

Caught: the first Devon GTX prototype, on the track!

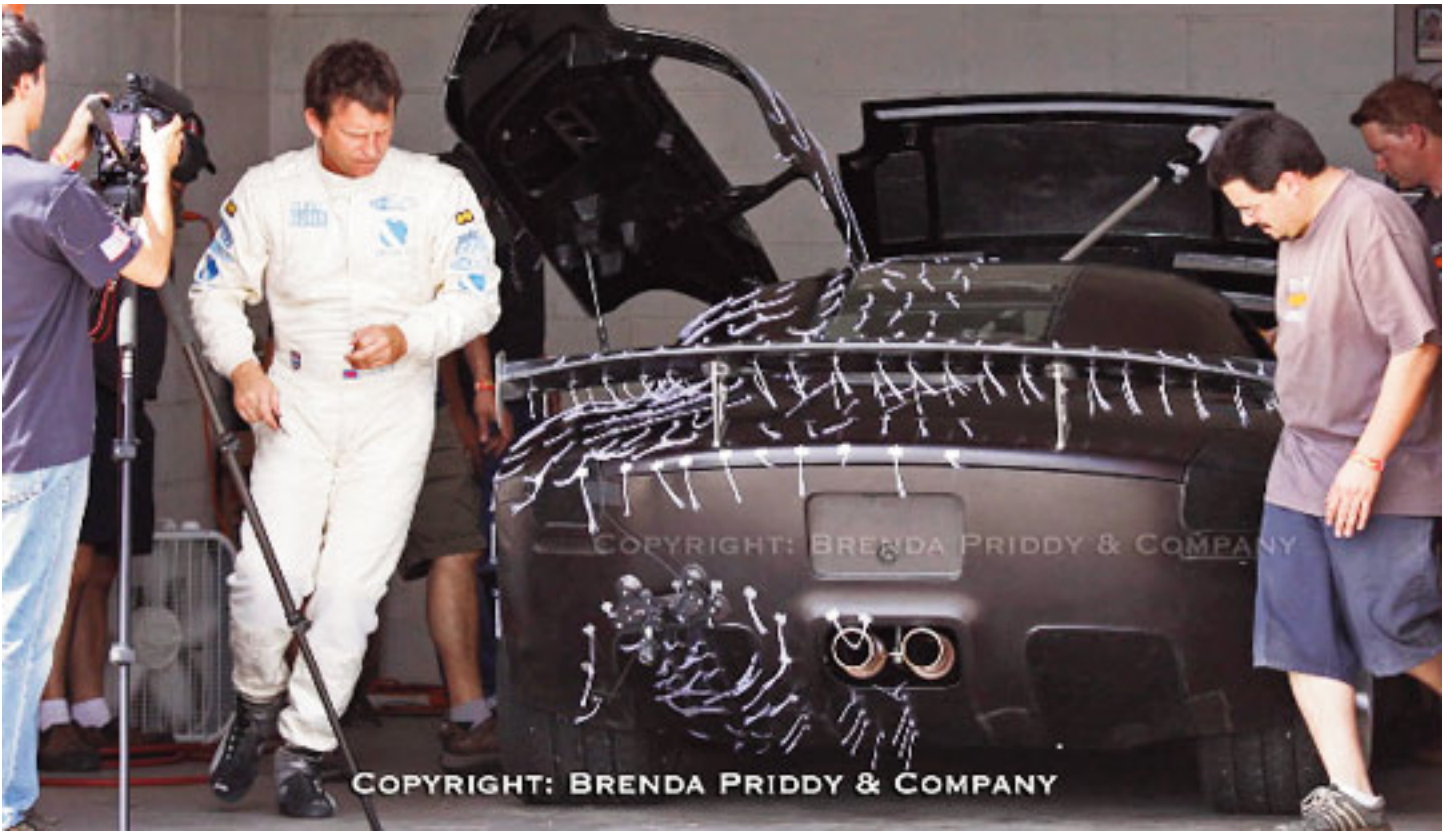
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July 2, 2009 - Sometimes hiding in plain sight is the best way to get spy photos, and that's exactly how we managed to photograph this Devon GTX undergoing aerodynamics testing. Patience and persistence also play a big role: besides the obvious, we waited until the Devon GTX was packed up and the hauler was heading out of town before we offered these revealing images.

This is the VERY FIRST time that the Devon GTX has been seen, driven on a track and photographed. Any and all previous "photographs" were actually computer-generated imagery (CGI), and no concepts have ever been put on display. But these photos are the real thing and prove that the production Devon will be true to the concept rendering. In addition, this is the first evidence that Devon is using up-and-forward doors and sports a glass roof and carbon-fiber body. Other observations include a full belly pan and—although we were unable to discover exactly what's powering the Devon GTX—we did overhear the engineers bragging about its 650 horsepower. (CONT'D) >>>>





This test date must have been an important one, as we spotted company founder Scott Devon and British LeMans champion Justin Bell driving the soon-to-be-American-built supercar.

Although the interior still looks mule-like, the exterior looks as though all it needs is a fresh coat of paint, as the carbon-fiber prototype was painted matte black. We're guessing the look of the huge wing may change slightly before the GTX goes on sale in 2010, but the "supercar" looks like it's all ready to go. Initial sales will likely be in the States, but we're guessing sales will eventually extend to Europe and elsewhere.

Unfortunately, we don't know what's under the hood, but we can tell you that we've never heard an exhaust note quite like the one coming from the Devon, and we don't have any doubts that it's capable of owning up to 650 horsepower when it debuts at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Élegance in mid-August.

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