

## Autocar Scores a Hat Trick World Record for British Built

**"But Caterham's insane R500 Evolution proved that it's still the fastest 0-100-0 road car on the planet."**

**Autocar- April 2004**

A British built sports car has smashed the production car world record for sprinting to 100 mph and back again, leaving Ferrari's and Porsche's trailing in its wake along a 2-mile runway at Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground, Leicestershire. The lightweight Caterham Seven R500 Evolution, set a new world record time of 10.73 seconds during Autocar Magazine's annual 0-100 mph-0 test.

The two-seater Seven raced to 60 mph from a standing start in 3.21 secs, having hit the 30 mph mark in just 1.45 secs. With 100 mph reached in an incredible 6.92 secs, the Caterham stopped a mere 3.81 secs later. The Surrey built model out paced cars worth 10 times its £42,000 price tag with the £425,000 Ferrari Enzo securing a time of 10.98 seconds. Even the quickest of all the big road bikes, a Suzuki GSX-R1000, which hits 100 mph in 5.03 secs, could only complete the Autocar test in 10.89 secs.

Autocar Editor, Steve Sutcliffe said: "You'd think we'd have been in this game long enough not to be surprised when we break a world record which seemed unbreakable when we set it last year. But if our annual 0-100-0 speed-fest proves one thing, it's the sheer pace of automotive development." Having lost its 0-100-0 mph record to the American Mosler MT900S, a road going version of a GT race car, last November, (previous holders of the title include the £500,000 McLaren F1 road car) Caterham smashed its 2003 time by almost half



a second, and its 2002 record of 11.44 secs by seven tenths of a second.

Launched earlier this month, as the ultimate performance driver's car, the R500 Evolution is the flagship Caterham Seven model. Simon Nearn, managing director of Caterham Cars said: "By testing a car's acceleration and braking, the 0-100-0 test is THE true indicator of a car's all round performance capability. This record also proves that we have built a car which can respond to a driver's reactions quicker and more safely than anything else on the road."

The Autocar Magazine road test team put 47 cars through their paces ranging from a Renault Megane RS, Honda Civic Type R, Ruf Porsche Turbo, BMW CSL, Aston Martin DB9, all the way to the Ferrari Enzo, Mercedes McLaren SLR and Porsche Carrera GT.

The full test results are published in this weeks Autocar Magazine, 27th April 2004.



**RIZLA + SUZUKI**

Caterham Cars has teamed up with the Rizla-Suzuki British Superbike team as part of its launch programme for the new flagship Seven Superlight R500 Evolution. The partnership will see a Rizla-Suzuki liveried R500 Evolution

accompany the team in a promotional capacity as it contests the 13-round British Superbike Championship, widely acclaimed as the most competitive Superbike series in the world. Team rider and 2003 runner-up John Reynolds will be amongst the drivers to sample the car during race weekends as he swaps his 200mph Crescent prepared GSX-R1000 for the devastatingly quick Caterham Seven to complete demonstration hot-laps. With a pedigree firmly established in motorsport, the new 2.0-litre, 250bhp powered sportscar will be in good company at Rizla Suzuki. The Superlight R500 Evolution boasts a 0-60mph sprint of 3.2 seconds, whereas its two-

wheeled companion will reach the same point in a matter of 2.5 seconds, and onto 100mph in under-4 seconds. Weighing just 470 kg, the lightweight Seven packs its mighty punch thanks to the 190lb ft of torque that kicks in at less than 4,000 revs. On sale from the end of April, the Superlight R500 evolution is priced at £42,000 on the road.



**CATERHAM**  
MOTORSPORT CLUB

The Caterham Motorsport Club backed R400 driven by Clive Richards set pole position and went on to two race wins at the first Euro Cup round in Hockenheimring Germany. Look out for the CMC R400 at the next Eurocup round at Nurburgring, 7/8th May 2004.



The CMC R400 race car will be available at selected track days for Hot Laps, piloted by one of the CMC instructors. Please call for further details, 01883 333700.

The Club held its first Drift School at Silverstone this month. Run on behalf of Autocar magazine, by the end of the day all 30 guests had mastered power slides and do'nuts and were all smiling ear to ear. Whilst these days focus on the fun element of driving, there is no doubt that the skills learnt will aid in accident avoidance once back on the public highway.

CMC is off to the Silverstone GP and Brands Indy circuit in May. There are few Track Experiences places available. Please logon to [www.caterham.co.uk/trackdays](http://www.caterham.co.uk/trackdays) for further details.

**!!\*\*NEW DATES\*\*!!**

CMC is now able to offer Saturday Slalom dates at Dunsfold. Again, please check out the web for details.

**CATERHAM MOTORSPORT CLUB—Future Dates**

**May**

5th	Track Experience	Silverstone
7/8th	Slalom	Dunsfold
13th	Track Experience	Brands
21/22nd	Slalom	Silverstone

**June**

9th	Track Experience	Snetterton
11/12th	Slalom	Dunsfold
18/19th	Slalom	Silverstone
19th	Track Experience	Brands
	Track Experience	Silverstone.





## Seven reasons for a trip to the Motor Show

Strap yourself in, hold tight and get ready for a thrill-a-second bout of hair-raising, high performance action at the 2004 Motor Show Live (26 May to 6 June) courtesy of a car nearing its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. First seen at the 1957 London Motor Show, the modern day descendant of the Caterham Seven will be offering must-try passenger rides around a specially constructed course at the NEC based event. After a hugely successful maiden outing at the Autosport International Show in January, the “Comma Caterham Experience” once again brings together the British sportscar maker and its long-term partner, performance oils and car care products manufacturer, Comma. Visitors will be able to jump into the passenger seat of the lightweight 120bhp Seven for three frenetic laps – and the occasional adrenalin-rushing doughnut!

“It’ll be like bringing the big-dipper to the NEC,” pronounced Andy Noble of Caterham Cars. “Seeing the Seven perform from a distance is one thing, actually getting the chance to sit alongside someone who really knows his stuff is an altogether different experience. People will be able to see first hand what 220bhp per tonne of power can do even in a small space!” Those brave enough will also receive a T-shirt, motoring magazines and a Comma goody bag of car care products.

In addition to the Experience, Caterham will have a traditional stand displaying the current range, including a new, young driver, insurance friendly, Seven, the wider, longer Roadsport SV and the world record holding Superlight R500. You will find the Caterham stand in hall 7 (where else!), stand number 7-302.



Caterham's British motorsport season has got

away to a flying – if slightly damp start. Twenty-year-old Team Parker Racing driver Jon Barnes leads the way in the Powertrain Caterham R400

Challenge after claiming his maiden UK R400 win at Silverstone. Andy Demetriou, victor of Donington's first and second rounds, holds second place in the championship, jointly with David Dyson. Round four, scheduled for Silverstone, had to be cancelled because of a downpour. The championship restarts in early June at Snetterton. Bad weather has also blighted the Motorsport News Caterham Roadsport Challenge, with one Aclass race rained off. After two rounds and one race victory, Autotrader's James Bromley leads the way, with Nick Payne and Arch Motors' Neil Robinson jointly second. Nick Potter heads the new Roadsport Inter class. Three races into the Roadsport B championship and all the signs are there that this will be a classic season. Mike Blackadder has won twice and Neil Fletcher once; Blackadder holds the series lead by 12 points from Howard Pessall.



The copy above was published in an Asian magazine. It was reporting on a 1000km race at Zhu Hai International Circuit in the Peoples Republic of China. The Caterham was running in 1st place, 6 laps in the lead after 550km, when the head gasket developed a problem .



Our Swiss friends are getting even stranger. Try working this one out!

### Caterham Cars Out and About this Spring and Summer

May	3	Roadsport Championship—Castle Combe
	2/3	Stoneleigh National Kit Car Show
	7/8	Autosport Eurocup—Nurburgring
	8/9	French Championship-Ales, France
	14/16	Autosport Eurocup—Spa, Belgium
	15/16	Roadsport Championship—Silverstone
	15/16	Graduate Championship—Croft, Yorkshire
	22/23	French Championship-Pau, France
	27/6	Motorshow Live-NEC Birmingham
	30/31	Graduate Championship—Snetterton
June	30/31	French Championship-Magny-Cours
	5/6	R400 Championship—Snetterton
	5	Academy Sprint-Goodwood
	6	Academy Hillclimb—Harewood
	11/12	Autosport Eurocup—Oschersleben, Germany
	19	Academy Sprint—Lydden
	19/20	R400 Championship-Castle Combe
	26/27	French Racing—Val De Vienne, France
27	Graduates-Mallory	

## What the papers said this month...

But the day belongs to just one car and, once again, it's the R500.

Autocar

Once again, it was the Caterham R500 that scooped the gold.

Autocar

For me, best of all was the Caterham R300. There is simply nothing quite like it; the steering feel, the sense of acceleration and the sheer connection with the act of driving makes it truly memorable, even along side more expensive and glamorous machinery.

BMW Car

But Caterham's insane R500 Evolution proved that it's still the fastest 0-100-0 road car on the planet.

Autocar

The little car from Dartford has dealt with Ferraris finest.

Autocar



If you would like to subscribe to this service, please email [sales@caterham.co.uk](mailto:sales@caterham.co.uk) with "Subscribe to Caterham Life" in the subject field.