

GINETTA SINGLE MAKE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUPPORTING THE BRITISH TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP AND BRITISH GT/F3 SERIES.

Ginetta Chairman Lawrence Tomlinson's vision for Ginetta is to provide competitive and affordable motorsport for drivers as young as 14 to be able to progress, via the Ginetta championships comprehensive career ladder, ultimately competing at Le Mans 24hrs or Formula 1.

British sports car manufacturer **Ginetta** today runs three single make championships, the Ginetta GT Supercup and Ginetta G40 Juniors, supporting the Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship, and the Ginetta Challenge championship supporting British GT/F3.

The Ginetta GT Supercup, featuring a duel class grid of G55s and G50s, and the Ginetta Juniors - 14 to 17 yr olds, featuring the restricted junior class G40s, have been a huge success since they were introduced to the BTCC package. Attracting 14 million viewers on ITV4 live coverage and a huge fan base it is one of the most watched parts of the programme - often second only to the Touring Cars. The Ginetta G40 Juniors provided the first ever female winner within the British Touring Car Package in 2009, Sarah Moore.

The Ginetta Challenge championship, featuring the senior spec G40 and older G20 models, offers accessible racing for both novice and career minded drivers alike aged 17 and upwards. The Ginetta Challenge rounds take place on the UK's high profile circuits giving drivers the experience they need to progress up the motorsport ladder as a professional driver or continue within the Championship improving their skills.

Ginetta Chairman, **Lawrence Tomlinson**: "The Ginetta GT Supercup championship is going from strength to strength and is attracting a phenomenal amount of interest. Whilst the Ginetta Challenge has seen some of the largest grids we've ever seen, the season opener at Oulton Park in April attracted a maximum 34 car grid. The grids across all three championships are continuing to grow as the season progresses, which is really bucking the current trend with the impact that the difficult economic climate has had on motorsport in general."

BTCC Series Director Alan Gow commented: "Ginetta has proven to be a fantastic addition to our race weekends with both the GT Supercup and the Junior Championships providing great racing and entertainment". "Lawrence has shown his absolute determination to keep taking Ginetta forward as a company, and I'm pleased we can help play a part in him achieving those ambitions.....it's a great British success story."

GINETTA RACING, A GLOBAL PHENOMENON.

Ginetta has been building road and race cars since 1958. Today the company is a major player on the motorsport scene in the UK and abroad. As well as its own single make championships Ginetta produces GT race cars for sprint and endurance racing across the globe.

The G50 has been the undefeated GT4 Champion since its launch, exports of this award winning car reach across Europe as far as Brazil, Dubai, and Australia taking recent class wins in Italy, Brazil and the European GT Cup in Germany.

The G40 achieved a class win at Silverstone in the Britcar 24hr scooping 11th overall, beating the likes of Porsche and Aston Martin. As part of the development programme for the new G40 model the G40 Brit car build was completed on the Wednesday, the car driven from the Leeds based factory on Thursday - stopping at Halfords to purchase a £1.50 earthing strip - to Silverstone where it competed in the 24hr race without a single spanner ever needing to touch the car.

The G55, launched in Jan 2011, is nationally homologated for GT3 and placing regularly in the top 10 in the British GT rounds, currently undergoing a rigorous engine development programme the G55 is expected to begin collecting silverware before the end of the 2011 season. Costing a third of its GT3 counterparts the G55 GT3 has experienced phenomenal interest already receiving firm orders for export.

2012 will see Ginetta unveil plans for GT2 and GT1 contenders along with a firm programme for a Le Mans 24hr re-entry.

Previous Ginetta drivers:

- o Nigel Mansell
- o Greg Mansell
- o Adrian Newey
- o Frank Wrathall - BTCC
- o Andrew Jordan - BTCC
- o Rob Huff - WTCC driver
- o Tim Harvey - Porsche Carrera Cup
- o Josh Hill - British Formula Renault
- o David Newsham - BTCC driver
- o Alice Powell - Michelin Formula Renault
- o Rob Austin - British Formula 3 winter champion
- o Shane Lynch - British Drifting Championship
- o Alistair McRae - British, Asia-Pacific and World Rally Championships.
- o Stewart Linn - British GT4 champion
- o Matt Bell - GT3 Driver
- o Chris Swanwick - Renault Clio Cup
- o Tiff Needel - Fifth Gear presenter and former F1/Le Mans Driver
- o Richard Dunwoody - Jockey
- o Rick Parfitt Jnr - Karting Championship winner Le Mans 24hr, Dubai 24 hour races and son of Status Quo rocker, Rick Parfitt Snr.

GINETTA, A RECENT HISTORY SNAP SHOT:

- 2005.
- o Le Mans winner Lawrence Tomlinson acquires British sports car manufacturer Ginetta
- 2006
- o Inherited G20 model build becomes productionised and sales increase.
 - o Lawrence sets about raising the profile of the existing Junior championship.
- 2007
- o Damon Hill is guest of honour to open new Ginetta factory in Leeds
 - o G50 model plans announced to mark the 50th anniversary of Ginetta cars.
- 2008
- o Ginetta Cars was awarded 'Small Business of the Year' by the Motorsport Industry Association
 - o G50 launched at Autosport Show
 - o G50 wins Autosport 'Car of the Year' award
 - o The Ginetta G50 Cup championship launch placed on SRO package supporting F3/BGT racing.
 - o Global G50 sales achieved
 - o G50 enters and wins GT4 championships.
- 2009
- o Ginetta Junior Championship and G50 Cup join TOCA package as support races for the BTCC
 - o G50 wins European GT4
 - o G50ev prototype developed as road car and John Surtees makes history at the wheel of the first car ever to be driven through the Euro Tunnel. Project lacks government backing and is shelved.
 - o G20 production halts, replacement G40 model plans announced
 - o Duel spec G40 design begins
- 2010
- o G40 launched at Autosport Show
 - o G40 wins Autosport 'Car of the Year' award
 - o G40 Ginetta Challenge Championship launched on SRO package supporting F3/BGT racing.
 - o The left-hand drive version of the G50 was launched at the Nurburgring's 'GT4 European Cup'
 - o Adrian Newey famously crashes a G50 at Oulton Park
 - o G55 announced and design begins
 - o Farbio Supercars LTD acquired and rebranded Ginetta F400
 - o G40 road car plans announced (project name G40R).
 - o G40R prototype wins Britcar 24hr class outright -11th overall- at Silverstone
- 2011
- o G55 launched at Autosport Show
 - o Duel class G50 & G55 Ginetta GT Supercup Championship launched encompassing the G50 Cup
 - o Lawrence secures a funded prize drive in the 2012 BTCC for 2011 Ginetta GT Supercup winner
 - o F400 gets development plan to be re-launched under a new 'G' number at the end of 2011
 - o G55 homologated for GT3
 - o G55 GT3 spec in design for launch 2011
 - o Lawrence announces plans for G60 on Radio Le Mans as a continuation up the GT class ladder.
 - o **G40R (road car) launch in Aug marks the first Ginetta road car production in over 18 years.**

GINETTA PRE 2005 HISTORY AND FACTORY

HISTORY - Pre 2005

Ginetta Cars Limited was founded in 1958 by the four Walklett brothers. The business was an extension of a passion for motor racing and as a result cars produced by the Company were predominantly race or road/race.

In 1961, the company had a steep change with the G4 model which was unveiled that year at the Racing Car Show. The G4 was aimed squarely at the club racer who wanted a cost effective weekday road car and a weekend racer. In this it was aided by the new Ford engines which gave it the necessary performance to firstly beat the MGBs and TRs before taking on and winning against such exotica as the Jaguar 3.8. Such ability soon translated to an escalating tally of race successes at which point the mainstream motoring press took an interest firmly establishing the Ginetta marque on the motoring map.

Success with the G4 prompted ever more ambitious designs and further success with the Imp powered G15 and the Chrysler 1725 powered G21. Both cars underwent full type approval testing.

The company constantly produced cars, but in ever smaller numbers until Lawrence Tomlinson bought the company in 2005. An experienced racing driver and successful businessman, Lawrence's aims remain in line with the original founders to continue producing innovative, capable and above all, great value sports cars.

The company celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2008 when it launched the Ginetta G50 in honour of the milestone. It was designed and manufactured alongside Ginetta's other cars in the company's new purpose built factory in Yorkshire.

FACTORY

Ginetta's state-of-the-art 75,000 sq. ft. is based in Garforth, Leeds and was officially opened by Damon Hill OBE in 2007. Home to a new-for-2011 Carbon Fibre shop and twin Dyno room Ginetta operates everything under one roof, from the Ginetta HQ where Championship Co-ordinators plan the Ginetta's three single make championships, onto the factory floor and car production line, through the machine, engine and chassis workshops, into the Ginetta stores and out onto the road and track.

On average the factory produces 300 cars per year, working in a close knit team of experienced people it is possible design, build and launch a car within a period of four-months (to which the G55 is testament). The production line includes the G40 Junior car, G40 Senior car, G50 cup car, G50 GT4, G50HC, G55 Cup, G55 GT3, and the F400 supercar - most recently the highly anticipated G40R road car.

Ginetta currently employs approximately 70 staff from car and engine designers through quality control teams to accounts and PR/marketing departments. Ginetta have a 50 point PDI quality control system with extremely high inspection activities. At set phases of the build, the car is first inspected by an engineer and then by a workshop manager for final sign off. Only when the PDI is fully signed off will the car be released.