The latest rumblings in the Ford world



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aleen Performance Vehicles revealed its '10 Saleen S281 at the SEMA show in Las Vegas, Nevada, and we were there when the cover came off. Our reaction was resounding. The Saleen designers hit a homerun with the car's styling-particularly the reimagining of the car's rear view.

The latest S281 iteration carries many of the familiar Saleen styling cues, which lend themselves well to the edgier styling of the '10 Mustang.

"Our goal was to create the most visually enticing American sports car ever," said David Byron, design director at Saleen Performance Vehicles. "Ford provided

the perfect launching pad with the 2010 Mustang, which allowed our team to create a car that's world-class and authentically Saleen. We painstakingly toiled over every

bend and break in the body, and every stitch and fold in the interior."

Of course, there is more than just styling to the '10 S281. Headlining the performance mods is the familiar Saleen Series VI.5 twin-screw supercharger which cranks output to 485 hp and 460 lb-ft of torque. Further performance-inducing

mods are the Saleen Performance Exhaust, Saleen Maxgrip differential, 3.73 gears, and the expected Saleen Racecraft suspension.

"For more than 25 years the Saleen name has stood for excellence in design, engineering, and driving dynamics," said Mike Shields, CEO of Saleen Performance Vehicles. "The new \$281 is an excellent example

of what those words mean when we craft concepts into real cars. Our team has done a terrific job; I'm proud of them and proud to be offering this car to our customers."

