

THE ULTIMATE CATERHAM ARRIVES

Caterham Cars and RS Performance have collaborated to produce the ultimate performance version of the Caterham Seven – and at an ultimate price of £115,000!

So what do you get for £115,000? It's the Seven to pip all Sevens, a car to blow barroom braggarts out of the water come time for statistics and something that boasts twice the oomph of a Bugatti Veyron, has an engine 5kgs lighter than that of an F1 car, that can hit 60 in sub 3 seconds and rocket you to a limited top end of 150 mph!

RS Performance have taken a Caterham motorsport chassis and gone to work. Heart of the beast is a motorcycle derived, all-alloy, 90 degree, 2.4-litre, 40-valve, quad-cam, dry-sumped V8t weighing just 90 kgs that, in normally aspirated form, develops 380 bhp @ 10,000 rpm with 190 lbs ft @ 8,500. If that's not enough, you can opt for a supercharger which, set to 0.8 bar, boosts

output to 500 + bhp @ 10,000 with 300 lbs ft @ 8,500. And nor is it a prima donna motor; it needs a minor service at 8,000 miles and a major one including belt change at 30,000.

The gearbox is a six-speed sequential unit with the option of a paddle-shift system driving an LSD and 15" billet wheels fitted with Avon CR500 tyres, 195/45 at the front and 245/40 at the back.

The body is entirely in carbon-fibre with Kevlar seats to keep the weight down to just over 520 kgs. That means you get 1,000 bhp per ton or, to put it another way, twice the clout of a Bugatti Veyron. With all-wheel drive the Bug beats it to 60 in 2.5 and on top speed but the Seven is limited.



The car is known as the Caterham RST V8 Levante and if you're starting saving today, forget it. Only seven will be made and three of them are sold. Mind you, the tie-up with Hertfordshire based RS performance will further extreme examples of the Seven so stay tuned.

There's more information at www.caterham.co.uk and www.rsperformance.co.uk.

