

A V12 production line...

Work continues apace at Menard Competition Technologies (MCT), in the run up to the first Superleague Formula race, with 15 V12 engines now having been completed at its Leafield production facility. Enough engines, plus spares, will be built, 'dyno'ed' and tested to power the entire field at the first all-team test session at Barcelona on 29 July, prior to the highly-anticipated inaugural race at Donington Park, on 31 August.

On-track, the Superleague test team completed its most recent test at Estoril last month, where the car hit a top speed of 300km/h for the first time. Test driver Bruce Joanny takes up the story:

"Data showed that we topped 300km/h at Estoril. The engine from MCT is now at full specification and is very powerful, with incredible torque. This is a real driver's car and the guys are going to really enjoy competing in Superleague Formula."

Newly-appointed managing director at MCT, Kevin Lee, previously chief operating officer at Super Aguri, noted:

"We're all very excited at MCT about progress with the Superleague Formula V12 engines. It is testament to the hard work and commitment of the team here that we have hit this milestone. The expanded production team is working flat out to complete the build programme in time for the full three day team test at Barcelona, from 29 – 31 July, which will be the first time that the teams will have an opportunity to work with the V12 engine and the rest of the package."

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The MCT-engined Superleague Formula car, testing last month at Estoril.

Notes to editors:

Menard Competition Technologies Limited (MCT) is based at Leafield Technical Centre, near Witney, Oxfordshire and offers bespoke solutions to the motorsport, advanced automotive and aerospace sectors. Its United States facility is based in Indianapolis.

Expertise includes total engine design, development and manufacturing capabilities, chassis build and development, gearbox dynamometer, a complete composites department, as well as total project management and track support.

MCT's customers include leading teams and manufacturers from NASCAR, international sports car series and a number of European and North American single seater championships.

MCT has in excess of thirty year's experience at the pinnacle of the world motorsport industry. Its management team boasts championship success across F1, sportscars, touring cars, IRL, CART and NASCAR.