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A New Dimension To Track Days



Those of you who participate in any track days, open testing, high performance driving and similar events will know what I mean – burned down tires, faded and used up brakes and that “difficult to explain to the wife” dent in the rear quarter.

These days, track day competitors outnumber actual racers by four to one; hence the demand for a track day specific car has increased to the point where it has attracted the interest of professional race car constructors.

One of those professionals, TRV Motorsports, has come up with an inexpensive solution; a purpose built track day car that provides safety, reliability and cost effectiveness with practically the ultimate in performance and road holding. TRV, the brain child of racers Dave Wolin and Tom Volk, built Lotus Seven style kit cars for a while as a hobby. Wolin related; “kit buyers are a pain in the ---. They always wanted something different, beat us up on price and are generally annoying. Plus it stopped being fun !!” So they developed a complete turn key open track car, designed for low maintenance, minimal setup and ease of operation.



The TRV Open Tracker is an open wheel version of Trans Am car; multi tube frame, independent front suspension, a Chevrolet V-8 powered pure racing car; designed and built by professionals with the track day user in mind. Unlike most race cars, the Open Tracker is aimed at big American size racers with room for 6’4” tall or 300 pound drivers.

The chassis, a redesigned version of a Trans Am or NASCAR Tour car, is virtually indestructible and uses standard stock car components throughout. A 330 hp Chevrolet small block crate motor, mated to a Richmond Gear four speed, delivers power to the Ford nine inch full floating rear with a limited slip. Hoosier tires, 245's in the front. 275's in the rear, keep the car stable under racing conditions. The appearance, that of a 50's Indy Car widened to accept two people, is quite unique. And with 330 horsepower and 1800 pounds, there isn't anything much faster.

You may remember the builder's names from other areas of racing; Tom Volk, proprietor of Racer Parts Wholesale in Indianapolis (www.racerpartswholesale.com) spent years in the seat of an IMSA prototype; Dave Wolin, long the Mitsubishi guru, has won about everything there is in racing. Between them they bring a cumulative 50+ years of experience to the table; no wonder this car is so good.

On the track, the TRV Open Tracker delivers as it should. Smooth, stable, predictable handling, combined with lightning like throttle response makes this a joy to drive. At a recent test session at Northern California's Thunder Hill Raceway, the car delivered lap



times in the low two minute range in the hands of a variety of drivers, comparable to well driven Corvette ZO-6 times. There's no boulevard ride here; the stiff shocks and rod end suspension transmit every bump but you don't have that lag on turn in that you get with rubber bushings. There is no compliance in any portion of the chassis, nothing but positive response.

One of the benefits of the Open Tracker is its reliability. The motor comes with a standard GM warranty; all the major components of the vehicle also have manufacturers warranties. Everything is new; no used or junkyard parts will be found in the TRV shop. Complete specifications and photos can be found on the TRV website; www.trvmotorsport.com. Racing organizations that require sealed crate motors often report years of use without engine rebuilds or repairs; the Open Tracker should perform similarly.

While the Open Tracker is not street legal (at least in California), Wolin reports that some owners have added minimal lights and registered cars in states that don't require wipers or turn signals. They are also considering a race series for the cars; ala Radical, but at much reduced costs.

Business is good at TRV Motorsports; currently TRV is looking at six month delivery times and there are no options available except for a choice of color and roll bar design. You can get cars in red, blue, black, white and yellow and full roll cages, a roll bar (as shown) or with dual roll bar hoops matching the rear body design. Cars cost \$32,995 and are usually stocked on the west coast and in Indianapolis. For more information, call TRV Motorsports at 800-443-0268 or visit them online at www.trvmotorsport.com

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