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AC Mk VI for Monaco Top Marques Launch



With the British Government - among others - just about to launch a state-funded electric car initiative, you have to stand open-mouthed at the 'optimism' of *another* AC Cobra recreation seeing the light of day.

But that's exactly what will happen at the **Top Marques** show in Monaco this weekend. AC's Chairman **Alan Lubinsky** has entered into 'a long-term strategic alliance' with **Gullwing GmbH** in Heyda, Germany, to produce a **Mk VI** version of the company's well-known **Cobra** roadster.

Bizarrely, the new car will be Chevrolet-powered (by a big-block, 437bhp 6.2-litre V8) rather than Ford, despite - presumably(?) - the availability of the blue oval's superb Roush-tuned V8s. The 332mm front/298mm rear 4-pot caliper brakes will be from **Porsche**.



The aluminium and composite body is handmade ('to last for ever', according to the press release) and clothes a conventional jig-welded, round-tube spaceframe chassis.



The car's most unusual feature is the removable roof with gullwing doors. There's not much you can say about that - except to concede that no, no-one has accomplished **that** before.

I wonder why.

Well, there you go. There's no price mentioned so far, and the European distribution network is yet to be announced, but, given a Classic Driver office guesstimate of what... 100,000 euros, shall we say?... I can only comment that you could buy a superb, pre-owned **Bentley**, **Ferrari** or **Aston Martin** for that. Or an **AC Mk VI**.

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