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Fahrradi Farfalla FFX: Super (pedal) car

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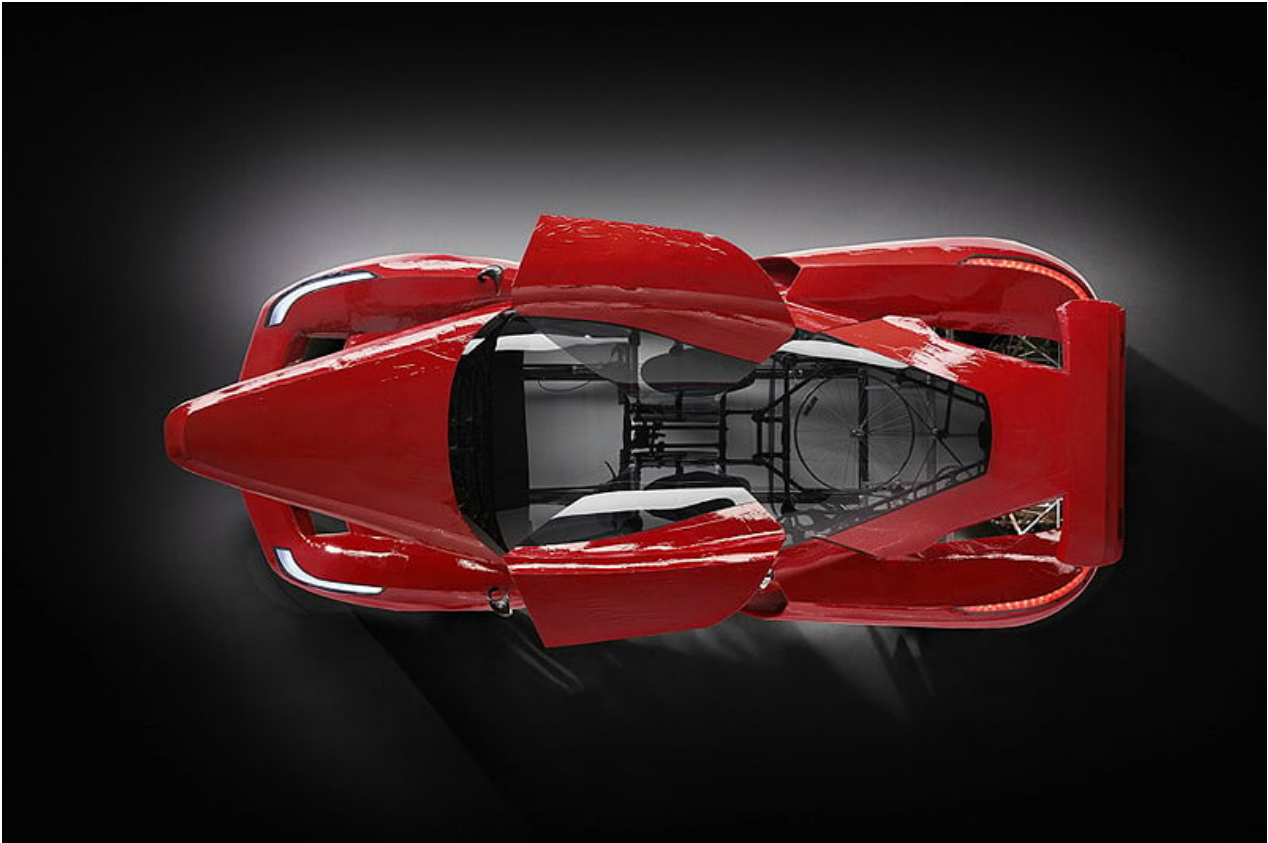
Austrian designer Hannes Langeder has gone one better with his latest human-powered 'car'. Improving on the Ferdinand GT3 he made a while ago, his latest effort looks awfully like something from Maranello.

The space frame is plastic and the ultra-thin red covering keeps weight to a minimum, vital in a 1/3bhp, not 800bhp machine, however aerodynamic.

Mind you, the doors have a gear-actuated, 'flapping' motion, like that of an insect's wings (*farfalla* means butterfly in Italian), so quite possibly that could add to the forward thrust.

The inventor quaintly describes this feature as ensuring "that it is possible to lift off slightly from the ground at all times." The wings result in "anti-gravitation" and that the "even better ventilation of the interior is a side effect". He knows his engineering, does Herr Langeder.





Also new for the FFX is a lighting system comprising 200 ultra-bright LEDs.

Photos: Hannes Langeder

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