

MCT powers a two wheeled British icon

Menard Competition Technologies' (MCT) latest project will be unveiled at this week's International Motorcycle & Scooter Show, in Birmingham, as part of the first public appearance of Norton's highly-anticipated 961 Commando range. Developed and manufactured by MCT exclusively for Norton, the 961cc parallel twin engine encapsulates the style and performance of Norton's legendary heritage, albeit with a modern twist of fuel injection.

Following an exclusive pre-launch test, initial impressions of the 961 – which comes in Commando SE, Commando Café Racer and Commando Sport versions – from the motorcycle press have been extremely positive, with journalists praising the look and feel of the bike on the move, as well as the power of the MCT-developed engine. All 200 limited edition 961 Commando SE's have been sold, but already orders are being taken for the Commando Café Racer and Commando Sport models which will be unveiled at the NEC show.

Stuart Garner, managing director of Norton, noted: "This week's launch of our 961 Commando range is the accumulation of months of hard work from everybody involved with the project. This next chapter of the Norton story is a very exciting time and MCT has done a fantastic job delivering an innovative product that is true to the heritage of the Norton brand, in a very short time frame."

"We have been inundated with interest in the bikes", he continued: "the International Motorcycle Show will offer a great platform for us to show case the two new Commando models."

Kevin Lee, MCT's managing director, said: "It's a great privilege to be playing a role in the rebirth of a brand as respected as Norton. We share in the passion and ambition of Norton and know that Stuart and his team are well-placed to build on the legacy of a truly iconic name."

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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, transmission dynamometer, 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.

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