Five different ramp angles will enable teams to alter differential settings, and there is further scope allowed by altering the number of friction plates used and pre-load applied.

Additionally, wheel-side CV joints must be interchangeable front to rear, as must those feeding directly into the differential.

Ignis becomes Swift

Possibly the last Super 1600 Junior World Rally Car to be homologated, the Suzuki Swift, made its world rallying debut at this year's Rally Finland. Aimed at bettering the performance and results of its Ignis predecessor, which carried the 2004 Junior World Champion to his title, the Swift is 50kg lighter than the Ignis, yet still heavier than the 1000kg category minimum weight limit.



New Suzuki Swift JWRC has vastly improved suspension over previous Ignis model

Suzuki regards the Swift as its first 'World Car', the rally car being based on the road cars produced in Hungary. The 100-strong design engineering team at Suzuki Motorsport in Japan has developed the basic design of much of the car, while the three-strong design team at Monster Sport Europe, which prepares and runs the 'works' Suzukis, has collaborated closely to hone the

specification to JWRC requirements. The fundamental differences between the two Suzuki rally cars are that the later Swift has independent trailing 'wishbone' arm rear suspension in place of the Ignis' dead beam, and a front subframe to support the MacPherson strut with triangulated lower arm front suspension. The Ignis is devoid of a front subframe and carries torsion arm-supported strut suspension connected directly to the bodyshell.

The only assemblies which carry over from the Ignis to the Swift are the gearbox and differential. The engine, while similar, is modified to a later specification and all engine work is to be undertaken in Japan. Monster Sport Europe simply installs the units in the cars. Suzuki's ability to produce small capacity engines with commendable outputs has put the team in good stead in the past, but it seems there are questions over the power characteristics of the new Swift unit between 7500rpm and maximum.

Shock tactics at Peugeot

In a quest to engineer more competitiveness into the Peugeot 307 WRC, tests have been undertaken on a car equipped with shock absorbers featuring Öhlins hydraulics adapted to some of the Peugeot manufactured damper hardware and casings. Until Rally Finland this year, Peugeot Sport's rally cars have competed equipped with Peugeot's own design of shock absorbers. The team's 307 WRCs had displayed a perplexing lack of competitiveness up that point.

The test was back-to-back with full Peugeot dampers. The team's test driver found that he preferred the original – Peugeot units, and the lead driver took his word for it and took a Peugeot damper-equipped 307 WRC to victory in Finland.

2006 Group N modified Impreza STI spec C spied early

The new 2006 Subaru Impreza appeared, in Group N modified form, in a Tommi Mäkinen Racing display at the service area of this year's Rally Finland. After initial reticence from Subaru for the car to be displayed, it was given the go-ahead after the new car's distinctively re-styled snout was masked by a fibreglass cover.

It was the first-ever public appearance of a Group N modified '06 STI spec C, which is 50mm longer, but carries the same 1490/1495mm front/rear track and 2540mm wheelbase as this year's car. The road version of the new car is 20kg heavier than the old one. Minor engine changes bring maximum torque to 422Nm, giving the latest flat six 1994cc engine

10Nm more than the old one, though power remains the same at 280ps. Considerably improved 'variant option' gear ratios for the Group N car provide a 15kph faster top speed, and the central differential of the road car now has a front/rear torque split of 41/59 per cent (this



New Group N modified spec C Impreza demonstrates significant aerodynamic alterations, both in the front end and the roof-mounted vane and rear wing

year's car has 35/65 per cent). The new diff gets a revised EMCD electro-magnetic active diff, which is similar to that used in the earlier Group A Mitsubishi Lancer rally cars, although for practicality the Group N rally car runs with a spool centre diff. Mechanical limited slip units are fitted in the front and rear axles. Extra sensors on the new car include a g sensor and steering wheel angle sensor.

The most striking change for the new Impreza is its aerodynamic treatment – a large rear spoiler is now fitted, with its performance enhanced by a roof-mounted vane that feeds airflow directly at the spoiler. An innovation is the introduction of a diffuser at the rear, under the boot floor.



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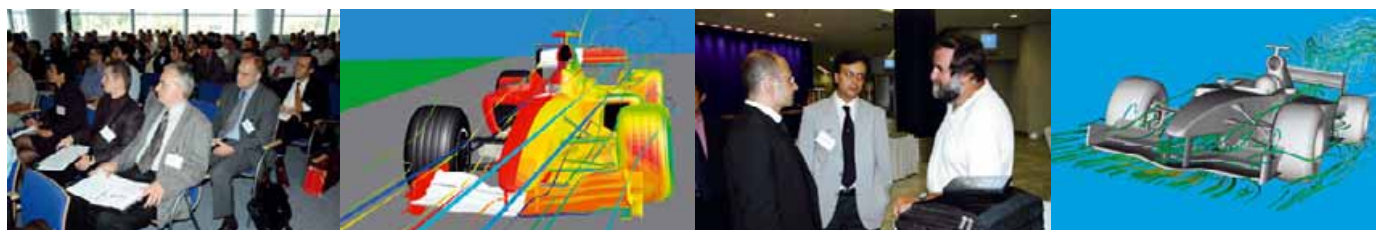


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The flow of information

CFD has come of age, and with the second European conference a success, the future looks bright for this fast-moving area of motorsport technology

BY CHARLES ARMSTRONG-WILSON



Although road cars were high on the agenda, representatives from Ferrari and Sauber gave presentations and both Williams and Renault F1 were in attendance

The second European Automotive CFD Conference served to demonstrate just how this technology is coming of age. What was once regarded as a rather flaky and unreliable technique has grown in stature massively. At one time, aerodynamic work carried out using computational fluid dynamics would always be validated in a wind tunnel before it was allowed anywhere near a racecar. These days CFD and wind tunnel data are used to validate each other. Also, in these days of short lead times and rapid development cycles, the products of CFD can go straight onto a car, and not just in testing either, but for a race weekend without any other interrogation of the design.

In this environment, there is no mystery surrounding the growth of the CFD industry and the associated software business that supports it. Fluent, the company that hosted the conference in Frankfurt during June, saw its turnover exceed \$100 million for the first time in 2004, having doubled since 1999. While this leading software supplier to the industry obviously created the event as a marketing initiative, it was still able to be hands off enough to allow the event to be valid to a broader audience than its own users. Other software suppliers were among the presenters and exhibitors and the event lacked an oppressive product bias in favour of the hosts, at least no more so than one would expect from the market leader.

Much of the conference was concerned with road cars, but that seemed to have little effect on its more widespread appeal to the motorsport fraternity.

Representatives from Ferrari, Williams, Renault and Sauber Formula 1 teams, among others, were there as either attendees or presenters. One of the presentations was even given by Ferrari's head of CFD, Luciano Mariella. He formed the Italian team's CFD department in 1996 and it now comprises nine people. They work on

great deal of finance and effort into its CFD programme. This has resulted in the acquisition of Albert, a Linux Cluster supercomputer boasting 500 processors, 1 terabyte of memory and 10 terabytes of storage. Larsson recalled a study in 2003 when the team's cars were exhibiting an aerodynamic problem that was proving difficult to identify. They were losing a lot of rear downforce in yaw but the wind tunnel could only simulate up to 4.5 degrees of side slip. However, CFD was able to conduct a study on a file of 100 million cells that

key areas then the accuracy of the results will be compromised. Hence the focus on knowledge-based meshing software that can produce optimum meshes automatically. Some of the presentations went into more detail on meshing than anyone other than those actively using CFD would want to know. However, for those at the cutting edge it was undoubtedly invaluable insight.

Another technique for reducing meshing times is mesh deformation. Rob Lewis of Advantage CFD explained how this has allowed his company to tackle

“THESE DAYS CFD AND WIND TUNNEL DATA ARE USED TO VALIDATE EACH OTHER”

files of up to 35 million cells to get the best possible accuracy for full-car CFD and the quality of the work has been there for all to see in recent seasons. Ferrari was also asked by the FIA to conduct a CFD study of grand prix cars running together to assess the effect of a leading car's wake on the one behind. Mariella displayed the results of the study and concluded that because the wake rises, the effect on the following car is minimal. An outcome that many Formula 1 spectators and perhaps some drivers might query.

The other Formula 1 representative to present was Torbjörn Larsson of the Sauber Petronas team that has put a

could simulate six degrees of yaw. From this it was found that the wakes from the front tyres were upsetting the efficiency of the rear wing. A new set of deflectors for the rear wing were designed and an immediate improvement in performance yielded third and fifth in the US GP.

Much of the development in CFD currently centres on automatic meshing techniques. This was once the bottleneck in the process calling for experienced operators to define the mesh densities for different parts of the model. If the density is too high then time is wasted on calculations of little significance, but if the detail is too low in

complex optimisation tasks in a fraction of the time previously required. For more on this technique see *Racecar Engineering V14 N4 p48*.

As a focus for the world of automotive CFD, the EACC can be counted a success and the breadth of content gave a broad range of appeal. Not only had it sufficient depth for the expert users in the field, but it also gave non-users a valuable perspective of the capability of this technology and how it can be usefully exploited. The event is currently biannual and, with the current pace of development, who knows what the next event will be revealing to the world of motorsport engineering.



Vic Lee

• VLR team founder **Vic Lee** has been sentenced to 12 years imprisonment after pleading guilty to drug trafficking offences. Three others were also handed down shorter sentences.



Johnny Herbert

• Popular British driver **Johnny Herbert** has joined Jordan Grand Prix as sporting relations manager.

• **Dava McCain** has joined the ALMS



With the Lola-Dome project concluded, Dome Cars UK will be closed

organising team as promotions manager. The former Truesports employee will replace **Shelley Cates** in the role.

and later with Lowrance Harry. Rider bought out Bahre, who continues to build engines for late model stock cars.

• **John Travis** has been hired to design the Epsilon Euskadi LMP chassis, which is planned to hit the track late next year.

• Recent rumours have connected **Robbie Reiser** with an appointment as a crew chief at Dale Earnhardt International.

• Richard Childress Racing has hired 20-year Cosworth veteran and Former F1 engine designer **Nick Hayes** to its engine R&D department – see page 11 for more details.

• **Tadashi Saaski** has left Dome, and Dome Cars Ltd in the UK will be closed down imminently. Dome Japan will not be affected.

• **Chuck Rider**, owner of the now defunct Bahari Racing from 1986 to 1999, has passed away at the age of 64. Rider co-owned the team originally with Dick Bahre,

• Champ Car has named **Mark S Reilly** as its vice president Broadcast Sales and Distribution. Reilly was formerly the senior partner at Stedmark Associates in New York, following his departure from ESPN Inc.

Cosworth wins 250th Champ Car race

British engineering specialist Cosworth has won its 250th Champ Car victory. The firm has been involved with supplying engines to the open-wheel series since 1976 when their DFX unit made its debut. A Jim



Swintal painting was presented to Cosworth's Tim Routsis and Ian Bisco by one of the Champ Car drivers who was behind the wheel of the car that took the 250th win. Cars use the firm's 2.65-litre XFE engine which can produce up to 800bhp.

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ON THE GAS...

ERIC BOULLIER
Technical director DAMS

Eric Boullier is the managing and technical director of the Le Mans-based Driot Associates Motor Sport (DAMS), who currently run cars in GP2, A1 Grand Prix and the World Series by Renault.



How did you first get involved in motorsport?

It was when I was a youngster, I was given the opportunity to work at the Le Mans 24 Hours race and, as with many people, that's where the passion started.

What is the most interesting project you have worked on?

Every project I have worked on has been

interesting and different. The World Series by Renault and GP2, which I am working on now, are very interesting from a single-seater racing point of view. On the endurance racing and sportscar side, the most complex and interesting project I worked with was the Cadillac LMPs of a few years ago.

What are your biggest achievements in motorsport?

DAMS itself – setting up an efficient team around me to achieve our winning aim.

What is your favourite competition car of all time?

I would have to say the Audi R8. It is astonishing to see how this car has been built, developed and how it has performed so strongly so often for years and years.

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

I respect all aeronautical engineers – the complexity of their subject and the mix between such different high engineering levels like aerodynamics, structural engineering, mechanical engineering, electronic and material. All this is a good mix between physical and mathematical skills.

Which era/formula would you have liked to have worked in and why?

Any era of Formula 1, even if only for the environment you get to work in. It allows you to almost be totally free with creativity.

What engineering innovation do you most admire?

Manufacturing solutions, carbon fibre technology and the advances in electronics.

What tool/instrument could you not do without?

My computer, it's essential.

Is motorsport about engineering or entertainment?

Motorsport is firstly engineering, but is essentially based on the entertainment and, at the end of the day, motorsport needs entertainment to live.

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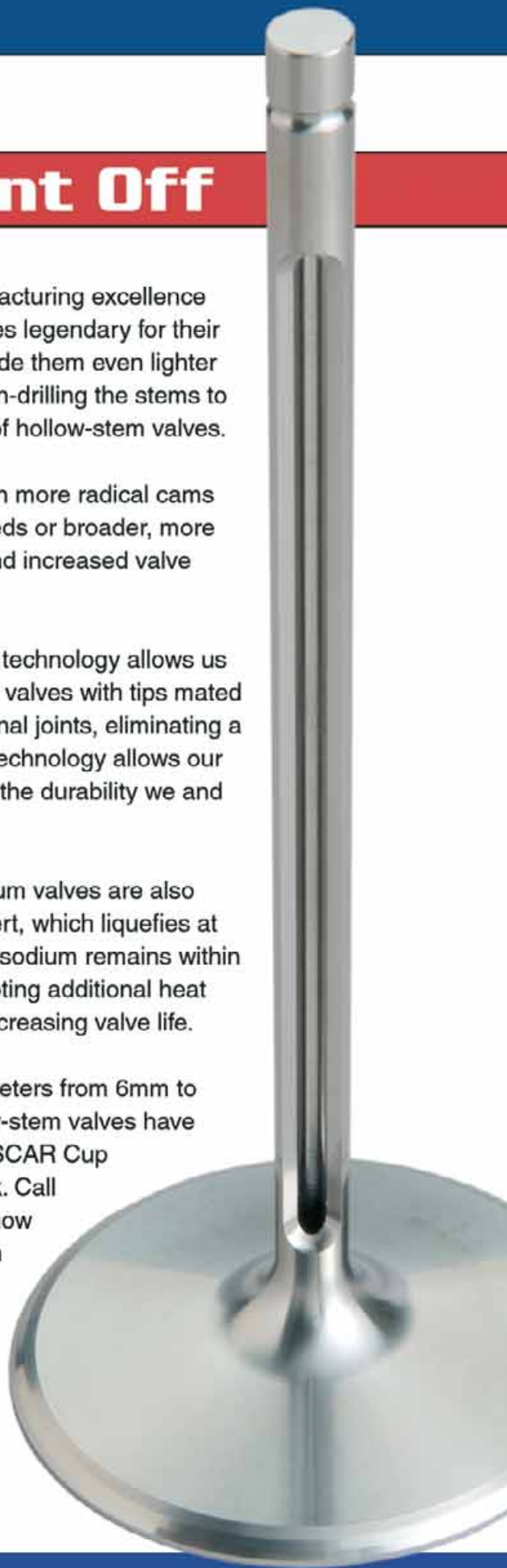
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News

Next year's Autosport Engineering show will be hosting a series of firsts as more and more companies are signing up to be first time exhibitors.

Austrian aerospace supplier Pankl has already booked a stand to exhibit at next year's event. Not only will this be its first appearance at the Autosport Engineering show, but it will also be the first time it has ever exhibited as a company at a worldwide event.

Pankl is a cutting edge manufacturer for both aerospace and Formula 1, and now it is introducing its drivetrain systems into the wider motorsport industry.

Pankl is also a company that shares its customer's passion for winning, and is based on a history of motorsport with its original founder, Karl Pankl, being the winner of the 1920 Hungarian Grand Prix.

To accommodate the amount of companies signing up to exhibit at next year's show the Manufacturing section is set to grow even bigger.

Adding to this list of first timers is Mitutoyo. Renowned for being one of the world's leading measurement gauge companies, Mitutoyo has become one of the most recent companies that has booked a stand to exhibit at the 2006 Autosport Engineering show.

To make sure you secure a ticket of your own and to find out more information about the event visit www.autosport-international.com

Talk to TT

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Fast company

A fastener manufacturer since 1890, Blanc Aero Technologies is now a leading supplier into motorsport

Words | Katie Power

Leading manufacturer of racing technical fasteners, Blanc Aero Technologies, will be continuing its legacy of exhibiting at the Autosport Engineering by making its eighth appearance at next year's show.

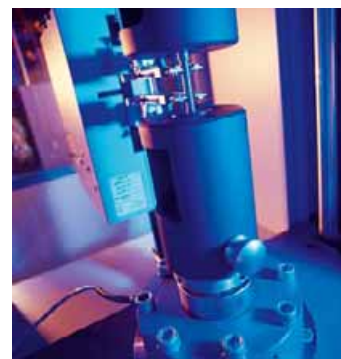
Blanc Aero Technologies is a world recognised company, supplying high performance technical fasteners for the racing industry, as well as prestige cars and motorbikes.

Its wealth of experience stems from belonging to a family of principal fastener manufacturers. Its mother company, LISI Aerospace, is currently the third biggest aerospace fastener producer in the world, and together with help from its sister company, A1 Technologies, Blanc Aero Technologies holds a major position in the racing fastener sector. It currently supplies to NASCAR, IRL and many US drag race series.

The company, located in Plerin, France, began in 1890 manufacturing aerospace fasteners before reallocating its production work in the 1980s to various companies within the LISI group. This allowed Blanc Aero technologies to focus on the production of studs and bolts primarily for racecar use. Today it supplies some of the biggest names in motorsport with its rod bolts and cylinder head studs.

All products are made specifically to order under the strictest of confidence. This is part of Blanc Aero Technologies' constant effort to ensure accurate manufacturing results by liaising with customers directly. Technical assistance is provided on a daily basis, providing help with material selection, torque requirements and design formation. Product testing for tensile strengths, concentricity and thread profile are just a few more examples of the technical assistance available.

At present, Blanc Aero Technologies are mainly recognised for their connecting rod bolts, cylinder head studs and main studs, though it recently introduced into the industry replacement titanium engine studs, too. Regardless of the product, Blanc Aero Technologies prides itself on its ability to provide customers with a quick response delivery service. All production takes place in-house, allowing customers



Precision made technical fasteners are an integral part of every racecar. From rod bolts to head studs, Blanc Aero Technologies make them all



to feel confident about receiving speedy results in panic situations where rapid responses are needed.

Blanc Aero Technologies uses the Autosport Engineering show as an opportunity to meet exciting and prominent figures in the racing world. For those who want to meet the people behind the promise of quality, performance and innovative developments, make sure you visit this company at the 2006 show.

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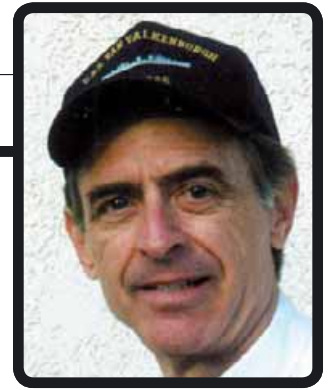
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Racing chariots – without the horses

There's a new form of motivation ripe for re-engineering. The question is, what direction is it going to go in?

When the first rumours appeared about a new vehicle that was going to change the world, I knew that nothing – nothing – could live up to that PR hyperbole (although it might have made a good Harvard MBA case study). Then, when I first saw the Segway, I said: 'now there's an elegant answer – to a question nobody asked.' But it turned out I was wrong. And when I saw newswire photos of the president of the United States falling off one, I thought, 'now that is a PR firm's worst nightmare...' And then I became a little more sympathetic and open-minded (or was that more brilliant PR strategy?). After riding one, I think maybe that photo said more about President Bush than the stability of the Segway.

A Segway saved my butt. Well actually, it saved the sciatic nerve in my gluteus maximus, which gets pinched whenever I walk too much. I haven't covered many races recently, which can involve a lot of walking

and, after I signed up to judge the FSAE event, I wondered how I was going to survive it. Until suddenly it dawned on me – here is a perfect application for the Segway – auto racing pits and paddock!

This is the perfect solution for a person who can stand, but not walk a lot. It goes faster, for longer than most endurance runners. It's finely manoeuvrable, with a smaller footprint in a crowd than a bike. It gets your head and shoulders above the crowd so you can better see what's going on, and it's a little more hip than a golf cart or a wheelchair.

I wondered why I hadn't seen them around racing already – then realised it's because I haven't been around. A couple of pro race team managers use them extensively, including Doug Boles at Panther and →

“IT'S A LITTLE MORE HIP THAN A GOLF CART OR A WHEELCHAIR”



Brian Stewart Racing. They told me that not only were they great for fast transport between pits, paddock and transporters, but they make awesome marketing tools, painted up and used by sponsors. I even heard that one unnamed race driver got his hands on one and, against all manufacturer warnings, started jumping it over ramps. Apparently Tony George uses one to get around the paddock at Indy, too.

Here's some irony though. After using mine for a few hours at FSAE, the officials I was helping asked me not to ride it in the paddock area. They decided that it set a bad example for the college kids, who were restricted from using wheeled vehicles such as scooters, rollerblades and skateboards – presumably for insurance or safety reasons. It isn't the first time I've been penalised for using an unfair advantage. The irony is that within a few years, probably all officials will be adopting them to replace their golf cart get-a-rounds – unless other tracks come up with a reason to ban them.

Okay, so it makes a good pit vehicle, but what does this have to do with Racecar Engineering? Hell, to guys like us, *everything* has to do with racecar engineering. There are people who race lawn mowers, bar stools, farm tractors – you name it, if it has a motor, somebody races it. And you can bet that some of those pit crews with Segways have had face-offs already.

But what kind of course would be most appropriate? Maybe motocross would be most exciting. But like chariot racing without the horses, it may require some different athletic skills. I'll even confess, that as part of my road testing 'license to skill', I investigated its maximum cornering *g*s, and got thrown when it went up on one wheel. However, safety couldn't be much worse than bicycle or motorcycle racing.

Let's look at the technical challenges – primarily in overcoming totally new dynamics of a vehicle from outer space. Since we've already worked out all the four-wheel and bike dynamic problems, this is something new and interesting – a good exercise, like facing a change in the rules, to challenge your thinking and stimulate your imagination. But now that I realise how much *could* be said, this will just be a brief outline. I'll leave the rest up to you, to consider how that thinking might apply to racecars.

Motor speed. Right away, the real racer would crave a higher top speed. Stock Segways are delivered with three colour-coded keys, each of which calls up a different speed limiter, up to a max of 12.5mph. I've heard that it's possible to re-program the limiter, but

only below that max. So it will be necessary to use other tricks, like possibly increasing tyre diameter – although that will void their liability – and reduces range on a battery charge.

Acceleration and braking (which is simply motor reversal), are dependent on how fast the rider can pitch, or lean his body fore and aft, and whether the motor has enough torque (amps) to catch up and re-balance the platform.

Cornering traction/rollover resistance. Centre of gravity is irrelevant – think motorcycle here, and whether you can lean sideways far enough to keep your *g*-vector between that really narrow track width – which will be a key factor in future rules definition.

Aero? You probably don't want to ride one of these things at a speed where aero would matter. But if so, you might borrow positions and clothing from downhill ski racers? Or maybe, if you mounted a platform on the handlebars, you could ride it flat-out prone, Superman-style?

Handling control, or OS/US response. You control turning with a left-hand twist grip and, as part of their three-stage key system, there's also variable yaw response, which is a function of the left/right motor opposing rotation, so it can be increased with speed and rider experience.

Talk about minimising polar moment of inertia – how could you make it any less, in any one of the three axes? And all mechanical damping, whether in pitch/roll or ride, is via (you guessed it) the rider, especially his hands on the bars. As it is, if you let go of the bars, it's likely to start oscillating – at rest.

The next step, after modified Segways are being raced, is that someone will inevitably decide to custom-build a full-race version. You think this technology is too advanced for do-it-yourself? Think again. There's already a website by a guy who built his own, from scratch, including the digital logic for self-balancing, which can be downloaded for free. See www.tlb.org/scooter.html.

Early on in Segway-mania, I recalled that a designer friend, Syd Mead, had proposed a computer-balanced mono-cyle as far back as 1979 (see this 10 Jan 2001 blog: http://www.visuallee.com/weblog/2001_01_01_archive.html). And not to be outdone, the self-proclaimed web nerd built one of those also, although it *does* require some rider skills.

Right now, a Segway is a little pricey just to be just having fun and experimenting with. It's in the 'early innovation' phase, where the biggest business challenge is how to best amortise the millions in development costs, then get volume up, and price cut down to little more than the cost of materials and delivery (compare it to electric scooter prices). Otherwise they may become victims of the familiar 'second-man advantage' of declaring bankruptcy and selling out to another businessman who doesn't have that overhead to pay off.

And remember, the point with any innovation like this is seldom what it appears to be today, but what it is likely to *become*.



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Resisting change

Has the potential for tuning anti-roll bars been overlooked and their apparent simplicity just accepted, or is there still more that can be learnt?

We take anti-roll bars (ARBs) for granted. They are so simple in function that it is hard to imagine that for the first 50 years of the automobile the best and brightest didn't conceive of the need for them. In reality, the ARB is an ingenious secondary spring system that allows us to have our cake and eat it too – allowing a softer, compliant ride with controlled chassis roll.

ARBs have been refined since their introduction, and sometimes rearranged, like the clever vertical T-bar system found in some cars with pushrod suspension. The cockpit adjustable system was a big leap forward, but overall most racers feel there is nothing left to learn about ARBs. Even W Milliken in his amazing book 'Race Car Vehicle Dynamics' only devotes a few paragraphs to them.

The racecar designers' usual objective with ARBs is to produce tidy packaging and adjustability. The race engineers' relationship with ARBs during the search for perfect car set-up is to select the right amount of roll resistance for the conditions and to divide it up between front and rear wheels for the best balance. But there is an unrealised tune-ability in ARBs. To explain this, we need to look at some of the thought processes that lead to this conclusion.

In the GTP days I worked with a well-known designer who had a strong preference for ARB drop links to be as long as possible. His logical thought process was to achieve a minimum of geometry change during articulation of the linkage. I eventually came to the conclusion that this concept might be a bit overrated as many successful cars that won races had short drop links. Coincidence maybe, but perhaps there is an advantage here. It seems that short drop links produce a rising rate as the linkage articulates because the angle between the arm and the drop link moves beyond 90 degrees and the linkage becomes less efficient. In moderate chassis roll situations where traction is at a premium at one end of the car or the other ie trail braking or accelerating out of a

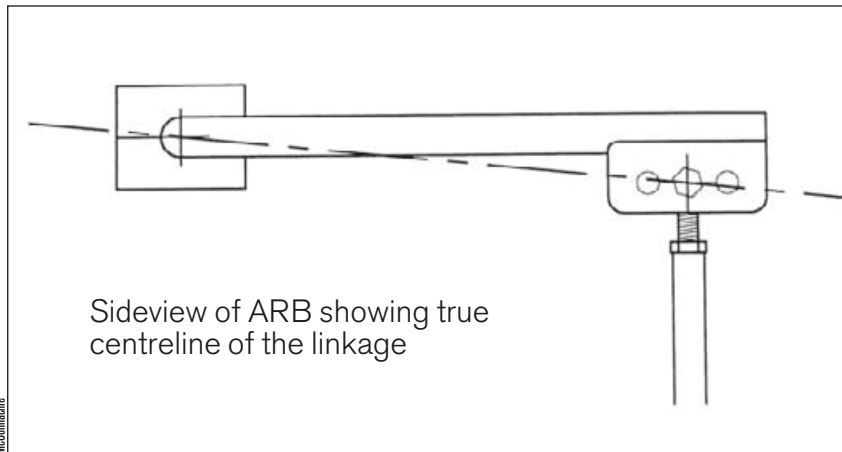


corner, softer roll resistance would be better for grip from the pair of tyres most affected. Then, as higher g-loads are reached in pure cornering, a rising rate would produce more roll resistance and therefore better chassis attitude.

This led me to wonder if the wheel rate of an ARB changes as it rotates in its mounts during dive and squat and the arm moves away from horizontal. I figured it had to, but by a significant amount? To test the theory I did a practical measurement of an ARB's rate by fixturing a bar on a bench, clamping the pillow blocks to the edge of the bench and resting one arm on a beam from the floor with the arms horizontal. To the other arm I attached a drop link that suspended a heavy weight. A dial gauge was used to measure the vertical deflection of the drop link and this was →

Cars in the old German DTM series exhibited perhaps the most advanced anti-roll bars ever used, with active, computer control used to change rates at precise points around the circuits

“MOST PEOPLE WOULD ASSUME IT IS UNDESIRABLE TO HAVE STRENGTH VALUES FLUCTUATING DURING NORMAL OPERATION”



Setting front and rear ARBs to point downhill at ride height would soften the front bar and stiffen the rear during dive, with the opposite occurring during squat – a situation that could be beneficial on certain types of racecar

recorded. The bar was then rotated until the arms had a nominal angle of 30 degrees and the process was repeated. The deflection this time was 31 per cent less, meaning the bar was effectively 31 per cent stiffer. This increase is logical because, if you let the bar hang vertically, the rate would be close to infinity. At first glance this seems like a negative, and most people would assume it is undesirable to have strength values fluctuating during normal operation. From this one study one could make a case for longer arms to reduce angle change.

I filed this under interesting but useless information, but some time later began wondering whether this change in strength with angle change

“CHASSIS DIVE WOULD SOFTEN THE FRONT BAR AND STIFFEN THE REAR SIMULTANEOUSLY”

could be utilised for a performance advantage. I had read years before that cars in the old DTM series had active, computer-controlled ARBs that changed rates at precise points around a lap of a circuit. I surmised that the front bar would soften and the rear stiffen entering a corner to assist the front tyre grip at turn in, and the opposite would occur at corner exit to assist traction at the rear driving wheels. At the time DTM was the most advanced series in the world, technology wise, and later virtually priced itself out of existence. But what if you could get the same effect for almost free without the use of computers?

We know that during dive and squat the ARBs rotate in their mounts without offering any resistance, and of course the arms change angle, but does this fact tie in with my previously described tests on changing rate with angle? I concluded from my assumptions about DTM cars that under trail braking a softer front bar might be desirable. I also learned that a bar is softest when the arm is horizontal and at 90 degrees to the drop link. Therefore, we could shorten the drop link length so that under braking and dive the bar arm is horizontal, then at ride height it will be downhill with an angle beyond 90 degrees to the drop link. At the rear, we would like the bar to be softer during acceleration off corners and consequently squat, so we would arrange the ARB arm so it would be

horizontal and therefore softest during squat, with the arm downhill at ride height. Again, shorten the drop link. The result would be front and rear bars with a downhill attitude at ride height. Chassis dive would soften the front bar and stiffen the rear simultaneously and the opposite would occur in squat.

This effect would be enhanced by ARB's with shorter arms, and also by increasing dive and squat. For decades these traits – a natural result of weight transfer – have been considered undesirable, with much attention being paid to varying amounts of anti-dive and anti-squat geometry. But there is a price – both these features produce a bind effect that reduces grip, so engineers learned to use them in moderation. I've heard that many drivers prefer some dive during braking as it gives more feel for threshold braking.

Promoting dive and squat, by reducing or eliminating anti-geometry, could be undesirable with cars that are extremely pitch sensitive, as any mechanical gains would be outweighed by loss of aero effect from the underside of the car. But even a modern F1 car, with its high nose and wooden plank under the car, must be nowhere near as pitch sensitive as its type 15 years ago. It would also be unsuitable on cars with high camber gain curves, like some vintage racecars that would be spending more time running on the inner edges of their tyres. Studying modern formula cars, camber gain seems to be the last thing on their designers' minds.

One drawback of ARBs is a loss of ride quality and possibly adhesion over one-wheel bumps. A benefit of our ARB's new positioning is that during dive and squat the pair of tyres being worked the hardest are better able to deal with one-wheel bumps by the ARB at that same end of the car being horizontal and therefore softest. For example, the front tyres are better able to traverse bumps in the braking zone because the front ARB is at its softest, while the rear tyres are better able to maintain traction over bumps at corner exit because the rear ARB is at its softest.

In actual fact, many of us have used this system unknowingly as it was common on older racecars to mount the drop link rod end below the ARB arm, either bolted between welded brackets or in a sliding adjuster where the true centreline of the linkage in side view is through the mounting pillow blocks and the centre of the rod end. If the arm is horizontal at ride height, the true linkage centreline is downhill.

I'm hoping I've created some interest in this concept from race engineers who would be interested in experimenting with it. To test the idea with maximum accuracy, factor in that the effective strength of your bars is higher because of the new off horizontal attitude of the arms, so you need bars softer in the same ratio. According to my tests, if you set your ARB arms at 10 degrees, use bars 7.5 per cent softer. At 20 degrees, use bars 17 per cent softer. To further exploit the potential, use less anti-dive and squat geometry.

If anyone does decide to test these ideas, I would be very interested in your results, kept confidential of course. Contact me at alancmc@mindspring.com

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When I first read about ZeroShift (V14N2) I didn't know how they accomplished the uninterrupted transmission of power. The only reason I believed it would work is because of *Racecar Engineering's* credibility. I did know that the laws of physics weren't suspended in deference to ZeroShift and that the instantaneous gear change had to be accompanied by an instantaneous change in engine rpm and an instantaneous torque spike. The missing piece of the puzzle became clear with the statement 'smoothing out a spike is achievable, unlike filling a hole, which is not.'

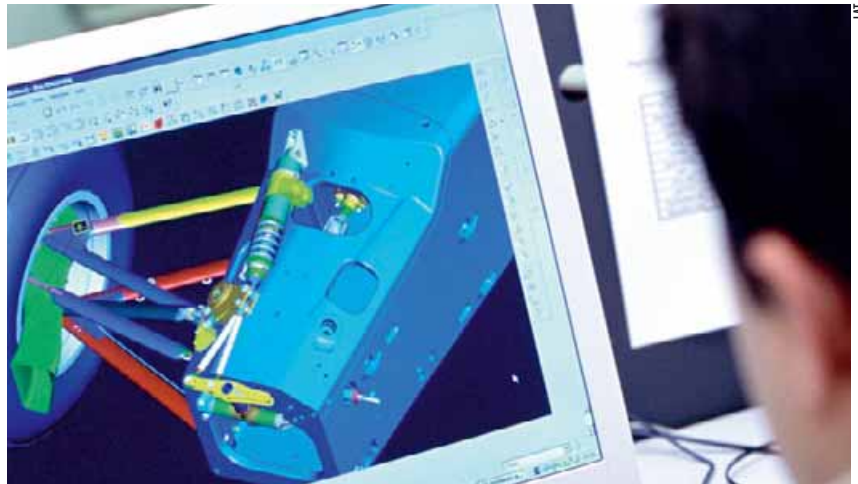
I can't wait to get a ZeroShift for my Viper. It's a given that when a fair driver exits a corner with a good driver on his bumper the good driver won't be able to pass because anybody can accelerate in a straight line, and in a Viper it's exceptionally easy (yes, a good driver should allow room to get a run on the fair driver but on some tracks the following straight isn't long enough). The combination of ZeroShift and traction control, which I have successfully experimented with and am currently incorporating into a kit, will give me a decided edge in both performance and safety.

Barry Barisic, by email

CADs or bounders?

It is interesting to see all this hype about 3D CAD packages. I've seen presentations of most of the lower

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3D CAD is not all it's cracked up to be, according to one nameless forum lurker

end stuff, used a couple of them, and they all seem to be the same.

A work colleague put it into perspective for me: 'You can turn a good drafter into a good modeller, but you can't turn a good modeller into any kind of drafter.' And in the people I have interviewed and eventually hired, I have found this statement to be very true. More and more people seem to have lost the ability to visualise. When you are drawing in 2D AutoCAD or similar, you have to think about what the product is going to look like. With 3D it's shown to you on a screen, and people who've used 3D seem to get really caught up in it and can't see any other way around it. You *must* have imagination, or there is no point.

Also, I personally believe 3D is design limiting, as there are certainly things that I can draw in AutoCAD that I have no hope of

replicating in Autodesk Inventor, as the software won't allow me, or it is simply a round-the-moon exercise to do a simple thing. 3D has its place, but I believe this to be more in its ability to organise bills of materials and to rapidly produce sections and exploded details that take 2D ages to do, rather than actual equipment design. And as other people have said, at the end of the day, they are TOOLS. If you can't 'see' what you want to achieve in your head, then forget it as none of these products are going to help you.

'Boyracer'

Taken from the www.racecar-engineering.com forum

Rallying round

I have just heard the proposals made by the British MSA to effectively ban World Rally Cars

from national events, along with Group B cars like the MG Metro 6R4. This move seems to be paving the way for the removal of all non-homologated cars from British special stages, along with pretty much every other car of any technical interest whatsoever. May I urge your UK-based readers to lobby the MSA to drop this daft proposal and to keep interesting cars rallying.

Gwyndaf Flynn, Newcastle Emlyn, Wales

Confuscious say?

I have just read Paul Van Valkenburgh's V-Angles section about Formula Student (V15N9). It's no wonder some of the students don't understand him, what is he going on about?

Ian Allen, by email



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The end of Spring



A Catalan-Flemish company is developing a system that eliminates all the compromises normally encountered in springing and damping on a racecar

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A 24-hour endurance race calls for reliability and durability above all else, so it comes as no surprise that adventurous and innovative ideas are rare in the pitlane at Le Mans. However, the Racing For Holland (RFH) team was bucking the trend with its Dome at this year's race. The car was equipped with a very unconventional suspension medium incorporating hydraulic rams and long lengths of high pressure hose. To the uninitiated it looked like some form of active suspension, although that technology is specifically banned under the ACO's rules. The way the system operated was passive, but no less clever for all that.

Racecar suspension always brings compromises. Even avoiding that favourite source of pub arguments – suspension geometry and all the permutations of camber control and kinematics – just the spring and damping alone are a complex interaction of trade-offs and compromises. Bump rates are determined by spring stiffness, but to accommodate roll control

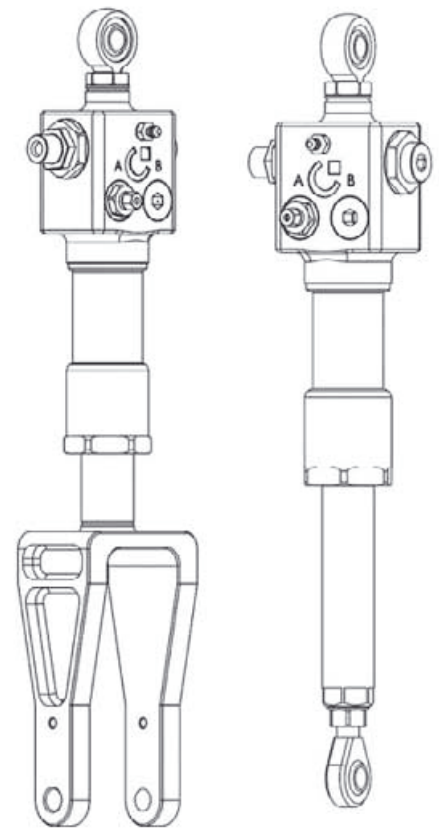
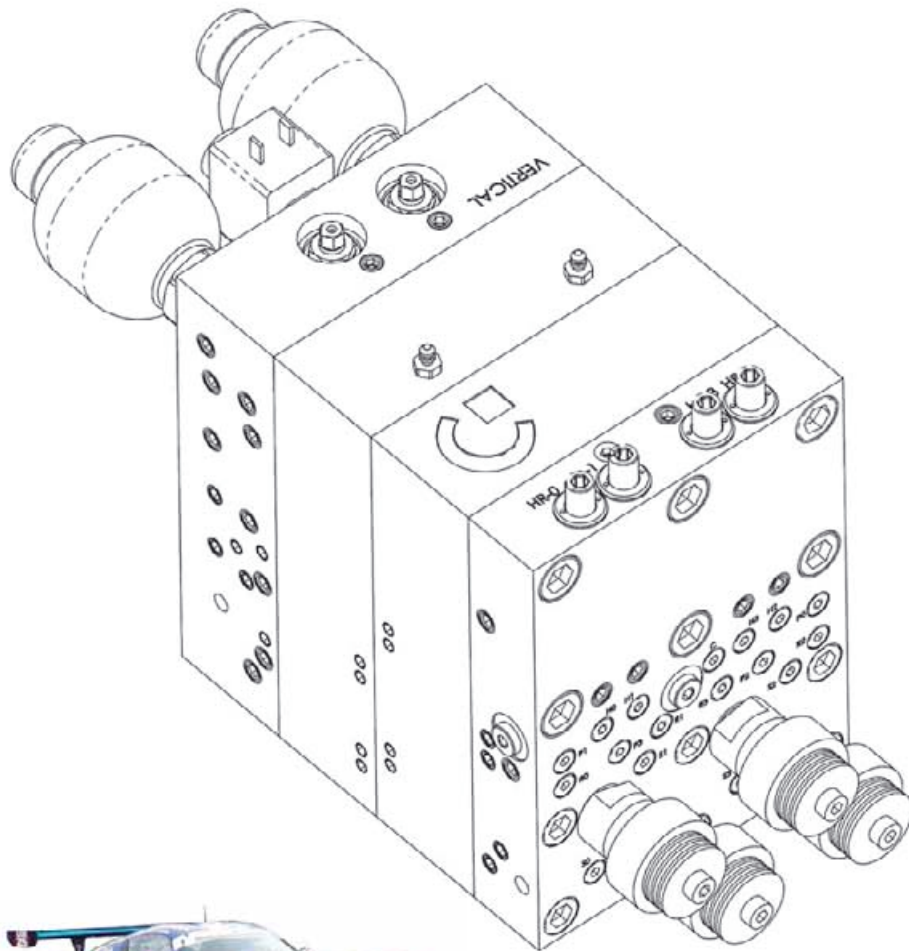
additional transverse torsion springs are added as anti-roll bars. However, these not only have no influence on pitch which it would be desirable to control, they have an unwelcome influence on diagonal stiffness or warp.

Add to this the problems of tuning spring rates for aero loadings and it can soon be seen that the traditional application of four springs and four dampers can easily be found wanting. Many modern racecars use third spring systems to take these extra loads. Or alternatively they resort to a monoshock and allow for roll through lateral compliance in the rocker

system. But this leaves the roll mode undamped, creating a further compromise. Even with a normal spring and damper per wheel, damping for bump and roll is a compromise. Modern four-way adjustable dampers capitalise on the separate frequencies of these different modes to apply unique damping rates, yet even this technology cannot deal with the separate rates of roll and pitch.

In contrast, the suspension fitted to the RFH

“IT ALLOWS A DIFFERENT SPRING AND DAMPER RATE TO BE SET FOR EACH DYNAMIC MODE OF THE SUSPENSION”



The suspension comprises four hydraulic cylinders, one on each corner, connected to a central block with four spring chambers where the springing and damping occurs



Early experiments on a Belcar Dodge Viper were overly complicated but showed promise

Dome at Le Mans claims to be able to deal with all these demands without any compromises. The difference is, instead of fitting a single spring damper unit to each corner, it allows a different spring and damper rate to be set for each dynamic mode of the suspension. A car's chassis experiences four distinct modes of behaviour: roll, pitch, bump and warp. And it was from this position that Catalan company Creuat – pronounced 'craewat' – approached the problem of springing and damping.

The result is an interlinked suspension concept where each of the four main modes of chassis behaviour has its own rate of springing and damping which can be adjusted independently from the others. Two equivalent versions have been developed – a mechanical system consisting of torsion bars and coil springs intended for rugged applications, and a purely hydraulic system that offers complete control of all suspension parameters.

The Mechanical version is better suited to off-road vehicles and SUVs, while the hydraulic version provides the greater adjustment needed for sports and racing applications. It was the latter that RFH was testing at the 24-Hour classic with a view to using it in the race.

Behind Creuat is a Catalan engineer, Josep Fontdecaba, who was intrigued with suspension and the compromises conventional systems imposed on engineers. 'I started thinking about this maybe seven years ago,' he says, 'and I was mad enough to file a patent in 1999. Then I started building some prototypes, typical amateur stuff.' Three years ago Josep, together with Patrick Cuyvers, the Belgian partner from IFHS, manufacturer of suspension spheres and hydraulic accumulators, formed Creuat to

develop and market this concept.

Josep admits to being inspired to some degree by Lotus' experiments with active suspension although the Creuat system has always been passive. Early work concentrated on off-road vehicles and the results of these experiments can be seen on the company website, www.creuat.com. More recently work has centred on motorsport applications.

In its hydraulic form, the suspension comprises four hydraulic cylinders, one on each corner of the suspension. They are connected by hydraulic

lines to a central block where the springing and damping takes place. The springing medium is gas which is separated from the oil by pistons in cylinders that work on the same principle as Citroën's hydropneumatic suspension. In fact, the Creuat system uses the same LDS oil in its system as Citroën.

The big difference in the Creuat system is although it has four gas spring chambers, they are not allocated one to each corner of the car. Instead, one handles each mode of chassis behaviour. The stiffest mode is roll so this chamber is given the greatest resistance. However, when the suspension needs to operate in another mode, for instance bump, then the galleries in the unit are designed to allow some of the roll stiffness pressure to be bled off in a way that allows the softer bump compliance to operate. The same applies for the remaining suspension modes of pitch and warp.

Damping can be set individually for each mode as the resistance is generated the same way as in a conventional damper by restricting the flow of fluid with valves. Consequently, when the oil in the system moves in →

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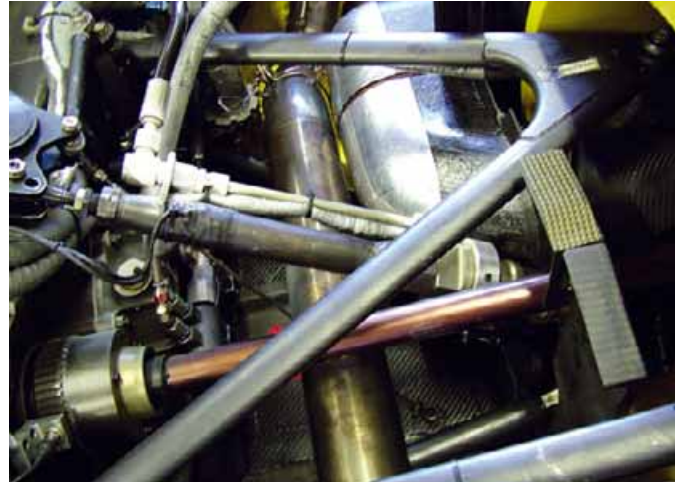


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Central block allows individual spring/damper control of each chassis mode

response to a single chassis mode, damping is only applied to that mode.

All this allows individual control of spring and damping rates of each mode of chassis behaviour, independently of all others. Obviously it tackles head on the problems of roll versus bump damping that four-way dampers attempt to address. Moreover, it can deal with roll and pitch separately, something that conventional systems are unable to do. This is of particular value as cars normally have significantly different roll and pitch frequencies and tuning one rate to deal with both of them will always be a compromise.

The other mode that the system deals with so successfully is diagonal weight transfer or warp. This is often neglected on conventional systems as little can be done to cater for it. The Creuat system, however, can be tuned for this as easily as the other three modes.

It even incorporates an 'isostatic valve' that allows the warp resistance to be removed altogether. This is of limited use on the track as any weight transfer onto one wheel of more than 50 per cent of the vehicle's total would cause that corner to run out of travel and the diagonally opposite wheel to lift off the road. However, it is a big help when setting up the car, as opening the valve instantly creates the optimum diagonal weight distribution. Once the valve is closed again this balance is retained, eliminating the need for corner weight scales.

Ride height is also easily adjusted, being governed by the amount of oil in the system. Oil is pumped in until the vehicle reaches the desired ride height then the system is closed off. There is some ride height change with temperature as the fluid expands, but not enough to cause problems.

“ONE [CHAMBER] HANDLES EACH MODE OF CHASSIS BEHAVIOUR”

In 2003 the team at Creuat met Ludo Helven who runs a Ford Puma in the Belgium Rallycross Championship. This presented unique challenges with the combination of sealed and loose surfaces on each lap. Also the McPherson strut suspension created its own challenges. Being a motorsport application, it was the intention to use a hydraulic version of the system, but installing a set of hydraulic cylinders into the car was not straightforward as they had to form part of the geometry. Consequently they had to design and manufacture from scratch a self-guided McPherson strut.

To assess the spring and damping rates required a complete analysis of the car had to be conducted. The vehicle's dynamic characteristics such as roll and pitch inertias were carefully measured so a useable starting point for the suspension settings could be established. Once installed on the car the driver was pleased with the results and was even able to run the car stiffer than before, gaining more stability without sacrificing grip on the rough parts of the track.

Work has also been progressing on a Dodge Viper being run in the Belgian Belcar series by the GLPK team. Initial analysis showed that some gains could be made, so a system was developed for the car and fitted. Initially, in an attempt to cover all options, the hardware was configured with more elements than were needed, including 18 gas chambers and 24 damping adjusters. Despite the over complication the system did work, covering 250km at Zolder. The drivers reported better and safer corner entry and very good behaviour beyond the limit, but a lack of steering feedback in fast corners. This last trait confused the engineers for a while until they realised it may be due to the lower torsional stiffness of the →

Creuat suspension

system. The Viper 'shell is not overly stiff and high diagonal inputs make it act as a large, undamped spring that, over bumps, creates effects that can be felt through the steering. With the lower diagonal stiffness, the 'shell was receiving lower twisting loads and was better able to ride bumps.

The diagonal stiffness can also be used to control the degree of understeer – a feature that could prove particularly useful in changing conditions. Two configurations can be set up, one for a dry track and the other for wet. Then, should it rain during a race, the suspension can be switched to the wet option in less time than it takes to change the tyres at a pit stop.

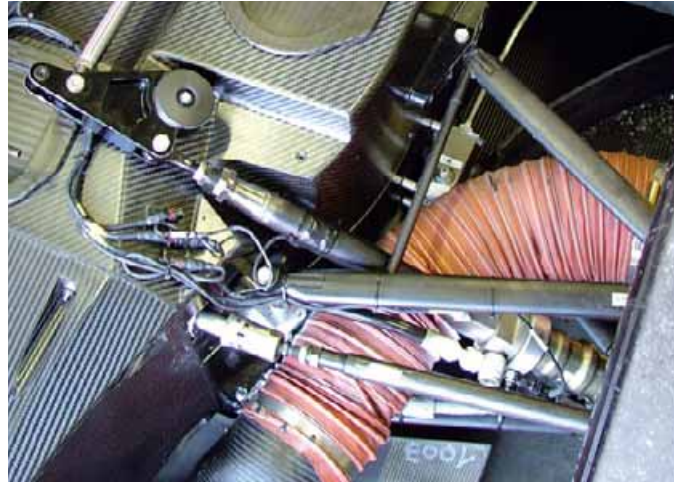
So far the team is still experimenting with the system and has yet to race it but the benefits to lap times have already been seen.

Creuat first spoke to RFH three years ago but initially the team was reluctant to commit to a programme. More recently, RFH engineer Davy Lemmens spent two days in discussion with the company and, seeing the results of the work on the Viper, was sufficiently impressed to give it a try.

For Le Mans they developed a way of installing it that allowed a quick switch back to conventional suspension. The spring damper units were replaced with solid links and the pushrods replaced by the hydraulic cylinders. That way the anti-roll bars remained fitted but were disabled. With this set-up, the team could swap from one system to the other in four minutes. The hydraulic lines merely act as mechanical links to the central box and, due to the small displacement of the suspension, they can be reasonably narrow without inducing hysteresis. In total, the system contains about 600cc of oil.

Currently the springing and control units are mounted in the cockpit and are bulkier than they could be due to the prototype nature of the system. However, the Dome is already carrying around 100kg of ballast so there is no weight penalty. Also the low and central mounting position is an improvement over the high-mounted spring/damper units.

Once again Creuat did an analysis of the car to arrive at the optimum settings and the car ran on those first time out. 'We just drove out of the box and the driver came back in immediately and said this is fantastic,' recalls Lemmens of that



Unlike conventional systems, Creuat set-up deals with roll and warp separately

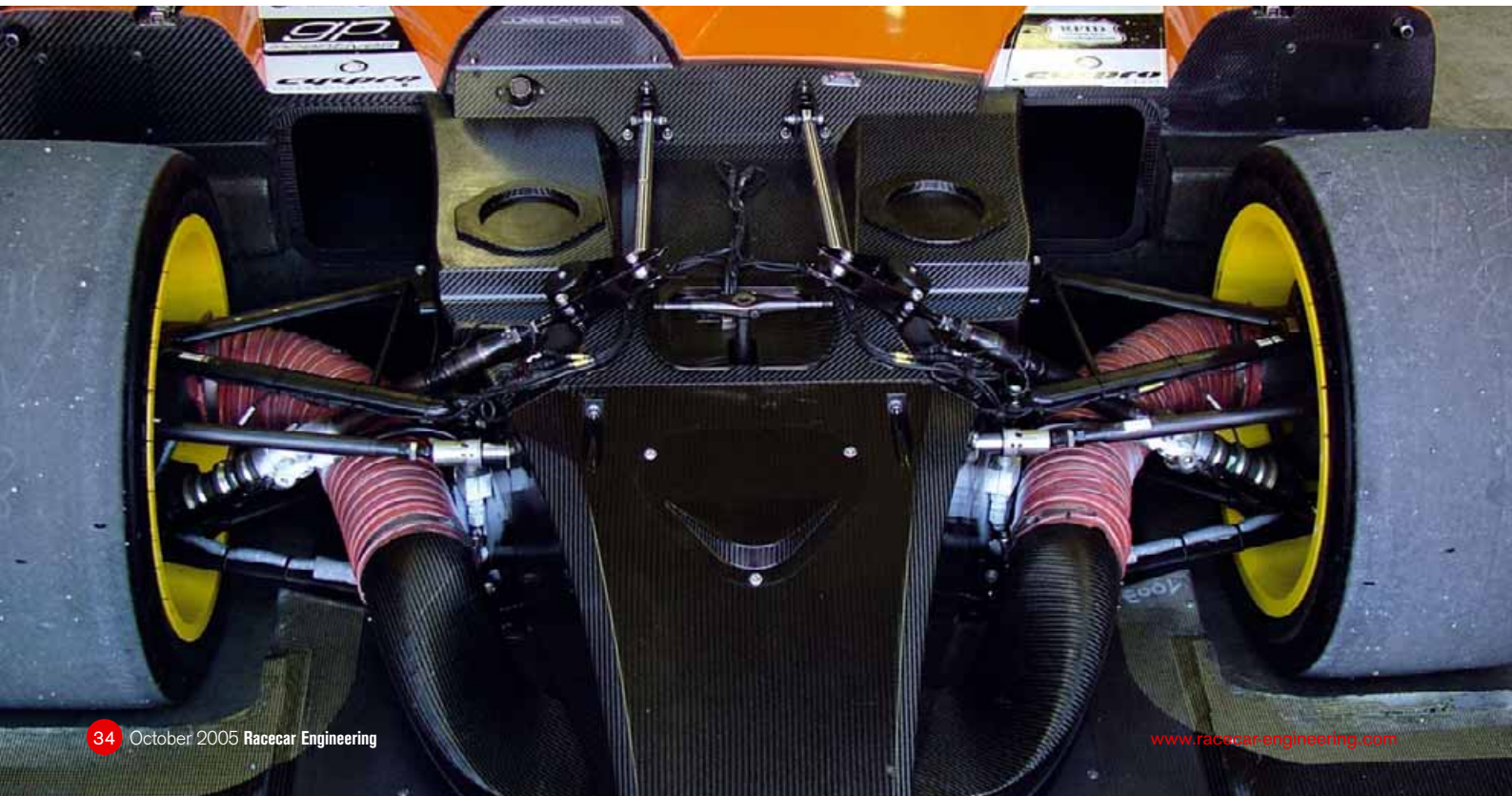
first test. Since having his convictions confirmed, he has become an enthusiast for the system. 'I think splitting the movement is a big gain. When they drive with shock absorbers over the kerb you can really feel it, but with this system you don't know you are on the kerb.

'At the moment we are just looking for mechanical and if we can find all the mechanical grip we need that is fine. Then we have to concentrate on the aerodynamics and, if we can control the aero, then I'm sure that the gain will be much higher than for the mechanical stuff.'

Although the team was finding benefits from the system at Le Mans, there were still some issues regarding the spring and damping rates that they were trying to resolve. In the end prudence made them opt for the conventional suspension in the race. Running such a radical concept for the first time in a 24-hour race may well have been seen as reckless. It seems the benefits of Creuat's interlinked concept are worthwhile and, rule makers permitting, we may be seeing it more often on racecars in the future. RE

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Although testing at Le Mans showed definite benefits, in the end Racing for Holland played safe and ran with conventional springs and dampers in the race itself



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New acquisition



The new MoTeC ADL2 display and data logger is a significant upgrade on the previous model.

We review its new features and speak to RML to assess its performance

Words	Dave Hancock
Photos	Hancock; MoTeC

MoTeC began in Australia in 1987 manufacturing electronic engine management systems for racecars. It now has four main offices in Australia, Europe, Asia and the USA, plus dealers in more than 50 countries and runs a worldwide operation. MoTeC displays, data loggers and ECUs are found on everything from NASCAR racecars in the Nextel Cup to Top Fuel dragsters in Australia and World Superbikes.

Many of its customers have been using the ADL (Advanced Data Logger) – a liquid crystal display (LCD) dashboard with data logging capability. For 2005, MoTeC has introduced the ADL2 dash logger with many new features and the lower priced Sport Dash Logger (SDL). The SDL is a visually identical unit with fewer functions for those with

more moderate data acquisition requirements. Visual similarity is, indeed, a key feature of MoTeC displays – the shape and 180mm wide physical dimensions are retained across the new range. Upgrading does not require a familiarity learning curve – the software for the ADL2 and SDL maintains the look and feel of previous versions.

Users' views

In respect of processing power and functionality, the ADL2 is considerably improved compared to the old ADL. To assess these new features,

Racecar spent a day with RML (Ray Mallock Limited) while the team tested its Chevrolet Lacetti World Touring Car. RML's data acquisition engineer, Shane Pope, had some experience with the ADL model in British Touring Cars last year before the team moved over to the new ADL2 for the 2005 season.

Previous versions came as standard with 1Mb of logging memory – upgradeable to a maximum of 8Mb. Now 8Mb is the standard, with an upgrade option to 16Mb. Typically, RML accumulates files of around 4-5Mb during the 20-



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“30 INPUT AND OUTPUT CHANNELS AS STANDARD”

25 minute races so the standard memory is adequate. Racecars involved in longer racers are likely to require the larger memory option.

The ADL2 is able to perform calculations on data before downloading and a new processor that is about 25 per cent faster enhances this. However, Pope told us he does not use this facility, preferring to download raw data as quickly as possible for processing in the data analysis software. With three cars to manage and the use of a parc ferme at race meetings, it is vital for Pope that he can download data in the shortest possible time.

Faster downloading

To this end, MoTeC’s adoption of USB for communications between the ADL2 and a PC is a significant enhancement. With downloading now about eight times faster at 0.5Mb/sec, Pope says it takes just 10 seconds per car for that 4-5Mb file. The USB is connected via the Autosport 79-pin connector (37-pin on the SDL) on the rear of the ADL2 using a special cable with a Type B USB socket at one end and Autosport pins at the other. The neatest installation is to do as RML has done and run this cable to a place on the bodywork (below the windscreen on the Lacetti) which is easily accessible and out of the way of mechanics



working on the tyres or under the bonnet. A standard USB A to B cable can then be used to connect to a PC. The total length of cable (within and without the car) must not exceed five metres, unless USB booster cables are used.

Sensors are a growth area in motorsport, with

modern racecars monitoring more and more parameters, and this is mirrored by the RML Lacetti – despite rules restricting the number of sensors that can be used in WTC races. For shakedown tests and race testing, Pope says a multiplicity of sensors is vital. There are too many

to list here but they include sensors on the dampers, wheel speed sensors, pressure sensors for the power steering, clutch and brakes, the usual temperature sensors and so on.

MoTeC has responded to this trend by offering 30 input and output channels as standard, compared to 22 previously. RML has chosen the ADL2 upgrade which results in 50 inputs/outputs comprising 28 analogue inputs, 12 digital inputs, eight digital auxiliary outputs and two wideband Lambda inputs. Within both the standard and upgraded input/output packages are eight higher resolution inputs. The resolution is three times better thanks to reducing the input measurement range from 15V to 5.5V and is an important feature for generating improved suspension velocity histograms, for example.

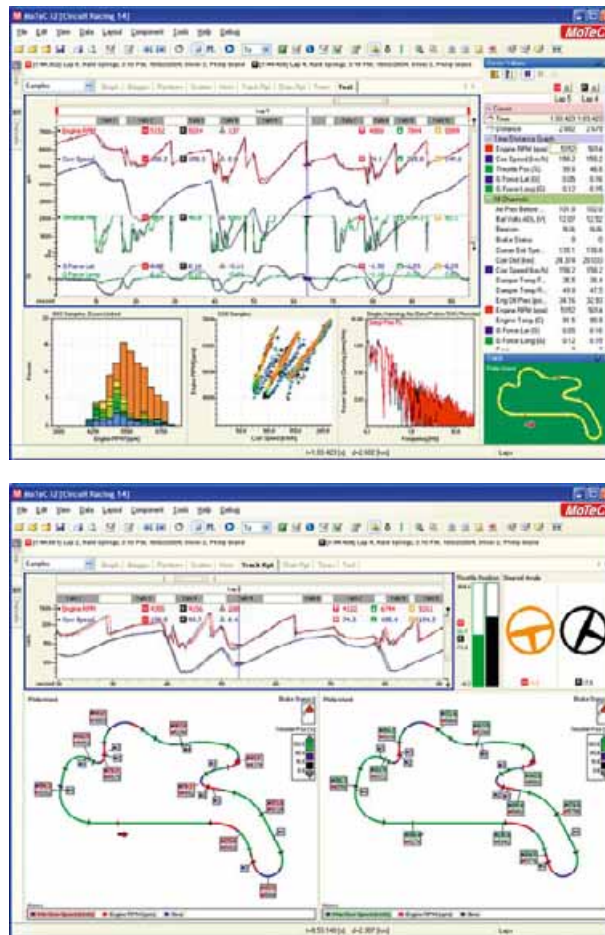
For even more sensors, the ADL2's CAN communication system can be used to link one or more MoTeC E888 or E816 Input/Output Expander Modules to the system. In any case, it can be useful to incorporate one or more of these modules as they offer significant advantages when wiring the car. By locating them at the front and rear of the car, the wires to the sensors can be shorter. Also, in the event of an accident, it should not be necessary to replace damaged wires connecting sensors to the ADL2 (which could be time consuming) – only to the respective Expander Module.

The four wheel speed inputs can now be independently designated for either Hall effect or magnetic sensors so that, for instance, different types of sensors could be used on the front compared to the rear. Coincidentally, Pope confirmed that this unusual set-up had been employed by RML as an interim measure until similar sensors were installed on each wheel.

New software

To help analyse the data, MoTeC is introducing a new version of its Interpreter software called i2 (Interpreter 2). While both the new ADL2 and the SDL are compatible with Interpreter, i2 has many new features, including an improved mathematics engine. Those highlighted by Pope as particularly useful are the unlimited screen templates and the fully configurable overlapping graphs. These he says he found invaluable for comparing data from different laps and between different drivers.

As for configuring the display, this is done using MoTeC's Dash Manager software. Again, the ADL2 offers improved configurability – for instance, with the alarm settings. Pope has, in conjunction with the drivers and race engineers, configured all three of the different display pages available. The information displayed when testing is the most comprehensive and includes a range of vital temperatures and pressures, plus things such as brake pressure balance. For warming up the engine before a race or testing, there is a



“IT TAKES JUST 10 SECONDS PER CAR [TO DOWNLOAD] A 4-5MB FILE”

dedicated display that includes, for example, a warning if the alternator is not charging. In the races and for qualifying, the drivers use the simplest display showing essentially just engine speed – via an expanding and contracting arc across the top of the screen – and gear number. In addition, nine alarms are configured to either come on and flash, to come on and go off automatically or to require an acknowledgement (via a steering wheel-mounted button) from the driver. These are shown in the form of alphanumeric symbols across the bottom of the screen. Dash Manager software can be used to set up the display on a laptop – which aids the consultation process with engineers and drivers.

It can also operate the actual display so that the driver can see what the ADL2 will look like in use through simulation of input signals.

Watching the numbers

And what about the drivers' eye view? We spoke with RML driver, Rob Huff, who is rising rapidly through the ranks of motorsport and has experience of several other displays. Because he prefers a smaller steering wheel than most drivers, positioning the unit so that he could see it was the first vital step. 'I'm very impressed with it. It is easy to read – including the warnings – and gives more in depth information than I'm used to. It is visible in all sorts of lighting conditions.

'At the end of practice and on slowing down laps, I usually scroll through the screens to check things such as brake balance.

'The gear number is vital – with a sequential 'box it's not obvious which gear you are in and because the ratios are changed often, the third gear of the last race could be fourth now. If I feel a ratio is too long or too short, I can just look down and make a quick mental note of the gear I'm in.'

Interestingly, Huff noted the absence of a gearshift light or lights in the display. This is a deliberate policy of MoTeC, which sells external light units for this purpose, as the positioning of such lights is a personal choice for each driver. Buttons are also separate from the displays for similar reasons.

EVALUATION

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Independent days

With Trans-Am priced out of reach, club racers in America are turning to GT-America – an affordable spec car series with all the thrills of top-level stock car racing



Words	Dan Carney
Photos	Carney; LAT

The Trans-Am championship is America's best-known series for tube-framed, full-bodied road racing cars, but the high cost of such racecars and the high cost of participation has driven creative club racers to develop a less-expensive alternative. And in a reversal of fortune, the lowly, inexpensive club racing cars, called GT-America, have been called on to reinforce flagging Motorock Trans-Am fields while that series endures a season of rebuilding.

'Trans-Am has always tried to pride itself on cost containment,' explained executive director John Claggett, 'but the last few years our participation levels have fallen off because the economy hasn't been strong enough to support Trans-Am-level budgets.'

The series also contemplated reviving the popular T/A 2.5 class that saw compact sedans race alongside V8 cars in the '70s. But the GT-A

cars not only have stock car appeal, they also have stock car mass, in the event of contact between the field-fillers and the headliners. 'The speed difference is about the same [for T/A 2.5 and GT-A],' said Claggett. 'We feel better that there's not a size difference so if they get tangled up, the GT-A cars will be able to hold their own.'

Now the GT-A cars round out fields with big V8 racers that fit right in with the T/A cars. This isn't the way it was supposed to work. Trans-Am's

“IT IS A WONDERFUL CLASS FOR PRIVATEER AND BUDGET RACERS”

amateur analog in the Sports Car Club of America is called GT-1. GT-1 is supposed to mirror T/A rules, so that aspiring GT-1 drivers can enter the local round of the T/A series when it comes to town. It is also supposed to provide a market for year-old T/A cars, with front-running GT-1 drivers snapping up the cars they watched compete for the T/A championship just the year before. Sometimes it doesn't even take that long, as T/A championship winning cars have turned up at the SCCA's Run-offs championship race in the hands of a GT-1 competitor with a quick chequebook.

But these cars are expensive, and recent rules changes have made differences between GT-1 and T/A an obstacle to club racers participating in the pro races. Hence the development of GT-America. The cars look and sound like GT-1 cars, and run in the GT-1 class outside the two SCCA regions that recognise GT-A, but they are significantly slower

and cheaper than the high-profile true GT-1 cars. That doesn't make them any less fun to drive though, or any less appealing to spectators and sponsors, which is the point of GT-A advocates.

The expectation is that the GT-A cars will be appealing stepping stones for drivers, teams and sponsors who want to participate in Trans-Am, but who haven't been able to muster the necessary budget. 'It allows guys to come into the series at a lower cost and attract some sponsorship,' said GT-A administrator Ron Cortez. 'The lower budget opens sponsorship up to more companies that wanted to get into something like this but couldn't afford a full Trans-Am budget.'

'It is a wonderful class for privateer and budget racers,' said 1996 GT-A champion Vic Rice. 'If you take travel out of the equation, and amortising rebuilds, you can run these cars for \$5000 (£2850) a weekend, which is maybe a tenth the cost of Trans-Am.'

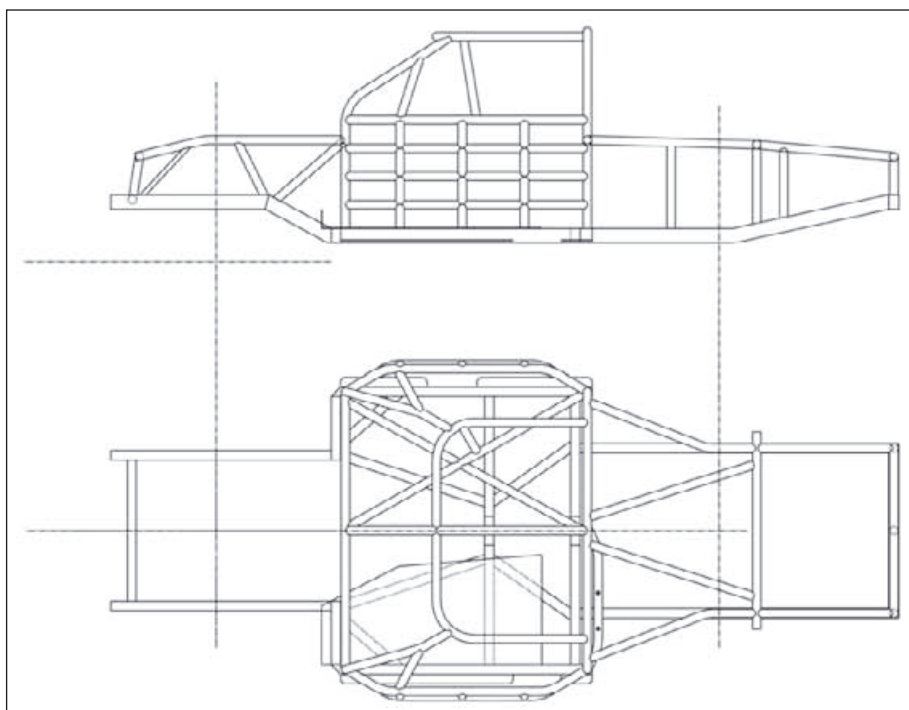
Spec chassis

GT-A cars use a spec steel tube frame stock car chassis constructed by Howe Racing Enterprises, wearing composite bodywork supplied by Five Star Fabrication and powered by a V8 engine tuned to produce about 485bhp.

'I'm sure there is some advantage to a Riley and Scott [T/A chassis], but cost-wise we are not even on the same page,' said Chas Howe, president of Howe Racing. A customer ordering a new chassis from Howe and installing a new engine will spend about \$60,000 (£34,000) he said. But the flood of available used cars from the defunct American Speed Association spec car oval racing series means year-old cars are now available for around \$20,000 (£11,000). 'I don't think there is a more affordable way to get into racing,' Howe opined. Certainly there is no cheaper way to compete in a professional race on the streets of Long Beach in front of large crowds and be shown on television.

Howe has built the ASA chassis since 1992, and estimates that there were 150 ASA cars in running condition last year, providing a large pool of potential GT-A cars. The ASA chassis is constructed in three separate sections — a main cabin with replaceable, bolt-on front and rear clips. That means that few ASA or GT-A chassis are ever destroyed in a crash, they usually just require a new clip.

The GT-A class appeared as a regional class in the Sports Car Club of America's San Francisco and Oregon regions a decade ago and has slowly gathered interest. 'We felt there was a hole in the market for guys going from SCCA club races to Trans-Am-type races,' said Cortez. 'There was a huge gap there. We built the cars around the concept that we were drivers and that we didn't want to work on the cars.' That mandated simplicity and limited adjustability, but that doesn't mean slow or dull. 'They were large



Chassis are made in three sections so in the event of a crash usually only a new front or rear clip is needed



All GT-A cars use a similar spec steel tube frame stock car chassis constructed by Howe Racing Enterprises

enough and fun enough to slide around,' he said.

The concept was proven in the season when a family racing operation using an engine assembled at home edged a well-funded team with a supporting transporter for the season championship. Mirroring Chrysler's recent entry into NASCAR racing, relatively few of the GT-A cars are Dodges, with most racers choosing Fords or Chevys instead. But as corporate cousins are permitted, the series would also like to see the arrival of brands like Mazda, Volvo and Jaguar, much as Jaguar competed in Trans-Am with Ford engines for several seasons before introducing its own engine. 'We are looking at bringing in new body styles,' he said, 'because you can run anything Ford is involved with and that would open the door to Mazda, Volvo and Jaguar. We would like to see the Jaguar R-Type and we would

love to see someone show up with a Volvo,' he enthused. However, the Trans-Am stalwart Mustang is not invited. 'We want to stay with the sedans,' said Cortez.

An effort to launch GT-A in the stock car-loving East stumbled, but a less restrictive series called the V8 Stock Car Road Racing Series has arisen, incorporating GT-A and GT-1, as well as retired NASCAR racecars from the Winston/Nextel Cup, Busch Grand National and Craftsman Truck series, complete with their high-powered engines.

The wide open V8 SCRRS has attracted plenty of competitors and strong sponsorship as well, with about \$3000 (£1700) worth of contingency prizes at each race, according to series organiser Lee Arnold, who hopes to organise an end-of-season shootout with the GT-A series.

Despite the disparity between the cars in →



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the SCRRS series, the GT-A cars remain quite competitive because of the challenge in setting up the more complicated GT-1 cars, said Arnold, who drives a GT-A in the series. 'Our car is a lot simpler. I won the race at Moroso (Florida) over a Weaver and a Riley and Scott [Trans-Am chassis]. A lot of times those end up with people who aren't engineers, and the set-up can be tricky. In club racers' hands, you need an engineer to set them up. With the GT-A car, you put one set-up under it and it is good to go wherever you race.'

That doesn't mean the cars are unresponsive sleds though. 'The cars are relatively unsophisticated, but I don't want that misconstrued as [saying] you can't tune them, because you can,' asserted Rice. The primary tools available being rake, ride height, and spring rate. 'Tyre pressures and stagger are also important,' added driver Rudy Revak. 'But it is up to the driver to make this work. It is not just how well you drive but how well you set the car up. Being able to put the right set-up under the car makes all the difference in the world.'

“THE CARS ARE RELATIVELY UNSOPHISTICATED”

Revak cited his own experience in missing the set-up for qualifying at the Long Beach Trans-Am race: 'It was a simple mistake – the stagger was wrong on the car. That extra half inch of tyre diameter made a huge difference. That's how sensitive the cars can be.'

Because the stock cars used by GT-A are based on the spec car developed for the entry level ASA stock car series, the bodies used are the traditional American sedans seen in NASCAR: Chevrolet's Monte Carlo, Dodge's Intrepid, Ford's Taurus, Oldsmobile's Cutlass and Pontiac's Grand Prix. Five Star Fabrication has recently introduced composite Dodge Charger bodywork similar to that which appeared in NASCAR this season, so that too could turn up in GT-A in the near future.

A complete body for a car, including windows, is \$4000 (£2300), according to Ron Pulera, general manager of Five Star. 'It doesn't use the most advanced technology,' he continued. 'But it is an advanced composite material, hand laid. The idea was the economics of the body.' A Kevlar layer adds to the durability of the bodywork, keeping damaged bodywork from falling apart and onto the track during races. A further feature that adds to the cost, but improves the appearance, is the use of internal mounting flanges to attach panels to the chassis: 'You don't have the seams, so it is a much cleaner looking body,' said Pulera.

Strict restrictions limit the modifications



A neat feature of the GT-A cars is the use of internal body mounting fixtures for a clean exterior appearance



358ci V8 engines are all approved, production-based iron blocks with specified stock heads and intakes and a standard Holley four-barrel carb



Composite bodywork from Five Star is simple, durable and, at \$4000 for a complete 'shell with windows, affordable too

allowed to either the Howe ASA chassis or the Five Star bodywork. The only real variation is the rear spoiler, which is a mandatory 70 degrees (+/- 5.0 degrees) for 2000 and newer cars, while pre-2000

cars may run a 55-degree spoiler. Spoiler height is limited to five inches, but drivers who have never won a GT-A race are permitted a clear Lexan two-inch extension for added downforce. →

Underbody aerodynamics are minimised with a four-inch ride height, 3.5-inch air dam height, and a prohibition on flush-mounted floor pans to make the underside smooth.

Minimum weight is 2800lbs (1270kg), post-race, with driver, evening the competition among small and large drivers.

The 358 cubic inch V8 engines are limited to approved, production-based, iron block designs, with a maximum bore of four inches and maximum compression ratio of 10.7:1. Specified iron heads (supplied by DART for Ford and GM, MOPAR for Dodge) and intake manifolds (from Edelbrock for GM and Dodge, Ford for Ford) must be unmodified, so porting, polishing, filing and other improvements are not allowed. A Holley four-barrel carburettor is mandatory, cams are specified and rocker assemblies are of the production type. A 7000rpm rev limiter contributes to long engine life.

There is also a plan to permit the use of sealed GM crate engines that were used in the ASA series, so that racers can bring those cars directly into GT-A without changing engines. The ASA-spec engines produce about 430bhp, but can be brought up to 500bhp with little effort, according to Howe. 'It's not that hard to turn up an ASA engine to 500bhp,' he said. 'It's just a matter of controlling the electronics.' That is because the ASA engines use GM's production fuel injection system and GT-A engines are carburetted.

Four-speed, H-pattern transmissions are mandated, from Jerico Performance Products, Tex Racing Enterprises Inc. or the Muncie units originally made by General Motors, and now made by Medatronics Corp.

Spec 10x15in Goodyear Economy stock car slicks are available in hard or soft compound, and drivers must race on the tyres they use for qualifying unless the weather changes to or from rain tyres. Treating tyres with traction compound



Modifications to the body and chassis are not allowed, though rear spoiler heights and angles differ depending on the age of the car and the experience of the driver in GT-A

is prohibited. The one-piece, 10x15in steel wheels must weigh at least 20lbs each.

Brakes and shocks are an area of some freedom, but with cost caps and series approval required for parts. Brakes must employ cast iron rotors of 12 3/16th in diameter and 1 3/8in thickness, and calipers must be available at a retail price of \$550 (£315) or less. Approved calipers include the Outlaw Disc Brakes 4000 series, Sierra Racing Products Grand National, Coleman Machine Series 4, Wilwood Engineering Superlite III, AP Racing (several), and The Brake Man Inc. F4-Tornado. Until recently, only four-piston calipers have made the approved list, but

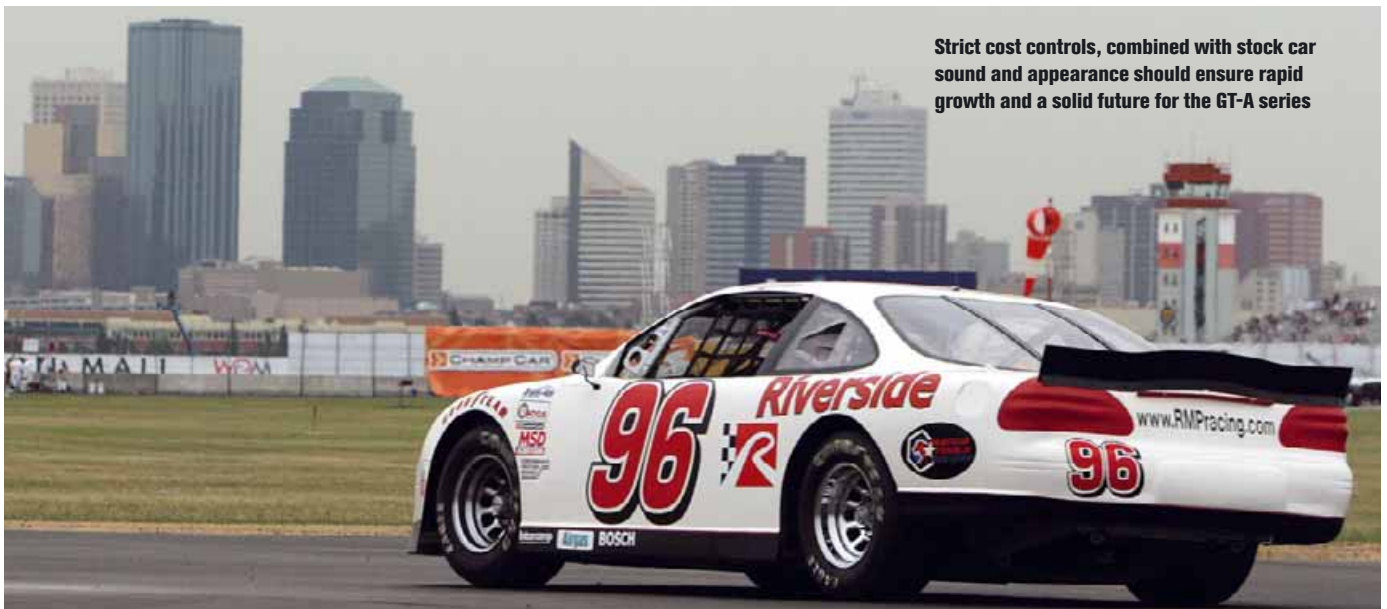
the drop in price of six-piston calipers is seeing them now added as well. Any type of brake pads may be used, brake fluid re-circulators are permitted and a brake pressure ignition cut-off switch is recommended for safety in the event of brake failure.

Shock absorbers are similarly restricted, with a \$250 (£145) price cap. Approved shocks currently include Koni 30 Series, Bilstein GN and GN2, and Pro Lite and AC models.

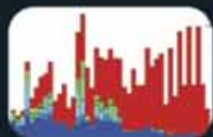
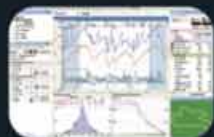
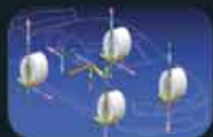
The cars are electronics-free zones, with only analogue instruments permitted and data acquisition prohibited during competition. Electronic lap timers are allowed though and, recognising that the cars will use data acquisition during testing, data sensors may remain on the car during races but the wiring must be removed.

While GT-A may have been 10 years in the making, these strict cost controls, combined with impressive stock car sound and appearance and newfound exposure through the Trans-Am series should ensure explosive growth in the class's popularity in the near future. RE

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Strict cost controls, combined with stock car sound and appearance should ensure rapid growth and a solid future for the GT-A series



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If you're having trouble telling your 'front side bus' from your 'torridal interrupt controller' then the next few pages are for you. CAD is quite a computer intensive activity, which requires fast processors, fast disks and as much memory as you can afford, or as much as your models need (plus a bit). There are a lot of different kinds of computer hardware out there – not all of which is suitable for running today's sophisticated, mid-priced, 3D CAD software.

Microsoft Windows seems to be taking over the desktop, whilst UNIX is still regarded as very specialised and for the seriously computer literate only. If you are new to CAD/CAM here are a few pointers to help you choose your computer environment to make best use of your new software technology.

If you are still reading this, you are well on the way to achieving your first objective, which is to have a plan. Far too many IT screw-ups have been achieved by various departments and/or individuals 'doing their own thing' with little or no overall co-ordination by senior management. There is only one rule for formulating IT strategy and that is keep it simple – go back to first

Choosing the hardware to run a 3D CAD system on is a daunting task for a racecar engineer. We try to demystify the process with some sound advice

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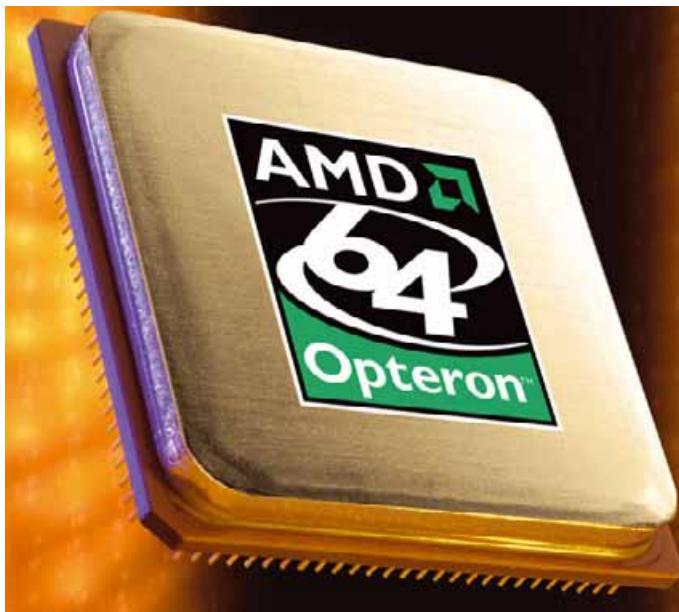
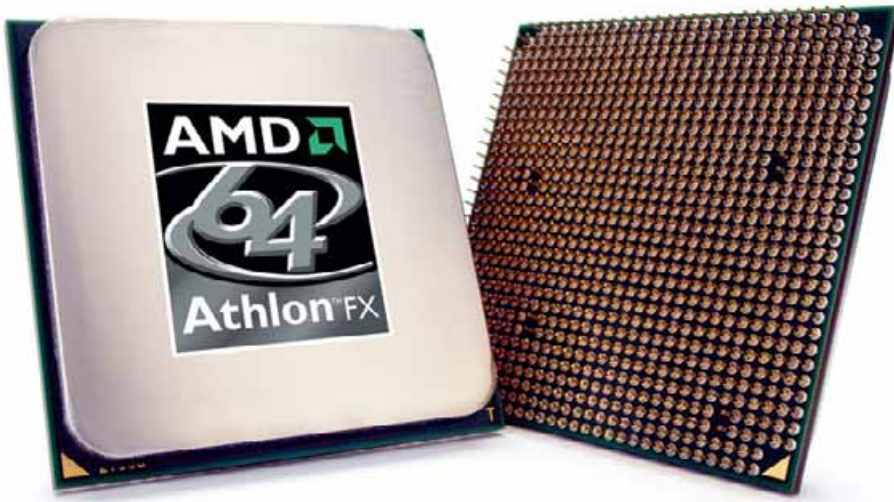
principles and decide what you are trying to achieve. In this preliminary analysis the language is the language of business not of computers.

Nigel Hobden, CEO of Random Computing, HP's leading technical systems integrator and long term IT provider to many racing teams, identifies

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the 'stable computing platform' as the main objective of the IT strategy. 'The stable computing platform maximises the business benefits of the IT system for the company,' says Hobden. 'All too often the IT strategy starts with the hardware and the rest of the specification is worked up from there. The stable computing platform reverses this approach – it starts with the users and maximises their productivity to develop an optimum IT solution for the company.'

One of the problems with talented engineers is that far too often they don't examine the cost benefits of what they do before they do it – whether it be fixing the office stapler (because they can) or doing a DIY job on designing the



If you are forced to run Windows for CAD work then you can use 64-bit Windows XP, designed to run on a processor like one of AMD's 64-bit offerings

Having plenty of cache is imperative to successful CAD work. Processors such as Intel's Xeon offer plenty but they are expensive

computer infrastructure for their business.

And one of the real downsides of the Windows environment is that Microsoft has simplified 90 per cent of it to the extent that moderately computer literate professionals can get by. When you are contemplating a sophisticated software and hardware installation you will need professional help at some stage so it's better to find and nurture a relationship from the outset. The last thing you need, when you're up against a deadline, is trying to do complicated DIY hardware support in unfamiliar territory.

If you don't understand the technology, get help – it can cost you more in terms of wasted learning time than it will to get good advice from computing professionals who are fully up to speed with current technologies.

Since about 1995, the fact that you used Microsoft products for office or back office applications was given as a good reason for selecting Microsoft hosted CAD systems. A discussion of the rights and wrongs of Microsoft operating systems and applications would take more than the space available here, but suffice to say the greatest impediment in a Microsoft

environment is the fact that it is always changing – every 18 months or less – potentially creating the opposite of the stable computing platform. This is the Microsoft business model – keep changing the system and keep the punters dipping into their pockets. This might be excusable for applications, but for operating systems? No sooner had you sorted out the mess of Windows NT and opted for Windows 2000 when Windows XP comes along. This is why Microsoft is putting \$1 billion in the bank every month.

Traditionally, UNIX has been 'premium priced', although this is now changing rapidly. For this price though you get a very stable platform where there is no conflict between the hardware and the

software. And the added value of only one vendor responsible for everything hardware related.

Another overlooked benefit of UNIX is that it is considered 'unfriendly' – meaning the system is left alone to do its job: users come in, log on, do their work, log off and go home. This should not necessarily be seen as a disadvantage for maximum business performance.

64-bit Windows

At the moment the issue of 64-bit Windows is only really relevant for those users doing serious number crunching, like users of FEA (Finite Element Analysis) or CFD (Computational Fluid Dynamics) software. As yet, many of the CAD vendors haven't really expressed any interest in developing 64-bit versions of their code.

One of the primary benefits of 64-bit Windows is that it will allow you to address more than 2GB of memory per application. While some CAD users are happy to chug away on modest hardware, there are many others that continually push the limits of current workstation technology. Hardware upgrades and driver optimisations can provide a much needed performance boost, but when your model/assembly files get complex you will eventually bump up against the 2GB per application ceiling imposed by Windows. When this happens, no matter how much physical or virtual memory you have in your workstation, the system will grind to a halt.

One way to overcome this is to turn on the /3GB switch in Windows XP. The extra gigabyte should give you 50 per cent more headroom for loading complex models, though this depends on the individual CAD application's support for extended memory.

There are several choices for those who want to model whole cars or entire planes. 64-bit UNIX is one obvious answer, but for those firmly entrenched in the Windows camp, 64-bit Windows XP could provide the perfect solution. Windows XP Professional x64 Edition is designed to run on the 'extended' architectures of AMD's Opteron with AMD64 and with EM64T on Intel's Xeon (codenamed Nocona) and the new Pentium 4 chips.

However, there are a number of limitations and misconceptions about 64-bit Windows, not least of which the fact that it's not going to give users the memory they think it will. In that a 32-bit application, even running on the 64-bit operating system, is still only going to be able to address whatever it was written to address in the first place. So if the application can only address 2GB of memory it will still only address 2GB – it will know nothing of the /3GB switch which extends the reach of some 32-bit applications. You will not be able to address all 4GB unless the application is specifically written to enable you to do that.

The other disappointing issue is related to →

Computers for CAD

the new Intel 945 chipsets still only supporting 4GB of memory, whatever the operating system (32 or 64 bit) because the processor hardware cannot address any more. There is conflicting information coming from Intel, some of which suggests that the new chipsets can extend their hardware address space beyond 4GB so that applications can see more memory, but this is not confirmed to date.

CPU/motherboard

Many of the components in workstations are used in normal PCs, but there are differences that can increase performance or, more importantly, reliability. All CAD applications put a large load onto the CPU so it is one of the most important aspects of any workstation.

Because of differences in modern chip design it is no longer possible to compare processor speed by using the old MHz or clock speed number. AMD introduced a performance measuring system that could be compared to Intel's MHz rating. So an AMD Athlon XP 2400+ ran at a true speed of 2.0GHz but gave the performance of a 2.4GHz Intel chip in AMD's eyes. In its next range of CPUs, Intel is changing its naming structure in a similar way to AMD, so a Celeron 2.8GHz (don't use this chip for CAD) will be called 335 whereas a 2.8GHz P4 will be called a 520. Confusing isn't it?

A popular 64-bit processor from AMD is the Opteron. This is a little faster in some areas than the Intel P4 when using 32-bit Windows. 64-bit Windows will improve things further but the real performance gain will come from real CAD applications written for 64-bit hardware and operating systems.

All the workstation providers should test their solutions with the relevant software packages – this is the peace of mind you are paying for. Beware of hardware solutions from providers whose major business is in other areas ie home PCs, gaming etc. These providers will fix problems for their major users but not for a small number of CAD customers.

Dual Core

Dual core systems are where two CPUs are connected together on a single chip or die, giving workstations improved multi-tasking and/or multi-processing capabilities. They appear to the operating system as two CPUs even though there is only one physical chip.

To make CPUs go faster the chip makers have been reducing the size of the transistors on the silicon. At this small scale these high-speed chips get very hot. Dual core provides a way of getting increased performance at relatively modest clock speeds (and hence heat levels). This has led to Intel cancelling the P4 4GHz programme and a scramble between AMD and Intel to launch dual core early. All dual cores support 64-bit software.



The main objective of IT strategy is a stable computing platform. If you are planning CAD work, your platform should be devoted solely to that use



PCI Express

Big changes are happening at the moment with motherboards. PCI Express is being launched by the big players, led by Intel. This is a new card slot type that will replace AGP (Advanced Graphics Port) and PCI, with a new serial interface. As clock speeds increase, this method becomes more reliable and gives greater bandwidth to devices like graphics cards. PCI Express not only offers performance, but power management and hot swapping capability, too. For most of the graphics cards you don't need to plug in extra power leads as up to 75w is supplied by the PCI Express slot.

Graphics

Graphics cards are an important workstation component and careful consideration needs to be given to which one suits your application best as costs and performance can vary widely.

There are three main players in the market today: ATI with its FireGL range; Nvidia with its Quadro range; and 3DLabs with its VP and Realizm product families. Each has a slightly different strategy but they all provide specialist drivers, which are required by all professional applications.

Most current 3D applications (and some 2D) use either OpenGL or DirectX to display geometry on the screen. OpenGL and DirectX are graphics libraries that applications (CAD etc.) use to display geometry on the screen. Some applications create their own interface but these generally rely on more CPU power to get the job done. This can result in poor performance on larger models as the CPU struggles to keep up with several tasks at once. →

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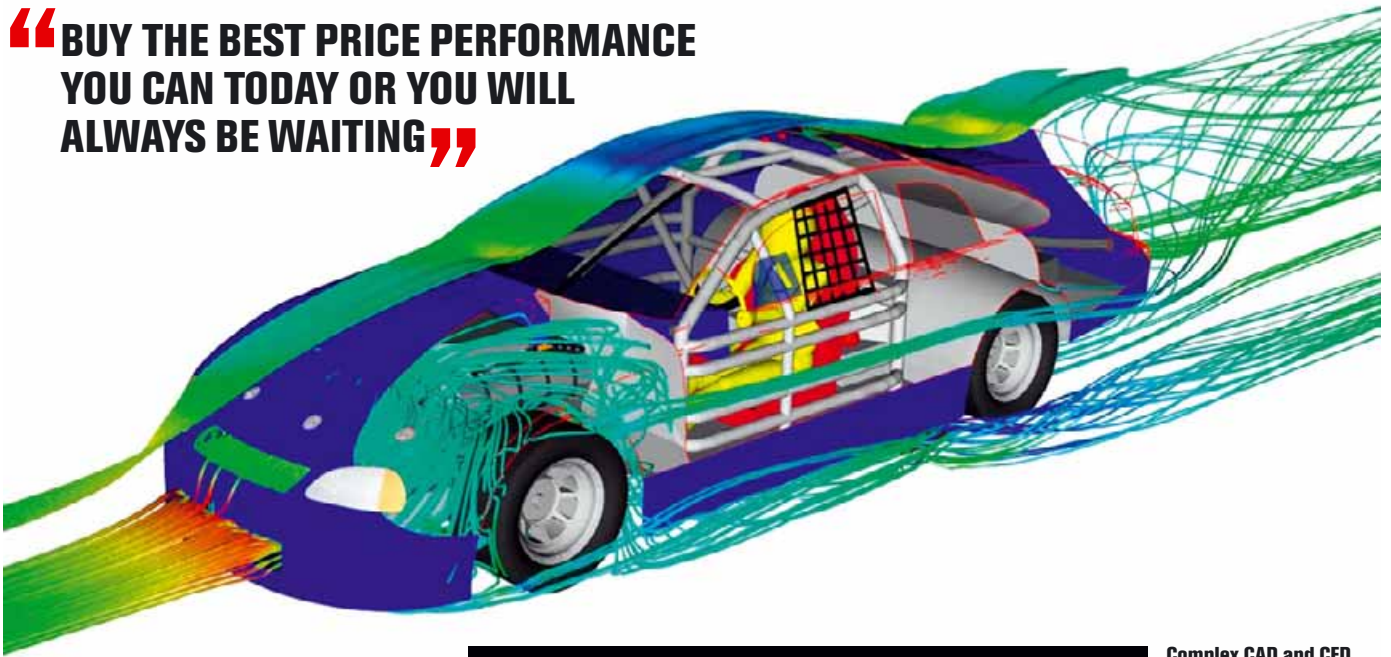
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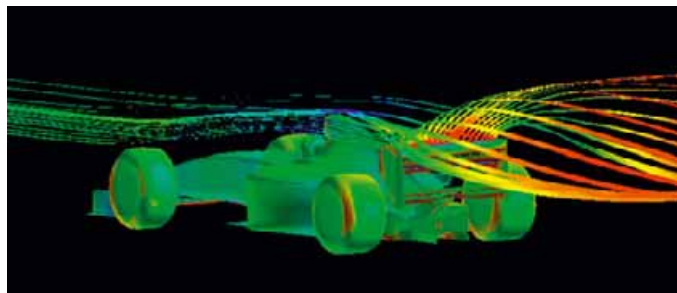
Both consumer and professional cards support OpenGL and DirectX. The main difference is the driver. If you are using a 3D application that supports OpenGL, there could be a list of 20 supported commands with a standard card, but with a 'workstation' card there could be many more. This will transfer graphics processing to the graphics card and free up the CPU for its main number crunching task. It's not only about the supported commands but the performance of each of these commands is optimised against the standard consumer cards. Cards such as ATI's Radeon or Nvidia's GeForce range are designed for standard graphics or games that don't necessarily need the same degree of accuracy.

Improving performance

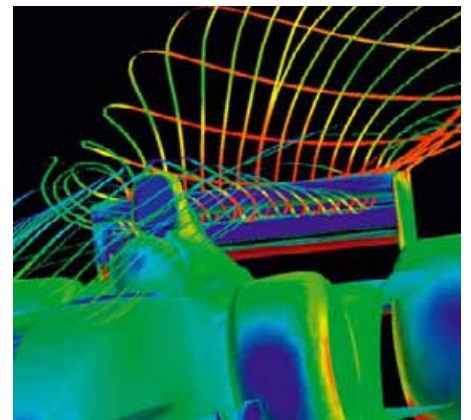
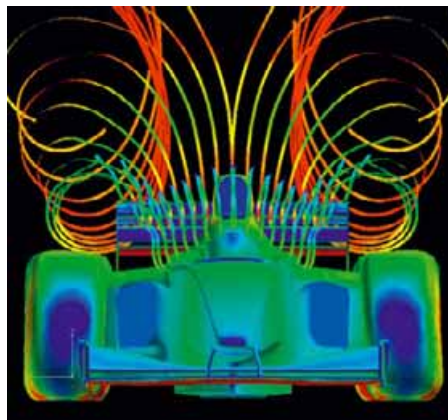
Even the most basic workstation graphics cards can rotate part models or simple assemblies at some speed. A card higher up the range won't rotate these any faster but, as the models get bigger in size with more component parts, it will maintain the high performance level where an inferior card will stall.

The amount of RAM on the card is an important criterion when buying a graphics card but it's only part of the solution. The most important hardware consideration is the GPU (Graphics Processing Unit), then the software driver to exploit it. Most drivers actually put the OpenGL display list into system RAM, taking it away from the application. If you use a lot of textures you will need a card that has a lot of on board RAM but that is generally only required for rendering (ie producing photo-quality images of CAD models) rather than typical CAD operations.

Different cards suit different needs and separate applications place distinct requirements on the card. If you model small assemblies with a



Complex CAD and CFD work requires the right choice of hardware to function effectively. The better the IT strategy, the better the working environment will be



solid modeller, a quality card that supports your application will suffice. If you are using a surface modeller and creating complex car body surfaces you need a high-end card that will give you the image quality you require.

The way to improve graphics quality is to turn on 'anti aliasing'. This is where the graphics card fills in the 'jaggies' — the little steps on the edge of diagonal objects. You can turn this on in applications or force it on in most display drivers. Anti-aliasing takes extra processing so it can slow down rotation in many applications but, if ultimate quality is needed, this is the way to go.

Drivers

It is important to use the right driver and settings. All graphic card vendors update their drivers

regularly. Sometimes they get it wrong though and by fixing one thing in one application they adversely affect another. Take advice as to which driver works best with which application. Don't put the most recent driver on until you have confirmation that it works properly.

Memory

As a general rule, because RAM is affordable these days, start with at least 1GB for CAD. As most workstations have four memory slots, start by putting two 512Mb modules and keep two free for future upgrades. Matching RAM chips can be tricky. Timing in memory is measured in nano seconds so matching memory modules is important. Get it mixed up and you may well see a lot of blue screens or, at best, just fail to see →

the expected performance benefits.

High performance RAM (CAS2 low latency which takes less clock cycles to access) might give you advantages for overclocking your system (running faster than spec) but it makes a small difference in a standard system. The extra money it costs is better spent in other areas.

Cache

Cache is very fast RAM built into the processor. It is designed to store recently accessed data and supply it faster than going to the main memory. The cache principle is used on hard disks by having RAM on the drive to supply data faster than going to the disks themselves. Different processors have larger or smaller caches. Celerons generally have very small caches to limit the performance at the budget end. You need cache as CAD applications tend to swap data to memory quite frequently. Intel Xeons and other specialist chips offer more cache, but the benefits are often quite marginal and they are expensive.

What to buy?

The best advice currently for high-end applications is to go for the dual Xeon chipset. If you're working on moderate size models then you could stay with 925 XE chipsets – these are 64-bit ready, they will support the 64-bit operating system and when the 64-bit applications come along they will run happily on these workstations.

Dos and don'ts

Today we face a dilemma – Microsoft is everywhere and most of the best affordable CAD software runs under Microsoft Windows, which is not renowned for its reliability. The message is simple: the CAD software and the computer it runs on are just part of a race engineer's toolset and as such must be treated with the same care as your other tools. So just as you would never think of using a nut gun without an oiler, once you have your software running to your liking, you should never mess with the configuration. That means not loading new 'freebie' software when you get the chance – every time you load something new, different versions of the same system files can get loaded inadvertently, which can affect the way your existing software works. In short, when it's loaded and working don't mess with it.


Also don't surf the web using critical engineering hardware. Software firewalls slow things down and, no matter how good your security is, clever programmers from 'undesirable' sites will always get through. Hackers can get into NASA and the Pentagon so no individual system is 100 per cent secure. If you're not connected to the web you don't need persistent (always on) anti-virus software – it is unnecessary for engineering computers and it slows things down.

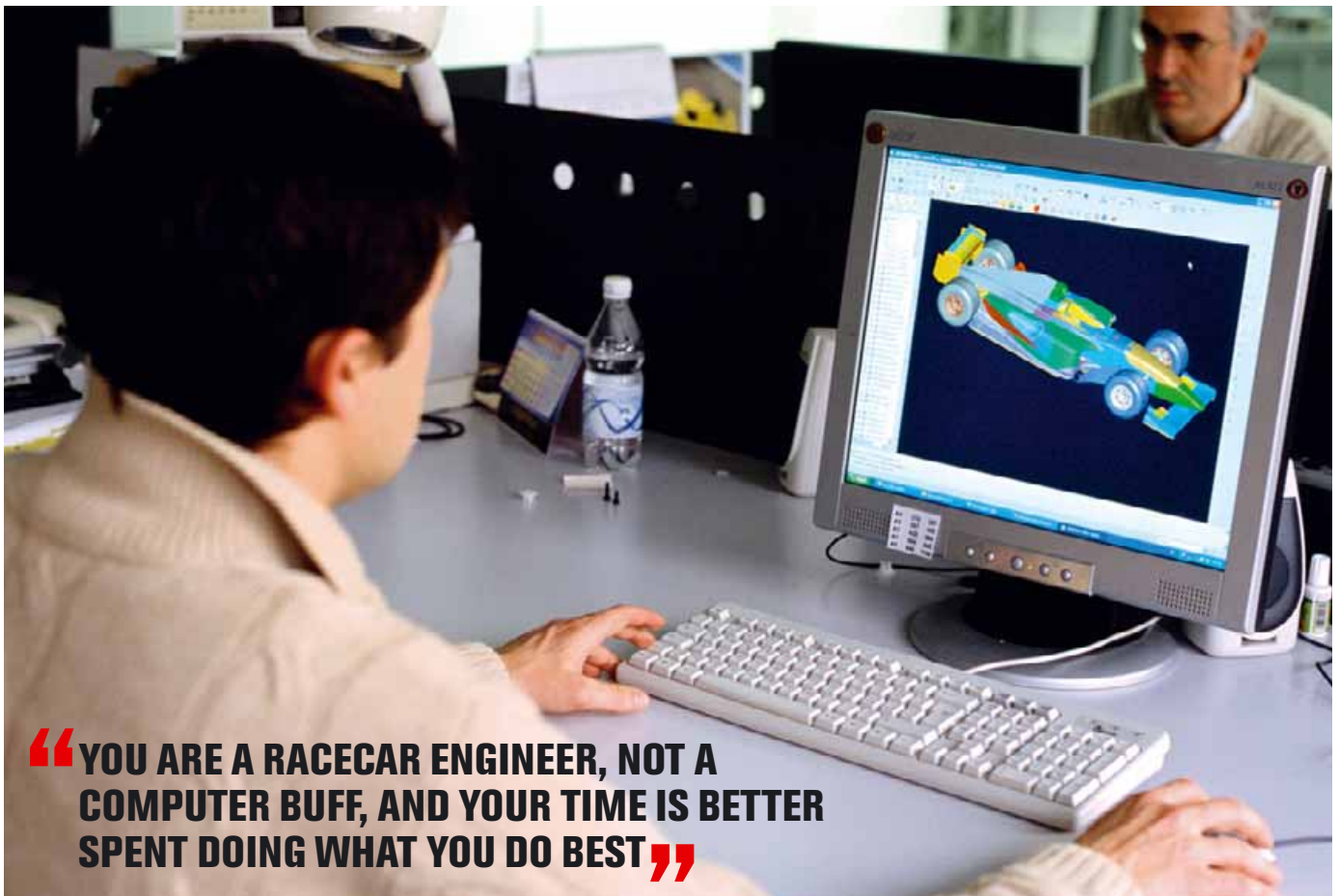
Avoid DIY hardware projects, too. You are a racecar engineer, not a computer buff, and your

time is better spent doing what you do best. Buy standard hardware supported by an established vendor. If possible choose a vendor that will help you out and has a track record supporting motorsport companies. Find someone to have a direct commercial relationship with. If you have to buy from the web and rely on telephone or email support, understand how this can adversely affect your business. Do not believe any of the marketing hype and challenge every claim.

Summary

The recurring question is 'shall I wait to buy this or that new technology or shall I buy now?' The answer to that dilemma is simple – buy the best price performance you can today or you will always be waiting. And don't be afraid to get help. Engineers traditionally think they can fix anything, but in trying to do a DIY job on IT strategy you are taking valuable technical resources away from your core activity.

And as much as you think you or your organisation knows about computer infrastructure and technical software there are experts out there that can make a significant contribution to your plans in short order. You don't make business-changing decisions without consulting your bank manager or your accountants, so making important decisions about your IT infrastructure and your design environment deserve the same consideration. 



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The cogs of war

Racecar talks to the three leading gearbox suppliers to find out how they built sportscar transmissions to cope with the challenge of Le Mans

Words	Simon McBeath
Photos	Hewland; Ricardo; Xtrac

In any sphere of competition, whether it involves a four-second blast down a quarter mile drag strip or 24 hours pounding the long straights, sweeping curves and chicanes of La Sarthe, the right balance between performance, durability and, in today's economic climate, cost has to be struck. For Le Mans, straightforward, robust design is employed to achieve reliability and avoid undue expense. Racecar Engineering spoke with Hewland, Ricardo and Xtrac to get each company's perspective on the gruelling demands of Le Mans, and to see what they were offering for this specialised race.

Hewland Engineering

The technical challenge imposed by the 24 Heures du Mans, according to managing director William Hewland, 'is not really different to anything else. It's harder to keep an eye on wear, or to maintain the gearbox compared to the same duration in three races for example. So you have to be able to fit and forget because if something does go wrong you get stranded. But we fully support the decision to not allow complete transmission changes during the race – what's the point in being able to do that?'

'The challenge is about high power and long life. At Le Mans there's a lot of time spent at high speed, which puts demands on transmission cooling, but at high speeds there's also low torque through the transmission so there is less stress. The Le Mans lap is not really very stressful. Sebring is bumpier, and therefore tougher on the

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transmission, but Le Mans does create some special needs.'

Hewland continued: 'the 'box needs to run cool, especially in a magnesium casing, to give the bearings a chance to stay in place. We aim for 100degC [oil temperature] or lower. This also helps to avoid tempering the gear tooth flanks. The oil system also needs to de-aerate and filter the oil thoroughly, too.'

Design director Andy Scott adds: 'greater oil capacity is used [than in other transmissions], and decent filtration, plus a few more magnets [to pick up fine steel debris] are useful.'

The Hewland approach to overall design is to aim for a 24-hour plus life, but if a customer only wants a transmission to last a few hours then components can be 'designed down' to suit. Gears, tooth mesh design, bearings and even face dogs are all 'sized' for the life the customer specifies, which clearly for Le Mans is the duration of qualifying and the race.

The most common wear problem at Le Mans, according to Hewland, is face dog wear. 'The drivers can be something of a variable,' he states

diplomatically. 'Our gear cluster life is always very good in all our products. But however good the components are, the driver is a variable, and just one... less skilful driver in a team can wear dogs rapidly. And it's often impossible to pin down which driver in a team is responsible.'

'This is why a properly mapped semi-automatic system is such a big help (a poorly mapped one can give just as many problems). Our standard SE selection mechanism, which is relatively very strong compared to others and utilises less moving parts, is very tolerant of light damage. It requires about two thirds of the power to operate that other shift mechanisms need, and has been in every new transmission since the FTR (used in Formula 3 and Formula BMW, among others) was launched. The fact that exactly the same system is installed in our top of the range 'boxes as well as the FTR is testimony to its wide applicability,' asserted Andy Scott.

Impecunious privateers and smaller manufacturer teams make up Hewland's Le Mans clientele. 'Money is tight and this limits the technology that can be used. Our customers at Le Mans, which is not currently our biggest market by a long way, are all of the "what have you got?" type, unlike most of our business now; 80 per cent of our turnover is from bespoke transmissions, not off-the-shelf units,' states Hewland. The LMP2 Courage C65s will be running Hewland's six-speed sequential, transverse TLS transmission this year (as will Lister in LMES events), while any Lolas present will be using the



Machining gears at the Hewland factory in Berkshire where most of the work is bespoke manufacturing

Reliability is crucial at Le Mans, particularly now that gearboxes cannot be changed during the race



jointly produced unit for which Hewland supplies the internals to fit Lola's layout in its own casing. However, William Hewland expressed a preference to supply the whole transmission system 'from the engine to the wheels, that way we can guarantee the system for 24 hours or we fix it so it will do that.'

The TLS gearbox has been made in eight different versions, each tailored to specific customer installation requirements but with almost identical layout and internals. The main case is always one-piece (no split line across the differential), offering a stiff structure, but the three-shaft layout and options on case design make for flexible applicability. The shafts can be positioned for the required input and output heights, while a constant running input bevel gear in a choice of ratios enables the speed of the gearbox internals to suit maximum engine speeds from 6000 to 12,000rpm. TLS has been used in front engine, remote rear transmission set-ups in GT cars, with an integral bellhousing that incorporates the oil tank, through to short casings mated to mid-located engines in LMP examples. Hewland believes that with this flexibility and its proven internals, TLS can provide a tailor-made solution for many applications. It also meets the new underbody dimension regulations.

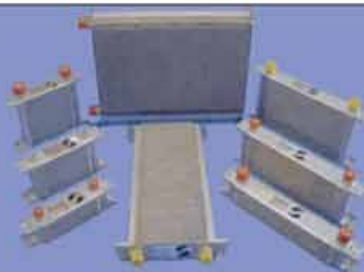
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C52 Peugeot that finished fourth at Le Mans in 2000, but the company has found customers keener to run transverse units these days.

Xtrac

The views of Xtrac's development director Cliff Hawkins and technical director Adrian Moore on the challenges posed by Le Mans complement those of Hewland Engineering. While agreeing about the need to provide effective cooling, Xtrac also believes that the large number of gear changes, and the track sectors that incorporate chicanes followed by hard acceleration, both provide a fairly serious additional challenge.

The fundamental need to design a transmission that will last for 24 hours plus is supplemented by Adrian Moore's comment that 'the gearbox must also be repairable quickly, in order to minimise risk to our customers. Our 'boxes are a pretty solid, straightforward design that's not too heavy [72-76kg], with attention to detail in key areas.' Cliff Hawkins also remarked that 'it's increasingly important these days to use as many common parts [from across the product range] as possible to help contain costs.'

Like Hewland, Xtrac runs its transmissions cooler at Le Mans than anywhere else to aid durability. And it incorporates 'the biggest sump possible [within vehicle and rule constraints] so that the gears aren't running in the oil' – a

Differentials

There are variations in the types and operating principles of the differentials provided by each of the main suppliers. Hewland reports that most Le Mans customers run the plate-type Salisbury differential, although there are wear issues with the friction material involved. Hewland design director Andy Scott reported that Hewland has tried different friction materials and also some 'springing' to retain consistent differential loads (and hence, consistent differential performance) whatever level of wear occurs. Hewland's diffs are adjustable from outside the car.

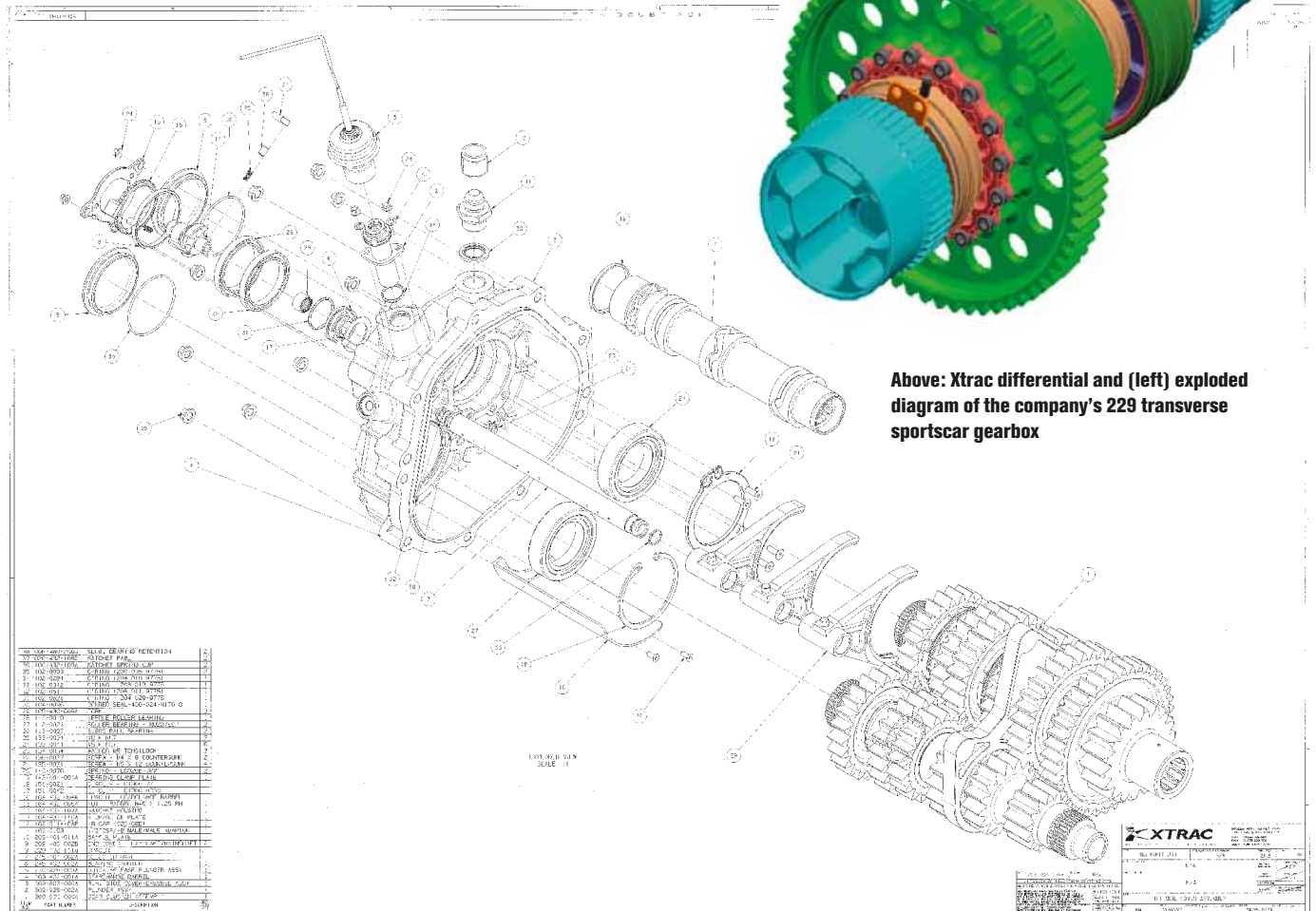
All Xtrac's Le Mans customers use its 'VCP' or viscous combined plate differential which, as the name implies, combines mechanical plate and viscous coupling operating principles. It offers differential tuning with both torque and speed sensitivity and, according to Adrian Moore, 'a very smooth locking action that's essential for endurance racing.'

Ricardo fits what it calls a visco-mechanical differential to its Le Mans gearboxes. The company's preference is to supply a combination that offers consistent characteristics over the 24-hour race – a difficult target to achieve. Some customers request adjustability but Ricardo Motorsport's chief designer Tim Gee commented that 'this can be a source of unreliability, by adding to complexity without a performance benefit that can be realised over the 24 hours.'

measure to assist cooling and mechanical efficiency. Xtrac uses tri-lobed oil pumps that 'scavenge well, have a high capacity and can pump aerated oil efficiently.'

'The starter package is an important detail, too,' continued Hawkins. 'Because of the large number of starts [the rules requiring on-board starters to be used], some teams build in two starters so that should one fail there is always a back-up unit available.' Such a requirement obviously forms part of the original design of the bellhousing/adaptor situated between the engine and gearbox.

Several of the LMP1 cars will be running Xtrac's '229' transverse sequential gearbox this year. This design began life in the mid-1990s in McLaren F1 GTRs, using some of the key components from Xtrac's Ferrari F40 transmission of that period, and the Williams-assisted BMW used a variation of it in 1999. The '229' is essentially a customer version that has subsequently been used by →



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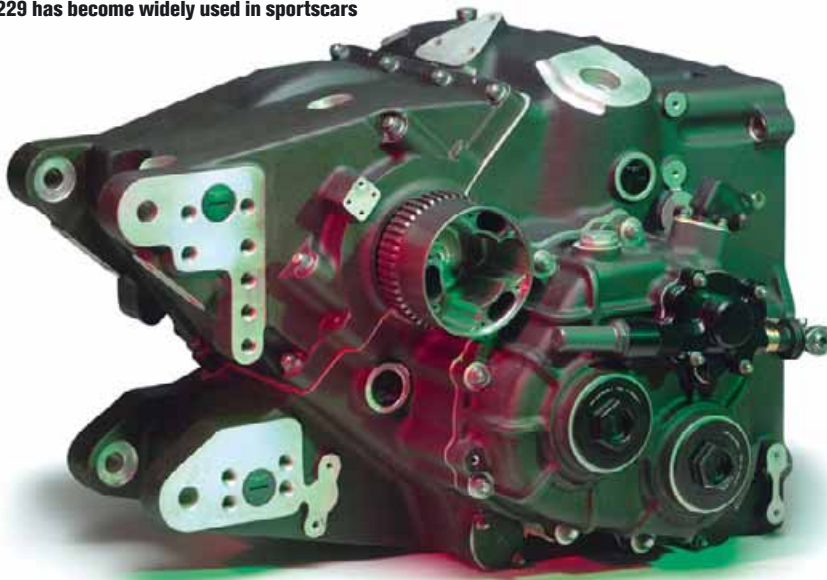
Cadillac, Courage, Dallara, Dome, and Riley & Scott, while the Bentley endurance racers used a bespoke-cased version.

As with its other products, Xtrac uses its own grades of steel: X36C for most of the internals and vacuum re-melted XVAR1 for the high-loaded bevel gears, final drive sets and pinion. Casings are usually 'very cost/performance efficient' sand-cast RZ5 magnesium. Options are provided for suspension mounts through machining specific locations, while side covers are standard components to keep costs down. The bearings are 'conventional polyamide cage, taper roller bearings, though we look at angular contact bearings for improved efficiency, depending on the customer's requirements and the loads involved,' added Moore. The standard gear change is ratchet-operated sequential, with an H-gate option, and some customers use assisted changes such as the Megaline, which Xtrac says are not essential, but do give the face dogs and the driver an easier life. Assisted changes are also allowed in LMP2 now.

Xtrac supports the moves to create safer aerodynamics through technical regulation changes, but found that its 229 design was too wide to fit the specified dimensions of the rear underbody. So it has had to produce a new design for LMP in 2006 onwards. Although it thought this would bring to an end the use of the 229, Pratt & Miller tried it successfully in the GT1 Chevrolet Corvette C5 and it has been carried over to the C6. This may add yet another three years to this unit's long service record. However, 2005 is the last time that 229 will be used in LMP cars, and replacing it for 2006 is the unit designated 429.

With the 429, Xtrac has in essence turned largely the same set of internals from the transverse 229 through 90 degrees to make a narrow longitudinal 'box that fits the new underbody regulations yet retains the same length as the 229. In fact, the front face that mates

The 229 has become widely used in sportscars



Xtrac's new longitudinal 429 'box uses the cluster from the 229 turned through 90 degrees

to the engine is the same, the distance from the front face to the differential centreline is the same and the outputs are in the same locations, so the 429 will plug in where a 229 used to reside.

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Although the re-design was forced upon it, Xtrac did not miss the opportunity to incorporate some new features in the 429. The 'box incorporates an integral pneumatic cylinder to power an assisted gearchange mechanism

(although a manual sequential change is still possible). Most interestingly, the layout comprises two pairs of drop gears that allow the torque and rpm into the gear cluster to be matched to the engine. So, for example, low rpm/high torque engines such as diesels can be accommodated, as can high rpm petrol/gasoline engines. Although the powertrain incorporates an extra pair of gears, being fully form-ground spur gears their efficiency is said to be very high, so power loss will be 'minimal'. The additional drop gears could be used to match the car's overall gearing to a given track. This arrangement is based heavily on Xtrac's Indy Racing League transmission, but sized to suit the particular demands of a sportscar.

The longitudinal layout enables access to the gear cluster from the rear without suspension disassembly and Xtrac has integrated the oil filter and pump into the cluster assembly so they are simultaneously replaced – a configuration used on its IRL gearbox. The 429 'box uses a combination of taper roller and angular contact bearings to achieve a balance between cost and efficiency. The RZ5 magnesium casing again offers options for suspension mounts.

Other features include a 'spectacle plate' between the two gear shafts to prevent flex, and low friction PTFE seals in the input and output flanges for minimum drag. A special Le Mans option is ratio gears with Xtrem super-polished finish, or as full form ground.

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transmission was again seen in the winning Audi R8, while it also had a transverse design running in the Team Jota works Zytek and the Creation Autosportif DBA Judd. Next year a new LMP2 car from Zulltec will join the Ricardo ranks.

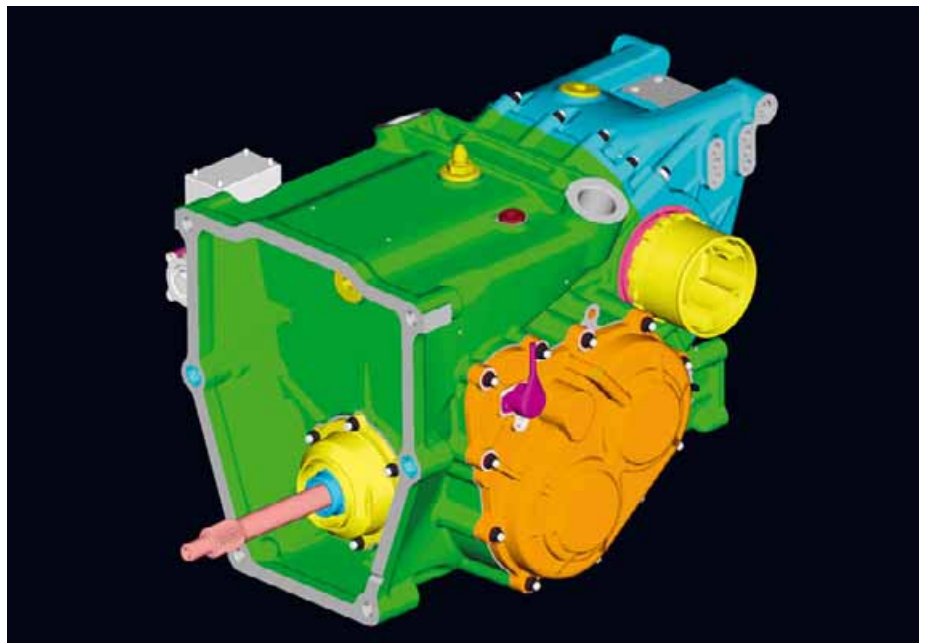
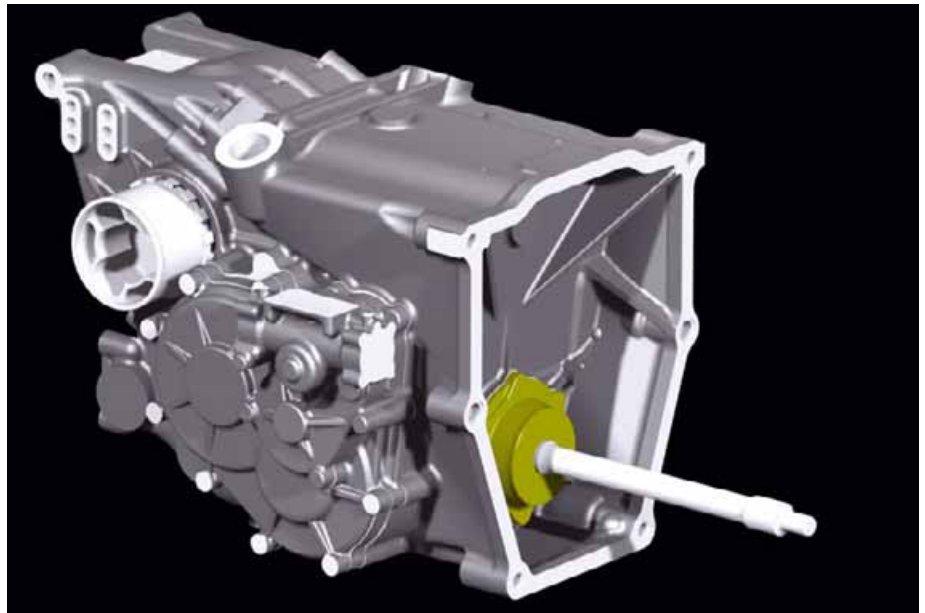
Ricardo's business development director Iain Wight and chief designer Tim Gee see the challenge of Le Mans mainly in terms of the fatigue requirements of the gearbox internals, but seem relaxed about the issue of temperature. 'We aim to not generate heat, and that means that tooth forms and bearings are important – details we seem to be good at. Other than that it's just a case of getting the oil cooler size right. We have a tiny oil pump (capacity is more important than pressure), there are baffle plates and anti-surge systems in the gearbox sump, and we had to give appropriate thought to the pick-up location. Maybe we got lucky, but it seems to work!' said a modest Tim Gee. 'It's easy to over-complicate, but our philosophy is to keep it simple. Minimising the number of parts generates less heat. And the bevel set in the Audi 'box helps with this.'

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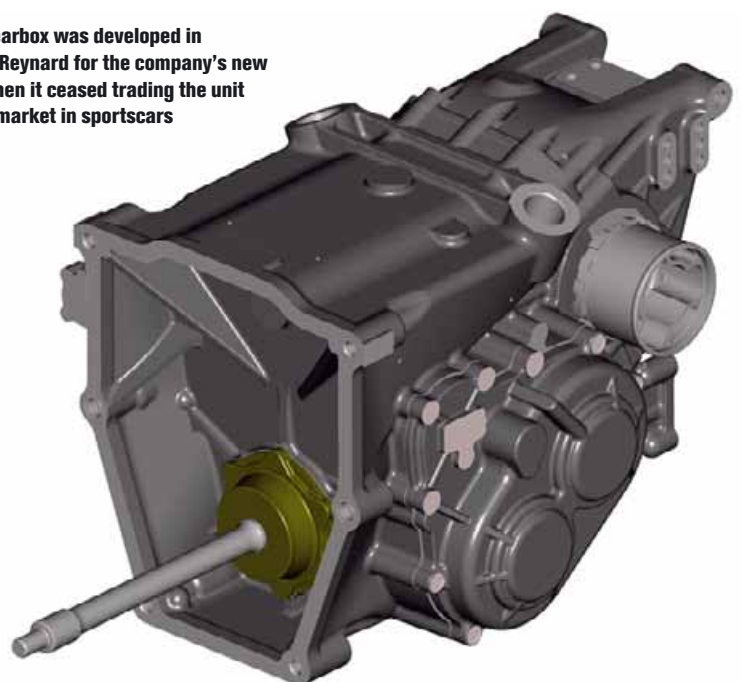
Iain Wight added that 'engaging with a manufacturer means invaluable data becomes available. With Audi we received information on torque output and such like that helped with the initial design. And the budgets allow for testing. You tend not to get that with private teams.' Like its rivals, Ricardo is happier now that transmissions must last the entire 24 hours of the race. As Iain Wight remarked, 'this puts significant emphasis on the transmission reliability but can also show how effective a well designed transmission can be.'

The Audi transmission design has remained essentially unchanged for six years now. In 1999 Audi made the casing and Ricardo supplied the internals, but for 2000 Ricardo did a complete re-design, saving around 15kg in the process. The layout is 'gears in front longitudinal', with the input shaft at the bottom driving up to the output shaft through the gears, and a bevel set turns the drive sideways before a spur gear set transfers drive directly up to the differential. The sequential shift barrel is located above the cluster, and is actuated by a direct acting pneumatic piston housed on top of the 'box.

Ricardo's casing was referred to as 'double skinned' because in effect it had separate casings to contain the gear cluster and carry the →



Ricardo's LMP gearbox was developed in association with Reynard for the company's new prototype, but when it ceased trading the unit found a broader market in sportscars



LMP transmissions

suspension. What is known as 'topology optimisation' was used to help define the casing shape 'though the shape is substantially defined by the components you have to accommodate,' said Tim Gee. 'Finite element analysis (FEA) was far more important in defining the casing detail.'

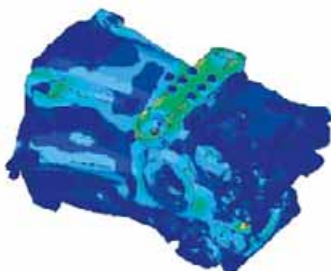
Ricardo's 'LMP transverse' transmission has an entirely separate ancestry. This unit was originally a bespoke design for the Reynard o2S, a car that metamorphosed into the Zytek and the DBA. The original design brief was to construct a transmission that would cater for different engines in different categories and different racing series. 'It was a complicated design,' commented Tim Gee. 'and we had to make two ranges of gears of different widths, different bevel gears and different differentials. But because of the design options its applications are very flexible. It can cater for an 11,000rpm V10 as well as a 7000rpm V8, with a semi-auto or a manual shift. It was meant to be the most reliable and lightest in class (it weighs just 58kg) and fits the new rules [on underbody space]. When Reynard shut down, development stopped for a while, but once the car ran again it became clear that the transmission didn't actually need any more development.'



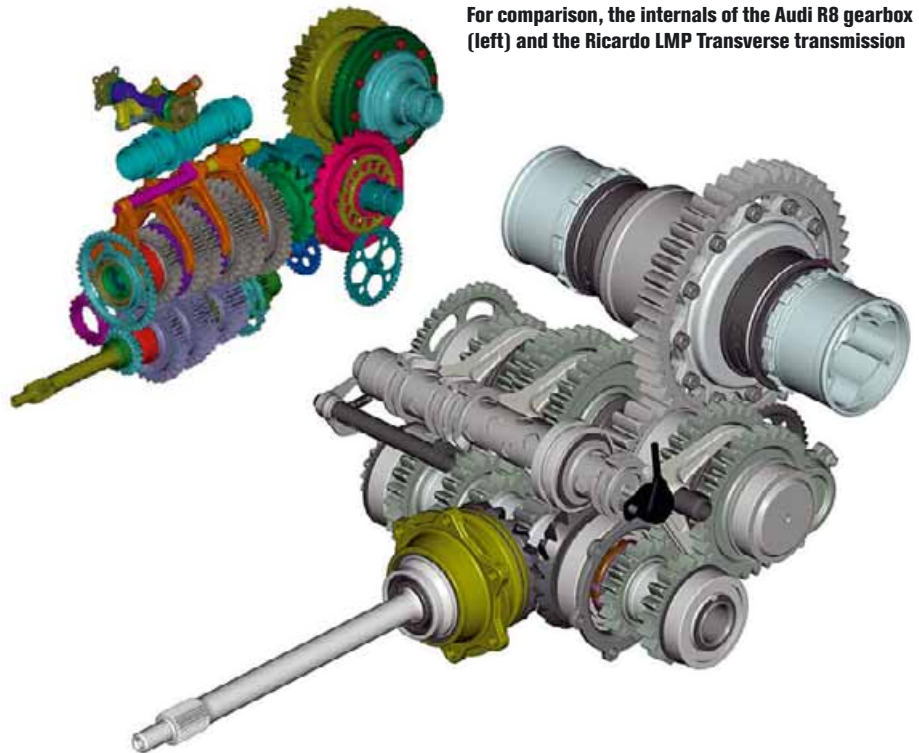
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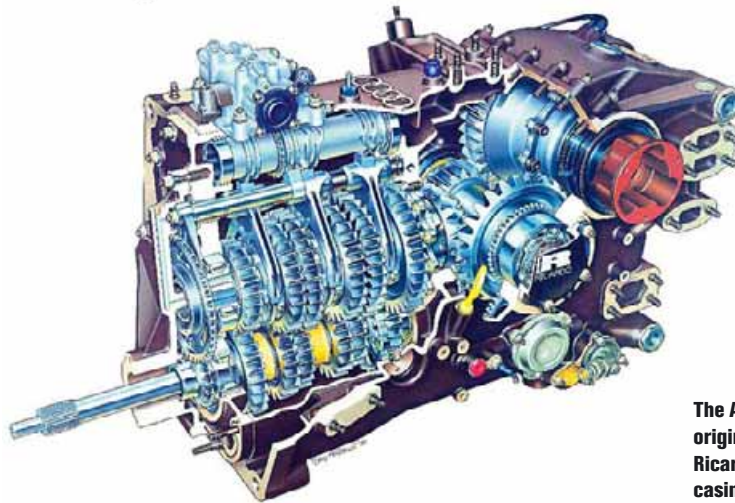
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FEA study of the unit's casing under load



For comparison, the internals of the Audi R8 gearbox (left) and the Ricardo LMP Transverse transmission



The Audi transmission as originally used with Ricardo internals in a casing made by Audi

The sequential shift mechanism also features a direct acting piston on the selector barrel, as opposed to lever actuation, which provides an improved shift and neater packaging. Two types of assisted change system are in use, pneumatic (such as provided by Megaline) and electric, as






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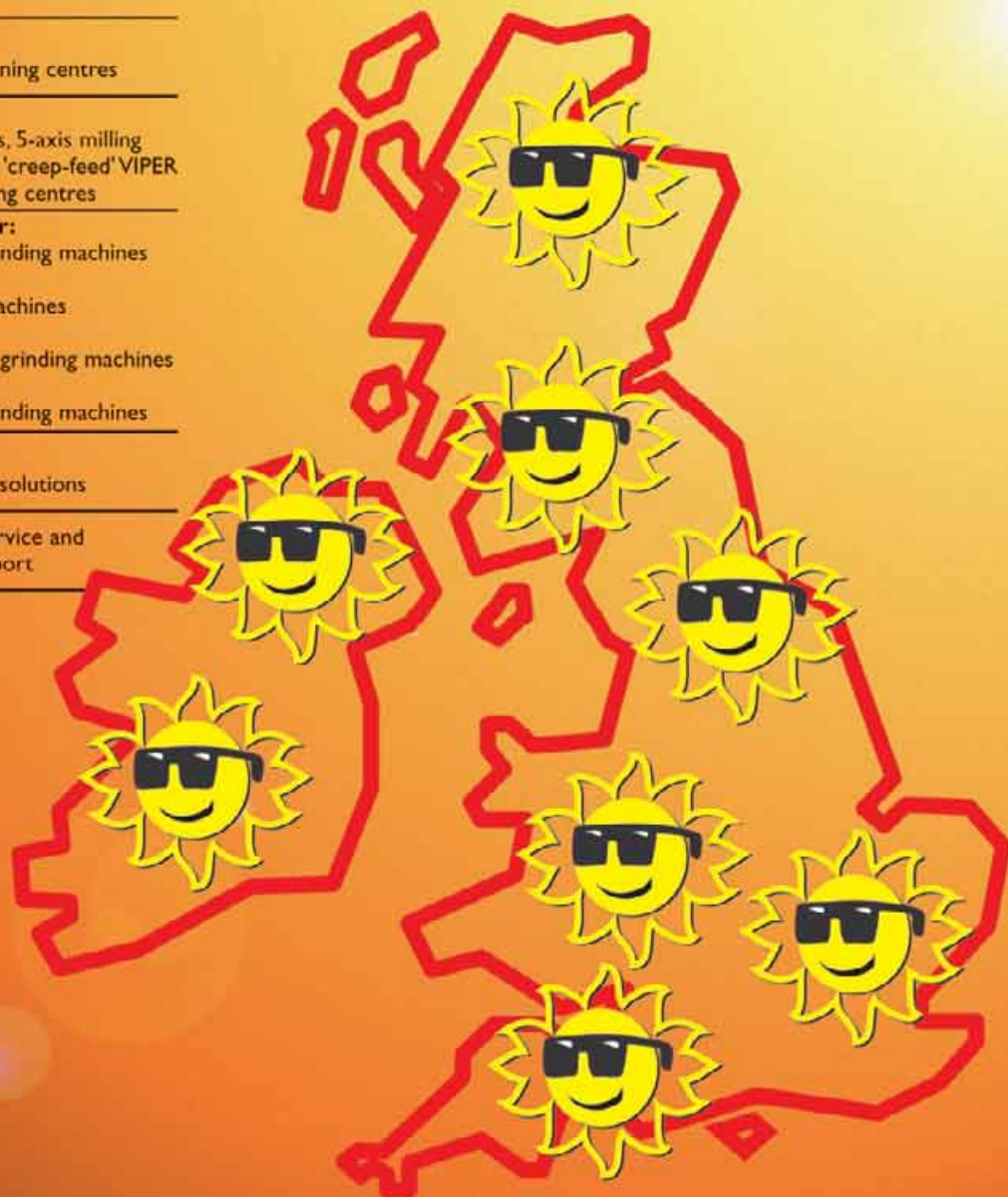
designed and used by Zytek in 2004. This features a pair of solenoids, one each end of the selector barrel, and an energy storage system that enables the requisite power to be provided in the short time needed for a fast gearshift. The system is said to be lighter and simpler than the alternatives because there is no compressor, reservoir or filtration system required. There are however some fairly complex electrics and electronics.

The selector mechanism on the LMP transverse 'box was influenced by that on the Audi. The barrel has been lightened, reducing inertia to help with fast shifts and avoid 'overrun' into a gear beyond the one selected. And aspects of the selector fork design have been carried over, too. 'The forks are sensitive to the driver and to ignition cut [in power shift systems] so it was better for us to stay with proven designs – it helps to be confident in those areas,' remarked Gee. Ricardo also utilised a refined version of the 'two pad' selector fork design, now apparently being copied by its rivals in the transmission market. It not only applies the load to the dog rings along the desired axis but also, by acting as springs, serves as a mechanical energy storage device that helps to make the shift occur when the dogs come into mesh.

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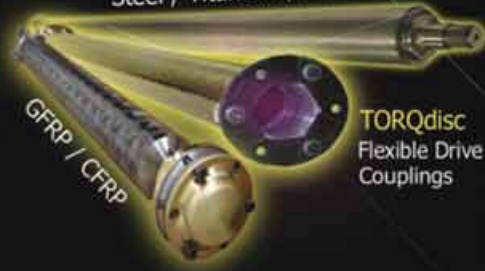
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High impact

Repeatable crash testing is paramount to the future of motorsport. **Racecar** looks at the leading companies involved in this complex science in the UK

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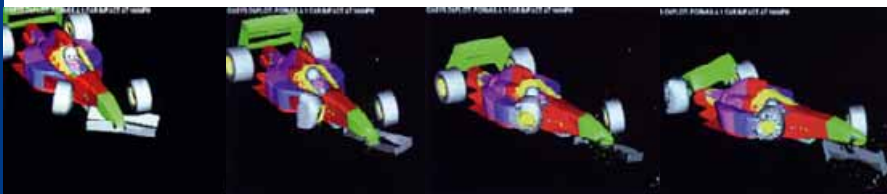
MIRA's Richard Adams points out that motorsport crashworthiness development is philosophically different to passenger car development in one key aspect. The FIA approach relies on component level testing, rather than proving the racecar as a system, using a whole vehicle crash test.

MIRA is an FIA certified test house, whose role can involve far more than mandatory testing using its crash labs and impact sleds. When the FIA realised it needed to improve the safety of Formula 1 cars, Professor Sid Watkins and Charlie Whiting turned to MIRA to develop new safety rules.

“MIRA STATES IT IS THE ONLY COMPANY IN THE UK AUTHORISED BY THE FIA TO DESIGN AND CERTIFY ROLLCAGES”

This series of images from MIRA depicts a simulated 100mph crash into a wall in an F1 car

MIRA's reverse accelerator (HYGE) gun delivered numerous crash pulses in the development programme – without the need to replace sacrificial components such as nose cones and pylons or damage the expensive tub. The outcome included revising the height of the cockpit sides, harness specification and mounting locations. Other HYGE applications include sports seat certification for rally, touring and sportscar racing. →



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HYGE (reverse accelerator) test sequence



In passenger car safety testing, the driver is partially decelerated by the restraint system – supplemented by the airbag – to deliver a reduced g loading on the occupant. In racecars, airbags are obviously not required as the driver is securely strapped into the vehicle, thus preventing the head from impacting the steering wheel. More importantly, the driver is assumed to be decelerated at virtually the same rate as the vehicle. The load limiting nature of harnesses allows the belts to stretch and reduce this driver deceleration rate slightly.

For crashworthiness purposes, racecars can be easily split into two main styles: those with a purpose-built, composite structure and those that are derived from production cars. When considering production-based racecars such as touring cars, the sole FIA requirement is to test the structural properties of the rollcage. MIRA states it is the only company in the UK authorised by the FIA to design and certify rollcages by either FEA simulation or a physical crush test. This special dispensation has, says Adams, been awarded due to the consistently high degree of correlation between MIRA's simulation approach and its in-house validation facilities. MIRA is actively involved in the design and certification of rollcages for the British Touring Car Championship, FIA GT, WRC, Super 2000/1600 and Paris-Dakar.

In addition to offering superior dynamic handling characteristics the role of the 'cage is to prevent intrusion. No part of the 'cage is designed to crush in a controlled manner, instead the vehicles' original crush features are relied on. This is despite fundamental design changes in key areas necessitated by the desire to lower the centre of gravity, improve the powertrain cooling and deliver a radically different aerodynamic flow.

Composite single-seater and LMP1/LMP2 cars should be considered together as, if the wheel shroud is taken away from a prototype sports racer, you are left with the same nose cone and tub arrangement. With these cars, the composite tub is deliberately stiff to provide the safety cell – analogous to the rollcage in the production car environment. However, the expendable, crushable items such as the nose cone, rear pylon and side pods are required to pass simple component 'crash' tests in an attempt to provide the vehicle with a 'crumple zone'.



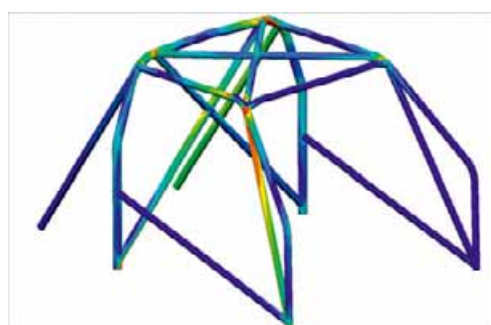
MIRA's F1 buck was constructed to undertake development work with the FIA on cockpit regulation changes



Like nosecones, rear pylons are designed to be expendable and are required to pass the same component crash tests

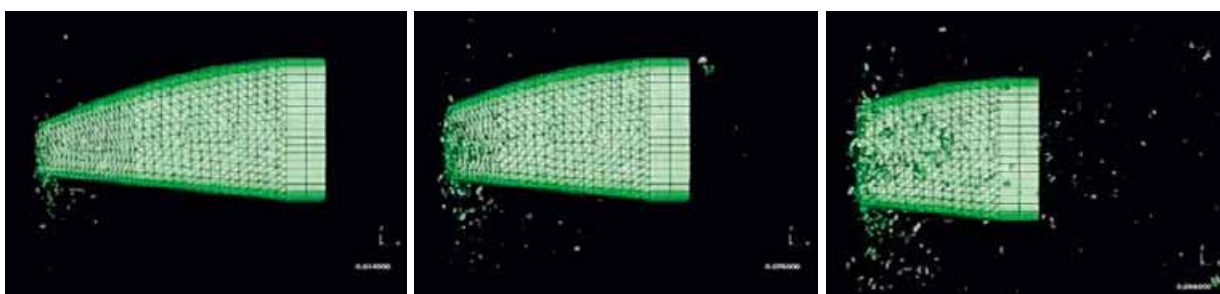
Despite success in modelling such impacts with an FEA solver, MIRA is required to perform physical crash tests on these components to certify them to FIA standards. This is traditionally conducted on one of MIRA's gravity sleds or the crash lab, depending on the application. In the case of nose cones and pylons, the component impacts the crash block at typically 60mph and the deceleration of the tub is measured. The best designs in motorsport satisfy simultaneous requirements. A well-designed nose/pylon cone is both aerodynamic in shape and conceived to collapse inwards, gradually increasing in area to deliver a controlled deceleration, where the pointed end acts as the initiator. The kinetic energy of the racecar is used to fracture the carbon layers. This is fundamentally different to the kinetic energy that goes into the bending transformation that occurs in the steel crumple zone of production cars.

Like MIRA, the Cranfield Impact Centre is certified for both static and dynamic FIA crash testing. According to manager testing section, Robin Butler, both static loaded tests and dynamic testing is carried out. TRL (Transport Research Laboratory), the former UK government agency, →



An FEA plot of a rollcage under torsional load. Red is high stress, blue is low stress

Nose cone impact sequence. The measure of a well designed nose cone is given away by the size of the carbon fragments left afterwards




“THE [MOTORSPORT] INDUSTRY IS LOOKING TO THIRD PARTY ORGANISATIONS FOR HELP SETTING PERFORMANCE PARAMETERS”

privatised nine years ago, offers similar work.

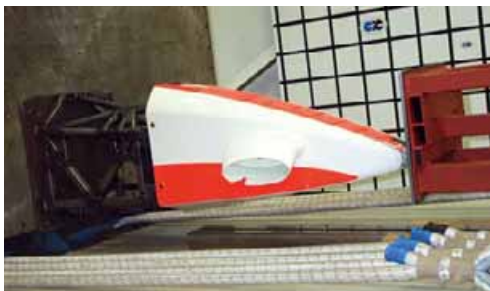
As with MIRA, several dynamic tests are offered by the CIC and TRL including the front impact test of nose or monocoque. At the CIC both are mounted on a sled and run into a solid wall at 14m per second with an impact mass of 780kg. TRL's Robert Flenley points to similar figures for his facility. The front impact test features a dummy occupant, the chest of which must not see more than 60g for three milliseconds. The monocoque will also have a full fuel load of, as Butler understandably points out, water. Flenley adds that TRL offers a double impact test for such as IRL where a car could well hit the barrier more than once. For the rear impact test, the gearbox is mounted onto the impact wall and the sled run into it at 12m per second, again with an impact mass of 780kg. Flenley indicates how different this is from conventional road car work, as EuroNCAP does not require a rear impact test. For the side impact test the sled is run into the vehicle at 10m per second. A fourth dynamic test at CIC concerns the steering column where a mass of 8kg strikes the steering wheel at 7m per second.

TRL also carries out a combination of seat impact tests including front, side and rear, as well as panel impact testing looking for side intrusion. It numbers F1, F3, LMES and IRL manufacturers amongst its customers.

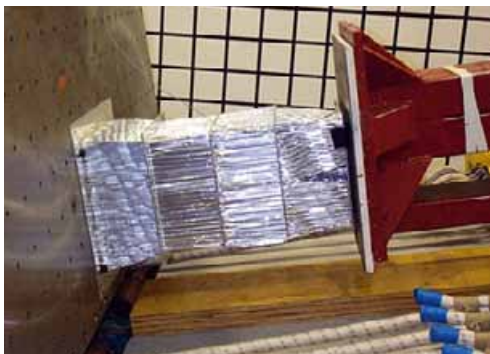
CIC is wholly owned by Cranfield University. Through its industry-backed MSc in Motorsport Engineering and Management, Cranfield is developing postgraduate-level engineers who go onto careers with the likes of Williams, BAR, McLaren, Ferrari, Red Bull, Toyota, M-Sport and Prodrive. Students on the Masters programme have the opportunity to work on impact-related projects for their MSc thesis projects, and this year's Prodrive-supported group project investigated side impact systems for WRC cars.

CIC and Cranfield University work together in relation to research work associated with structural integrity testing and advanced materials development. The University is investing in infrastructure for impact testing that includes a new state-of-the-art sled facility with a deceleration facility, composites centre, numerical simulation suite and motorsport laboratory. These new facilities should be operational in 2006. 

Cranfield offers students the chance to work on impact-related projects as part of its MSc in Motorsport Engineering and Management



While together with its testing centre (CIC) it also does research on structural integrity and advanced material development



Cranfield is also certified for dynamic testing on nosecones and monocoques



Through its MSc, Cranfield is feeding students into the motorsport industry

Setting the standards

In terms of safety, the motorsport industry has come a long way in a relatively short space of time. Yet a significant proportion of this sector has no formal design and construction standards to work with.

Steps continue to be taken to reduce the consequence of accidents and, for the most part, safety records are very good. However, the industry is said to be increasingly looking to specialist third party organisations for help in setting performance parameters, including ultimate crash simulation and testing.

One such is the motorsport division of the UK's vehicle approval authority, VCA. Part of the UK Department for Transport, VCA has over 30 years experience of working with all of the major vehicle manufacturers on a variety of crashworthiness issues. Its recently formed Motorsport division came about to satisfy the growing demand for support. According to VCA chief executive officer Paul Markwick, 'our considerable automotive experience translates very well into the motorsport arena. Certification to an agreed standard provides advantages on so many levels - the confidence inherent in credible third party verification and the creation of a level playing field being the most obvious.'

The VCA reckons that its experience can help in the setting of appropriate standards and acceptance criterion for designers to create an optimum package. It can provide a 'one stop' shop, from helping to develop a sensible set of design standards to arranging and witnessing the test itself. A management experience programme should ensure that by the time the vehicle comes to test, manufacturers have the best possible chance of a positive outcome.

Building a compliant vehicle, component or system means very little if there are not the systems in place to produce repeatable results. A part of VCA's service is to look at the issue of Conformity of Production (COP) and providing advice as required. It points out that often the best way to achieve conformity is to adopt a set of business processes backed by ISO certification. Increasingly a prerequisite of supply to others, ISO-backed certification is a clear statement of intent to produce a quality product. VCA is accredited by UKAS to provide ISO certification, as well as being recognised by the SMMT in terms of certification to ISO/TS 16949.

VCA plans to run seminars in conjunction with the MIA over the coming months, which will seek to outline ways in which it can support the industry.

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A fine whine

Evergreen racing transmission manufacturer Hewland has launched another unit destined to restore its place as the first choice for budget racers

Words Charles Armstrong-Wilson

Hewland's new JFR gearbox is a lower-cost, five-speed version of its FTR, rated to 240lb.ft and designed to retro fit to an LD200 mounting

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Even so many years later Hewland is widely known for its domination of the racing gearbox market with the ubiquitous Mk9 transaxle. Despite being able to trace its lineage back to the humble Volkswagen Beetle gearbox, the Berkshire, UK, racing concern developed it into a tough and reliable transmission that appeared in a huge range of racecars.

More recently the company unveiled a new family of transmissions centred on the FTR. Short for Formula Three Race it was aimed squarely at the F3 market which it successfully won over when it was adopted by Dallara at a time when the Italian chassis manufacturer dominated the series worldwide. Manufacturing in volume brings economies that allow lower prices and the FTR was soon found applied in a wide range of applications from prototypes to controlled formulae.

Realising that it had a spiritual descendant of the legendary Mk9 on its hands, Hewland has endeavoured to make the unit's benefits available to a broader market with a new lower-cost version, the JFR. This shares the same architecture as the FTR but has five instead of six ratios and a simplified casing to reduce the cost. Despite the simpler design, the unit is still rated with a torque capacity of 240lb.ft, allowing it to cope with most small racing cars. Unlike the FTR, the simpler casing no longer has an integral oil tank but it retains the sequential shift. With the front face designed to retro fit to an LD200 mounting it offers a swap for the

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With the launch of the JFR, Hewland may have ensured that its FTR-based family of racing transmissions will become as universal as the old Mk9 transaxle once was in racing. RE

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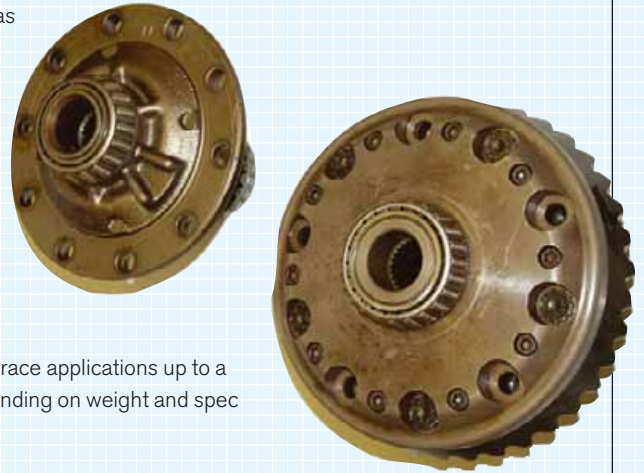
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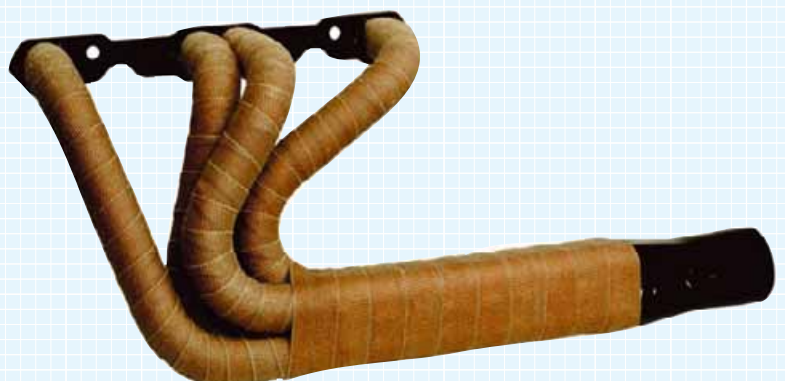
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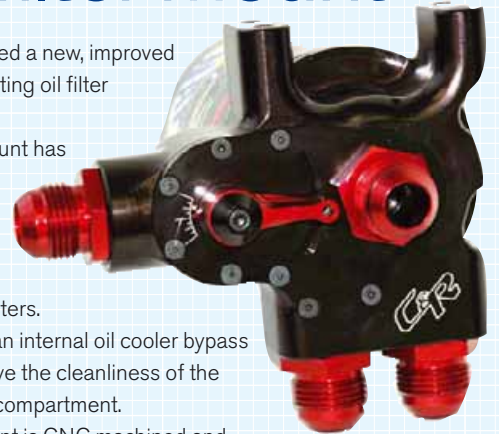
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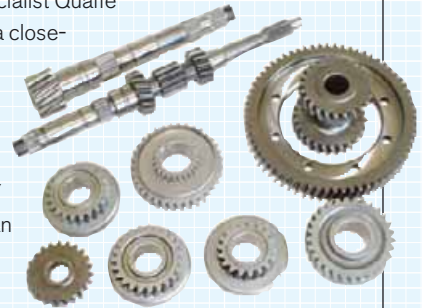
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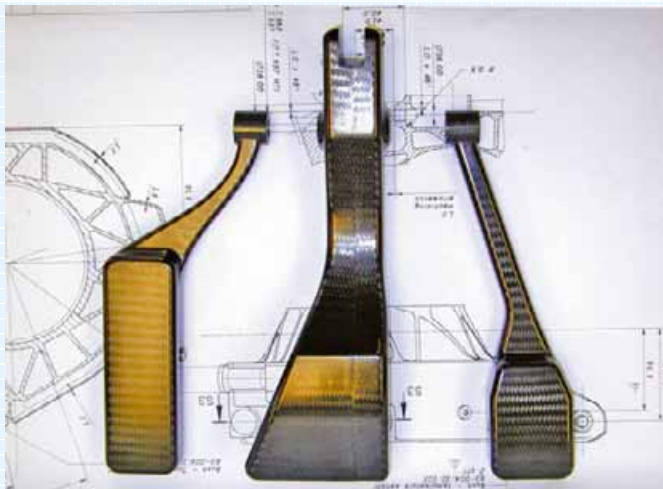
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By François-Michel Grégoire

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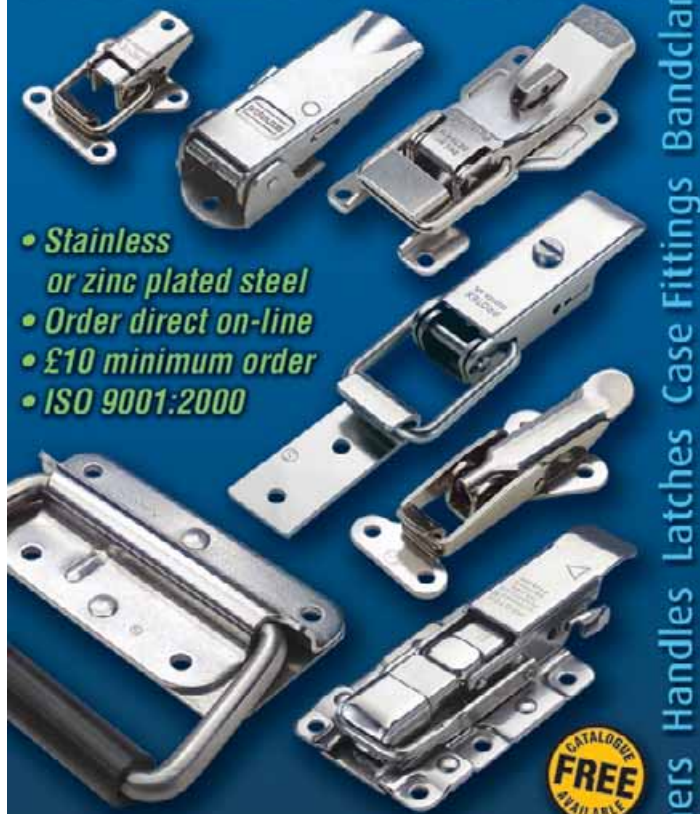
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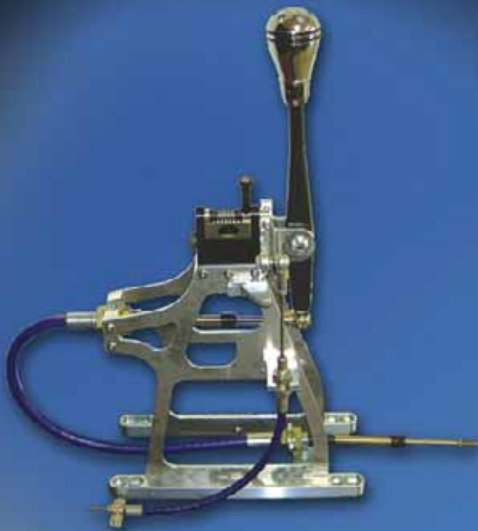
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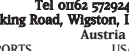
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BARKERS 020 8653 1988
DEANS AWNINGS 01942 241399
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Airbox inlets

Engine airbox inlet design is worth a close study

As you might expect, there's much more to a competition airbox than meets the eye. Shape and placement are just two of the more obvious factors to be considered



Assuming technical regulations do not mandate an engine restrictor, how big should an airbox inlet be? Gut feel immediately suggests engine capacity and rpm are critical factors, but where do we go from there?

A race engine, like any internal combustion engine, is a pump. The amount of air it shifts depends on its swept volume, rpm and volumetric efficiency (the ability to pump more than the engine's capacity). It's relatively simple to calculate, for a given engine size and across a range of rpm, the volume (or mass) flow rate of air that enters the engine. Figure 1 illustrates this for an engine of 3.0-litre capacity, and over a rev range representative of a current Formula 1 engine, with the simplifying assumption that volumetric efficiency is 115 per cent across the rev range.

A reasonably large airbox volume is generally deemed necessary so that the engine has an adequate reservoir of slow moving, 'clean' air to inhale. For external aerodynamic efficiency the entry to the airbox inlet should be small and, ideally, properly matched to the engine's needs so that it scoops in just the right amount of air. But a quick glance at figure 1 shows that the engine has a wide range of volumetric flow requirements across such a working rev range.

The following concept, suggested by Advantage CFD, relates the vehicle's forward speed to the volume flow rate of air inhaled by the engine at various rpm levels, and considers the air being sucked in as a column of air entering the airbox inlet. By dividing the volume flow rate by the car's speed we can calculate the theoretical cross sectional area of this column at the inlet, over the relevant range of car speeds and engine rpm. For clarity, this can

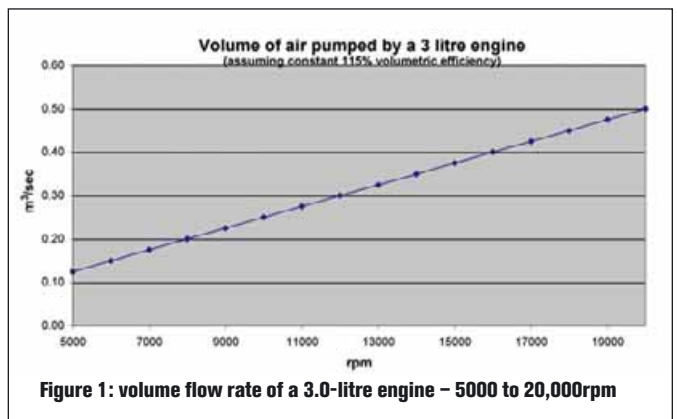


Figure 1: volume flow rate of a 3.0-litre engine – 5000 to 20,000rpm

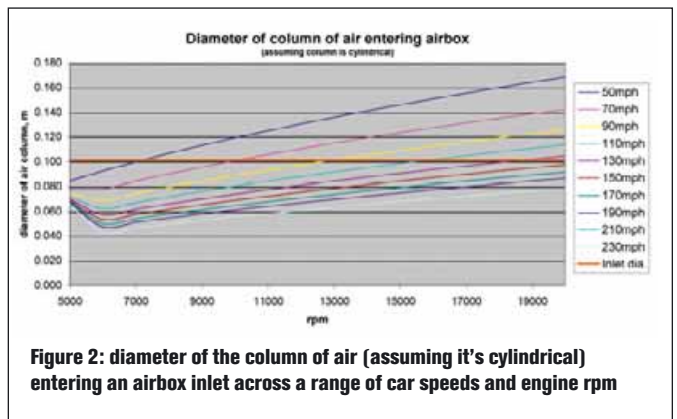


Figure 2: diameter of the column of air (assuming it's cylindrical) entering an airbox inlet across a range of car speeds and engine rpm

be calculated as if it were the diameter of a cylindrical column, and this data is graphed in figure 2. So, in short, the size of the column of air entering the inlet varies with car speed and engine rpm and yet, pretty obviously, the actual inlet orifice size is fixed on a racecar. →

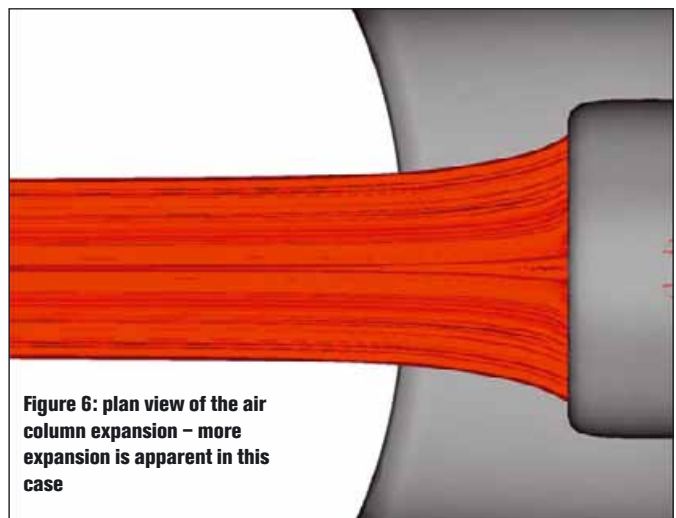
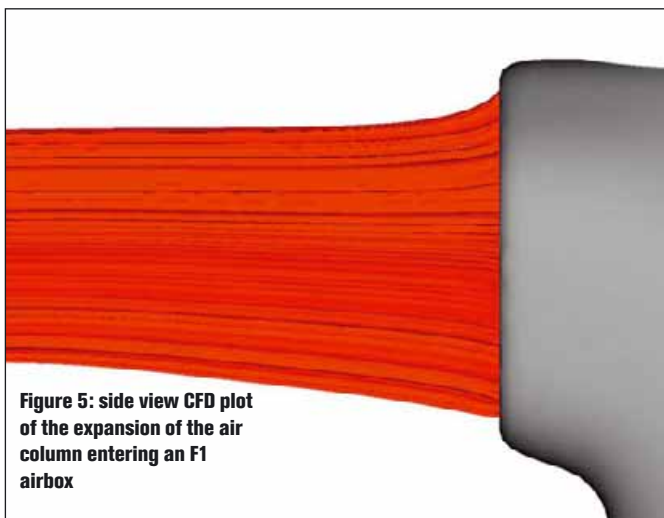
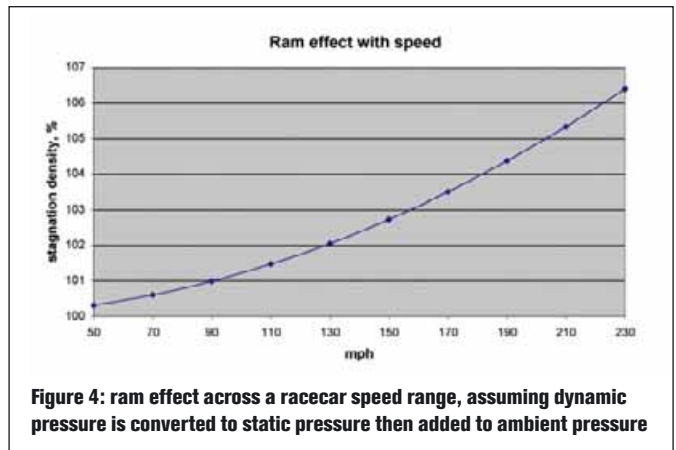
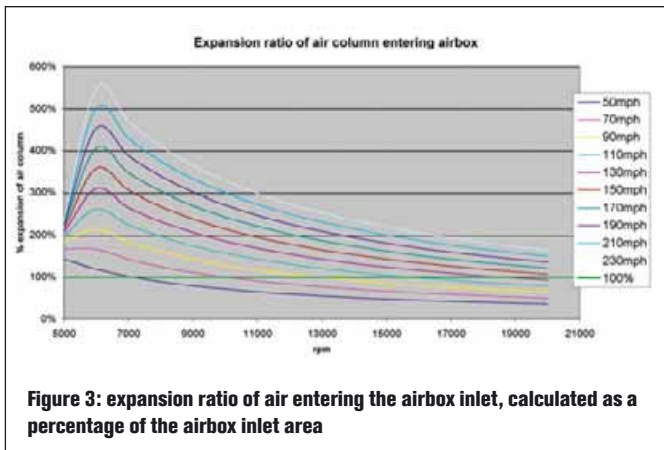
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Take a typical F1 airbox inlet area, said to be 0.008m^2 , equivalent to approximately 0.1m diameter if the orifice were circular, and depicted in the graph as the line marked 'inlet dia.'. When the column of air approaching the inlet is smaller than this then the column will expand as it enters the inlet. And when the column of air is larger than the inlet area it must then contract at the inlet. In either situation the inlet design must try and prevent unwanted flow separation using properly radiused edges and careful shaping.

Figure 3 shows this data calculated as the 'expansion ratio' of the air column by dividing this actual inlet area by the air column area at each combination of speed and rpm shown here. An 'expansion ratio' less than 100 per cent means the column has to contract as it enters the inlet, and ratios greater than 100 per cent mean the column will expand as it enters the inlet. The intersection of the line marked '100 per cent' with the other graph lines shows the limited number of rpm/speed combinations at which the air column diameter matches the inlet size. Obviously if gearing was taken into account it would be apparent that many of these speed and rpm combinations will not actually be encountered, but disregarding those there are still many relevant combinations.

Contraction, it seems, loses more energy than expansion of the column, and would probably lead to less efficient power production. However, contraction occurs mostly at low car speed and high rpm combinations, where the likelihood is that power will exceed grip, so some losses would be tolerable. Nevertheless, the contracting airflow needs a smoothly radiused lip on the inlet to minimise the risk of flow separation here, which would increase those losses. In the 'expansion zone' (above the 100 per cent line) clearly the emphasis will be on designing an inlet that enables the initial expansion here to be smooth and efficient, again requiring radiused lips and smooth shape transitions.

In all cases the airbox then needs to expand the flow further and gradually towards the engine trumpets so as to recover static pressure while avoiding flow separation or even stall. This will probably require a long diffuser section, regulations and practicalities permitting. In the 1970s when F1 rules permitted extremely tall airboxes, the thinking was that inlets needed to be high in order to grab 'clean' air. But often the inlets were oddly shaped (tall rectangles for example) with sharp edges, neither characteristic being at all efficient. That they worked was possibly more because their height provided a long, gradual diffuser to slow the air down efficiently before it entered the engine.

Another interesting issue is the exploitation of 'ram effect', where an airbox inlet faces directly into freestream air. However, though reasonably significant at high speeds, this effect is smaller at motorsport speeds than is often thought. Figure 4 shows what can be achieved if the inlet catches and 'stagnates' (ie stops) the airflow and converts all its dynamic pressure (kinetic energy) into static pressure (potential energy) from which the engine can benefit. The graph is based on calculating the dynamic pressure ($\frac{1}{2} \times \text{air density} \times \text{velocity squared}$) at each speed, and then working out the increase in effective air density if all of that dynamic pressure was converted to static pressure, and then added to the absolute (ambient) air pressure. If we assume that engine power is proportional to inlet air density then figure 4 suggests that at speeds over 200mph a gain in power of five or six per cent might be possible (about 45bhp for a current F1 engine).

Perhaps more significant is feeding an engine with cool air since this provides the highest available air density right across the speed range. The inlet needs to be positioned away from on-board sources of heat, and well above ground level as air adjacent to the track surface can be much hotter than that even a few inches above ground. As we can see, there's rather more to an airbox than just a hole and a reservoir...

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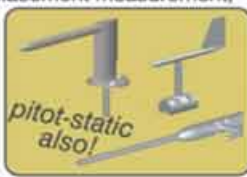
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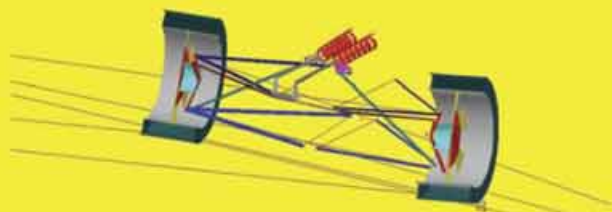


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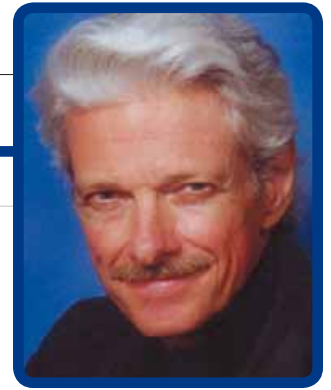
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Finer points of anti-roll bars on stock cars

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Q I race primarily on two ovals, one a $\frac{1}{3}$ mile with seven degree banking and short straights, and one a $\frac{5}{8}$ mile with 15 degree banking and long straights. I am not clear on some of the finer points of set-up and adjustment of front anti-roll bars for a specific track, especially for a car running at two tracks such as these. Most cars in my area run a solid link to the anti-roll bar on the right and a slider link on the left. I have run many cars with this set-up, and a few with solid links on both sides, but I don't really understand why there would be a preference for one over the other.

Another concern I have is that I'm not always sure in which situation it would be best to change the bar rate as opposed to the front spring rate.

A It has long been common on oval track stock cars to use some type of 'soft link' on the front anti-roll bar. These may take the form of a slider, a chain, or a pad on the anti-roll bar arm that

bears against a pad on the lower control arm. The last of these is the form commonly seen in the upper divisions of stock car racing. Chains and sliders are common in 'street stock'-type cars, where the suspension components actually come from production passenger cars.

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“THE ‘SOFT LINK’ IS A MIXED BLESSING”

All these variations do the same thing though: they create a connection that transmits force in only one direction. The anti-roll bar resists rightward roll only. The bar may be pre-loaded, in which case it will resist leftward roll up to the point where the pre-load is relieved. →

The reason the soft link is there at all is to make the front suspension more compliant when the driver gets the left front wheel on the flat apron of a banked track. In this situation, the car tends to go loose (develop oversteer) and spin. This is partly because of the leftward yaw moment created when the left front encounters increased resistance, and partly because the car de-wedges (load increases on the left front and right rear, and decreases on the right front and left rear). If the suspension is more compliant, both effects are reduced, especially the de-wedging.

However, even in this situation the front suspension only acts softer beyond the point where the left front suspension compresses enough to put slack in the bar. If the bar has no play and no pre-load, the front suspension must go into leftward roll (left front compressed more than right front) before the soft link has any effect. And the soft link will make the car looser if the driver needs to turn right to avoid a wreck. So the soft link is a mixed blessing.

Wheel rates and arm end rates of anti-roll bars are a confusing subject for many. The main cause of this confusion is that there is no agreed convention as to what an inch of arm end or wheel motion means. Does it mean an inch of motion at just one wheel? An inch of motion in opposite directions at both wheels? An inch of difference between the two wheels?

I find it convenient to express the rates of all springing devices, including interconnective ones such as anti-roll bars, in terms of pounds per inch per wheel. This agrees with the way we always express the rate of non-interconnective

springing devices ie the main springs or ride springs. We then have numbers that easily tell us what change of anti-roll bar rate equates to what change of spring rate.

Often, we encounter situations where we do not have 'pure' roll motion. Pure roll, for a front or rear wheel pair, would mean equal amounts of suspension motion at each wheel, in opposite directions. Pure ride would mean equal amounts of motion at each wheel, in the same direction. Ride and roll are the two modes of motion for a front or rear wheel pair. Any possible motion of that wheel pair can be resolved into some amount of ride and some amount of roll.

Applying this to the questioner's example of a situation where a car in a banked left turn rolls purely by compressing the right front suspension, and the left front neither compresses nor extends, that is a condition of equal ride and roll. If the right front compresses an inch and the left front doesn't move, we have half an inch per wheel of rightward roll, plus half an inch per wheel of compressive ride. On the left wheel, the effects are subtractive and exactly cancel. On the right wheel, the effects are additive, and we have twice the half-inch per mode, or one inch of compression.

If we compare this to a pure roll situation (zero ride motion) that creates an inch of compression at the right front, yes, the bar creates twice as much force. But the bar's rate is the same. The difference is that there is twice as much roll. If the roll were equal to the previous example, the right front compression would be only half an inch, the difference between right front and left front would still be an inch, and the force generated by the bar would be the same as in the first example. Once we learn to separate the ride and roll components of the motion, and remember that the bar acts only in response to the roll component, things get much simpler.

Regarding how much of the front wheel rate in roll should come from the springs and how much from the bar, it mainly comes down to how much we want the front of the car to drop in the turns due to the banking. This in turn relates to both suspension geometry and aerodynamics.

It is normal in all stock car racing classes to have a minimum static ground clearance requirement, yet we would like the valance to run just off the track, and have as much forward rake in the car as possible through the turns. This gets us the greatest aerodynamic downforce available, within the rules.

Additionally, with passenger car front suspension, we usually have insufficient camber recovery in roll for racing. The control arms are close to parallel at static, causing the wheel to change camber very little in ride, but a lot in roll. This is good for tyre wear in gentle driving, but not good for hard cornering. In some cases, the rules will allow us to use extended upper ball joints to

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improve the geometry for racing. Sometimes this is enough, but in most cases the geometry will benefit if we run the car lower. To do this, within the ride height rule, we need to soften the springs and stiffen the bar.

In the upper divisions of stock car racing, we can get as much camber recovery as we want, so only the aerodynamic factor argues for soft front springs. In general, with soft front springs and a big bar, we'll want the front view instant centres a bit higher and further from the wheels at static than we'd want with stiffer springs and a softer bar.

In either case, a flatter track calls for more of a soft-spring/big-bar approach than a steeply-banked track.

Regarding rate of a bar with slack in it: the bar has a rate of zero until the slack takes up. Then it has the same rate it would have without slack.

We can speak of the bar's rate as an instantaneous value, at any given point in roll travel, or we may speak of its average rate, over a specified interval of travel. When there is slack in the system for a portion of the interval, but not at the end of the interval, the bar has the same instantaneous rate at the end of the interval whether there is slack or not, but it has less average rate over the interval if there is slack.

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Stay connected with Adel Wiggins Flexible Tube Connectors! The difference between winning and losing is in the connection. Do not sacrifice a win to a simple hose blowout or burst. This occurs when conventional hose clamps or barbs fail to secure the hose located between the connections or components. Adel Wiggins Flexible Tube Connectors eliminates these failures. This is why they have caught the attention of so many professional racers today. One of the main reasons for its popularity is its ability to be removed or installed with only one hand quickly and easily, whether they are being used with tubing or hose. Adel Wiggins Flexible Tube Connectors are offered standard in lightweight aluminum and are available in stainless steel or titanium upon special order. They have an operating temperature range from -120° F to 800° F and are able to withstand boost and pressure levels in excess of 125 PSI.



SAFETY-LOCKING, ONE HAND INSTALLATION

The locking latch design eliminates troublesome and time-consuming installation of safety-wire or the necessity of tools to make the connection. The electrical bonding feature eliminates the external clamps, fasteners and jumper wire required in some applications. Elimination of lock wire holes, bolt-on bars, grounding clamps, snake clamps and jumper wires removes what can be a cumbersome and unattractive connection. The W900 series minimizes weight and unit cost, while retaining the proven performance and reliability of other WIG-O-FLEX connectors.



APPLICATIONS

RADIATOR CONNECTIONS



OIL COOLER CONNECTIONS



TURBO CONNECTIONS



THROTTLE BODY CONNECTIONS



INTERCOOLER CONNECTIONS



FEATURES: Lightest of all flexible tube connectors

- Saves installation and tear down costs • Full range of stocked sizes: 1/2" to 4"
- Saves time, space, and weight • Easy, one-hand installation • Design flexibility

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