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Fenix Automotive: Teaser Pics of New Supercar



With Lee Noble behind it, the new car from Fenix Automotive - due to go on sale in the UK later this year - deserves more attention than most small-production supercars; and the first teaser shots certainly support its claim to be 'fresh, bold and dramatic'.

Noble himself says the new car will be a "natural, but even more focused" successor to his much-loved **M12**. He explains, "The **M12** was hugely successful but we needed to move the game on in terms of design. The new car's styling owes nothing to what I've done before and has quite literally been a 'clean sheet' exercise from the start. It's edgy, with powerful lines, and aerodynamically will be in another league to any of my previous cars."

The engine will be GM's **480bhp LS3 V8** as standard but customers will also be able to opt for the **6.2-litre supercharged LS9 V8** - with 638bhp - as seen in the recently launched **Corvette ZR1**. With an estimated kerb weight of 1200kg, **Fenix** is hoping that the LS9-engined car will make the 0-100mph sprint (that's 100mph mind, not km/h) in under seven seconds, and on to a top speed of around 200mph.



The first prototype is now in build, with development due to start next month. "We'll be hot-weather testing the first prototype on the mountain roads around **Port Elizabeth, South Africa**," says Noble, "where the car will be manufactured. But I'm itching to get the car back to the UK where I can set it up on roads I know well."

Let's hope that production is more timely than that of the **Fenix Automotive** website which - while supposedly offering 'more information' - was not yet live while we were writing this report. Try www.fenixautomotive.com to see if they've sorted that particular glitch...

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