

Another accolade for MCT's Superleague V12...

Menard Competition Technologies (MCT) Limited's bespoke Superleague V12 engine - a project that went from initial design to full manufacture in less than six months - has been shortlisted as a finalist for this year's British Engineering Excellence Awards (BEEA), organised by Findlay Media. The 4.2 litre V12 unit powers the Superleague Formula single-seater championship and has continued to turn heads with both its performance and reliability this season. The V12 motor, with its spine tingling exhaust note, has kept Superleague fans enthralled throughout the opening half of the season, adding to the emerging series' reputation for close, exciting racing.

After a stellar first year in 2008, MCT has continued to build on the success of the lightweight V12 even further, experiencing extraordinary reliability at the first four events in 2009, Magny-Cours, Zolder, Donington Park and last weekend at Estoril. The Portugese round brought with it more close racing and also saw ex-Formula One star Sebastian Bourdais emerge victorious in the weekend's super final, at his first attempt.

The Superleague Formula concept continues to go from strength to strength, with 18 cars on the grid at all rounds of the 2009 calendar. Iconic names such as Liverpool FC, AC Milan and Galatasaray are doing battle at some of the world's greatest circuits, in a bid to become this year's Superleague champion. 2009 entry lists have also included Maria de Villota, one of the sport's leading female protagonists, driving for Atletico de Madrid.

Weighing in at just 140 kilos and less than 700mm in length, the MCT V12 has been designed especially for Superleague Formula. Producing in excess of 750

horsepower at the flywheel, the design embraces agility, durability and performance.

Kevin Lee, MCT's managing director, commented: "It is our second year working with the Superleague team and the partnership continues to go from strength to strength. Robin Webb and his equipe are doing an unsurpassed job of combining the passions of motorsport and football and taking the package to an ever-growing audience. With drivers of the calibre of Sebastien Bourdais moving to the series, the growing stature of the championship is there for all to see. It's an exciting time for Superleague and we feel privileged to be involved..."

Robin Webb, operations director of Superleague Formula, said: "Everyone has done a fantastic job delivering a reliable, innovative and high-performance product in a very short time frame. Our engine is one of Superleague Formula's hallmarks, which has provoked many a comment from the established motorsport media. In particular, that evocative exhaust note is very distinctive and one that has helped turn the series into a crowd favourite."

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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.