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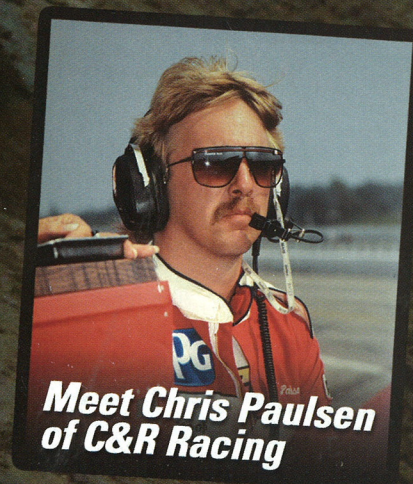
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# Carbon Fiber 'Rocket' Mustang

**I**F YOU'VE EVER WONDERED what a 725-hp, carbon fiber Mustang would look like, Galpin Auto Sports and Henrik Fisker have an answer.

They have started low-volume production on the coach-built super-Mustang dubbed *The Rocket*, which was first unveiled as a prototype in November during the 2014 Los Angeles Auto Show. The first production model made its world debut at the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance in March.

"The response has been overwhelmingly positive from all over the world—you can't get better feedback than that two months after debuting a car you helped build," said Beau Boeckmann, president of Galpin Motors. "I'm so proud of Henrik's amazing design, and the team at Galpin Auto Sports for the detailed performance work."

Fisker's *Rocket* is inspired by specialty pony cars of the 1960s and early 1970s, including the 1968 Shelby GT500. But the materials used to produce it are as state-of-the-art as any modern exotic supercar—constructed from ultra-strong and lightweight carbon fiber, the builders worked with GFMI Metalcrafters Inc. of Fountain Valley, California, to bring the design to life.

*The Rocket* will be available in *Eminence Grise*—the paint color shown on the original prototype—black, Ingot Silver and Magnetic (gray), Oxford White, Race Red, Deep Impact Blue and Competition Orange, but any interior and exterior color combination can be ordered to the customer's taste. Other exterior options include an exposed carbon fiber hood stripe, mirror covers and lower front fascia.

An optional interior package is offered with hand-finished Italian leather upholstery seats, dashboard, center console, door panels and rear interior deck panel, as well as suede-lined A, B and C pillars, headliner and interior panels. Galpin also offers a custom-tuned premium audio system, featuring JL Audio amplifier, component speakers and an 8-inch subwoofer housed in a custom fiberglass speaker enclosure.

It is fitted with Ford's optional Mustang performance package, which from the factory includes: fitment of a larger radiator with oil cooler; unique chassis tuning; gauge pack (oil pressure and vacuum); unique stability control, EPAS and ABS

tuning; a 3.73 ratio Torsen rear differential; and Brembo 6-piston front brake calipers with larger rotors.

A more extreme, ultra-high performance Gran Turismo brake package from Brembo is also available featuring oversized 15-inch front and rear two-piece drilled rotors clamped by 6-piston calipers.

New for production, a Bassani cat-back exhaust system with quad tips now comes standard as well. Two new wheel options have also been created—a 10-spoke, 21-inch wheel designed and built in conjunction with ADV1, and a special, track-oriented super-light 20-inch wheel-and-tire combo for owners wishing to reduce

un-sprung weight and improve handling for the race track.

*The Rocket*, equipped with carbon fiber coach work, performance package and a Bassani exhaust, is available at a starting price of \$109,100, while models equipped with the supercharged performance package start at \$125,000. **PHB**



The car took off after favorable reviews at the 2014 Los Angeles Auto Show.