

Speedworks First To Commit To Ginetta G50



Leading Texaco Havoline Ginetta Championship team Speedworks Motorsport has become the first outfit to confirm its participation in the new-for-2008 Ginetta G50 Championship, which will join the British F3/GT package next year.



The Cheshire-based team will run two 290bhp 3.5-litre Ford V6-engined Ginetta G50s in the new championship for Speedworks Motorsport Team Principal Christian Dick and Ginetta racer Richard Sykes. The new championship will consist of a total of ten rounds, with eight double-headers featuring two 30-minute races along with a further two longer endurance-style races at standalone events.



Dick and Sykes are regular frontrunners in the Texaco Havoline Ginetta Championship, which caters for the 1.8-litre Ginetta G20, and are looking forward to the challenge presented by the new series.



"With a place guaranteed on the British F3/GT package the chance to expand into the Ginetta G50 Championship was too good an opportunity to miss," says Dick. "It has been conceived as a good value stepping-stone to GT racing, and from what I've seen so far it's going to be very successful. The G20 has been one of the success stories of British motorsport in recent years, and the Ginetta G50 has incredible potential."



"I can't wait to get behind the wheel and find out what the car is capable of," says Sykes. "Our plan is to get a decent amount of testing in over the winter so we're ready to run at the front from the off next year. It looks like it is going to be a fantastic car."

The G50 is the brainchild of Ginetta owner Lawrence Tomlinson, who is confident of a strong grid for the championship's inaugural season.



"Speedworks has done a great job coming into the Texaco Havoline Ginetta Championship this year," says Tomlinson. "They are ambitious, present themselves very well and are exactly the sort of team we had hoped would join the new Ginetta G50 Championship for 2008."



"The interest in the G50 is really encouraging, we have been overrun with teams and drivers wanting more information on the car and championship and I am sure they too will be making their intentions public in the coming weeks."



Speedworks Motorsport will continue to run in the Texaco Havoline Ginetta Championship next season alongside its G50 commitments.



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