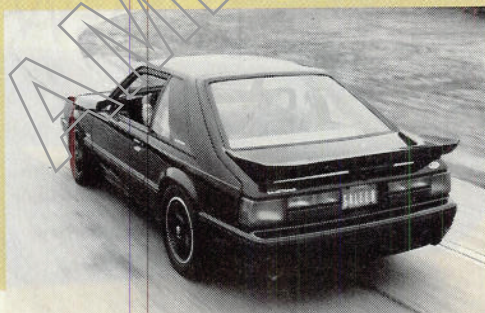
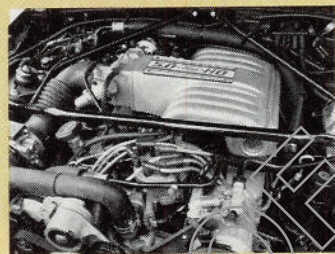
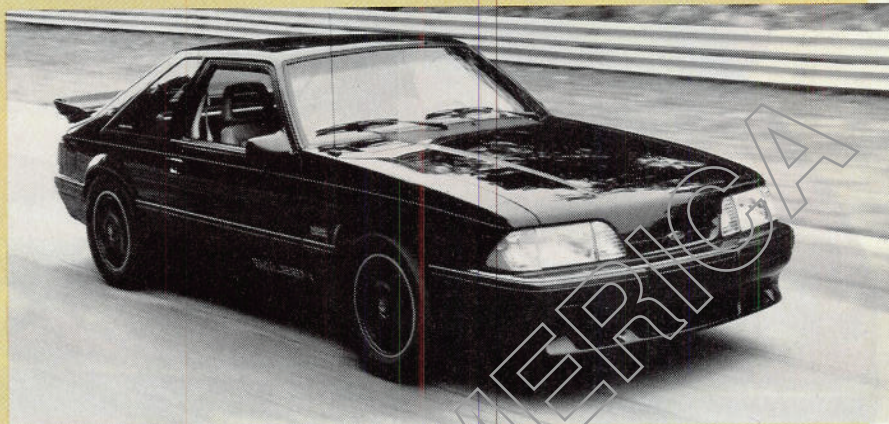


Saleen SA-5 adds Mustang muscle

THE SALEEN Mustang enthusiasts have been waiting three-plus years for its coming. Just in time for the 25th anniversary of the first Mustang, their wish has been granted. It should hit selected Ford dealers in the U.S. this January. As this is written, Saleen Autosport is finishing up California Air Resources Board and EPA approval of an ultra-high-output 5.0-liter Saleen Mustang, dubbed SA-5. Prime motivation for the SA-5 is a high-winding, heavy-breathing 300-bhp version of Ford's 5.0-liter HO V-8, complete with high-flow heads, specially fabricated tuned-runner intake manifold, SVO roller-tappet camshaft, recalibrated electronics, low-restriction Walker Dynomax exhaust system and more that gives the SA-5 near 6000-rpm capability. Chassis enhancements include cross-drilled 4-wheel disc rotors, Monroe 3-way cockpit-adjustable shocks and P245/50ZR-16 General XP2000Zs on 16 x 8-in. alloy wheels. Saleen plans a run of just 250 cars. Price has yet to be announced, but likely will be in the \$30,000 range.—Ron Sessions



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Leather lather

THE NISSAN 300ZX's seats were described in the sales brochures as "leather" and on the window sticker as having "leather seating surfaces." But one consumer in California felt that only 100-percent leather would do in his ZX. And so, after negotiations between the state and city prosecutors and Nissan, the Japanese company agreed to pay \$250,000 in civil penalties and provide up to \$4.6 million in consumer rebates to settle the suit that alleged misleading advertising.

Specifically, only the reinforced side portions or bolsters are simulated leather. The remaining 83 percent of the seating surfaces are genuine.

"We really used the simulated materials because it would wear better in those areas," a Nissan spokesman claimed. "It was a substitution that was done in good faith." Nevertheless, the penalties and rebates are coming out of Nissan's, er, hide.

Rebates will go to an estimated 26,500 300ZX owners in California who purchased the \$1200 option between 1983 and 1987.—Jack Keebler

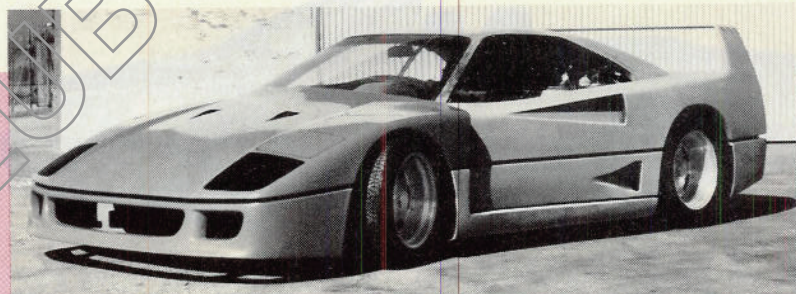


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Plywood exotic

California customizer Carl Green built this F40 lookalike shell out of plywood and solely from photos in *Road & Track* and *Car and Driver*! Production models will feature carbon-fiber bodies on Ferrari 328 chassis, available from American International Racing in Burbank, California.

New Olds Quad 6

OLDSMOBILE IS RUMORED to be working on an inline-6 version of its Quad 4 engine. Call it one and one-half Quad 4s hooked end to end, the Quad 6. If it should ever reach production, an interesting question arises. What platform would Oldsmobile put it in? Generally,

an inline-6 is too long to fit transversely in a front-drive car, and Olds has no performance-oriented rear-drive platform. Or does it have one in the works? With current high-output versions of the Quad 4 pegged at 180 normally aspirated bhp, two more cylinders could reasonably boost output to 250-275-bhp.

—Ron Sessions