

Rolls-Royce unveils the Ghost

ROLLS-Royce has unveiled the Phantom's new baby brother, the Ghost, at the Dubai International Motor Show.

Introducing it to the crowd on press day of the show was Tom Purves, CEO, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars.

'We are delighted to be showcasing our new model, Ghost, as the Dubai Motor Show. The initial response from customers, prospects and enthusiasts demonstrates the importance of the Middle East region for our global business,' said Purves.

'Ghost will add substantially to the success story of our dealerships in the region. Currently four out of the top ten most successful dealers in the world are based in the region.'

The Ghost's Dubai show presence marks the end of a tour through the Middle East with Rolls-Royce introducing the car to prospective customers and dealers.

It employs softer, more inward curving lines to appear tauter compared to the sprawling presence of a Phantom. In fact it's only 43.5cm shorter, 8.2cm lower and narrower by only 4.2cm.

Power comes from a 6.6-litre twin-turbo V12 featuring direct injection and producing 563bhp – enough to propel Ghost from 0-100kph in just 4.9 seconds and on to an electronically governed top speed of 250kph. 575lb ft of torque is available from just 1,500rpm.

It has an eight-speed, shift-by-wire, automatic



ZF gearbox.

Ghost is the most powerful car that Rolls-Royce has ever produced.

Rolls describes the power delivery as arriving 'in an elegant, cossetting way that some have

described as being designed to lower the pulse, not raise it'.

Though they are promising that the Ghost is more driver-focused than any Rolls-Royce car before it.

Kepler's motion slickness

RUSS Wicks, the man behind Kepler Motors, loves speed. He's the only living person to hold world speed records on land and water. So it shouldn't be surprising that he has invested in developing a car that can fly from 0 to 100kph in under 2.5 seconds and pass through 320kph with ease. The Motion is no typical supercar either.

A combined 800bhp consists of a modified 3.5-litre Ford EcoBoost twin-turbo V6 which produces a stunning 550bhp to the rear tyres, while the remaining 250bhp is

supplied by an electric motor powering the front wheels. The combined low end torque of the electric motor and rear-end grunt makes the Motion quite formidable off the line and a blast at high speed. So the Dubai International Motor Show is the perfect venue for its worldwide debut.

'We're delighted to host the worldwide debut of the Kepler Motors Motion at the Dubai International Motor Show,' says Wicks. 'The region has a passion for ultra high performance, limited edition supercars, and presents the ideal platform

to showcase the advanced technology and innovative features of the Motion.'

With a limited edition of just 50 units globally, the Motion has been designed and developed by a hand-picked team of engineers, aerodynamicists, product development, and manufacturing specialists. It boasts a number of F1 technologies such as active suspension, active aerodynamics, launch control and a programmable track assistant system.

A carbon fibre monocoque chassis reduces vital weight-saving kilos while impact



resistance is vastly improved at the same time. Hopefully the StopTech Continuous Carbon Ceramic (C3) AeroRotor disks will ensure that you never

have to put this to the test. The chances of seeing one on the roads are slim anyway, but don't expect to until at least 2011.