



Press release

SPYKER APPOINTS DILAWRI GROUP AS ITS FIRST FACTORY AUTHORIZED DEALER IN CANADA

Zeewolde, 5 March 2009 - Spyker Cars, the Dutch manufacturer of exclusive premium sports cars, recently appointed the Dilawri Group of Companies in Calgary as its first exclusive Spyker dealer in Canada. The appointment of Spyker of Calgary marks Spyker's expansion of the North American sales and distribution into Canada.

To showcase the appointment of Spyker's first dealership in Canada, Dilawri will feature Spyker at the 2009 Calgary International Auto & Truck Show from March 11th through March 15th. Two Spykers will be on display: the Spyker C8 Spyder and C8 Laviolette.

Brief history of Spyker Cars

The history of Spyker starts in 1875, when two brothers, Hendrik-Jan and Jacobus Spijker, started producing coaches. In 1898 they built their first motorcar and from that moment on, the Spijker brothers fully committed their company to the production of motorcars. Spyker cars were powerful and exclusive and with many of them the company established speed records. In 1925 the Spyker Company ceased trading, but its brand name – that stands for technologically advanced, exotic and dependable cars - has never been forgotten. That heritage has been passed over to the new Spyker company and its cars.

Built on the five brand pillars – heritage, design, craftsmanship, performance and exclusivity – Spyker started in 2000 as a Dutch manufacturer of exclusive premium sports cars. The racing and aviation heritage of the early cars has been carried over to the contemporary Spykers, which, with their uncompromising engineering, are developed for racing. The current models are hand-crafted in the same tradition as the earlier Spykers and built with passion for the most passionate drivers. All models are a statement of individuality, a creation of timeless beauty combined with state-of-the-art technology. Every Spyker is as much an individual as its discerning buyer. Identified by its chassis number and given its personality by the individual specifications of its owner which are perpetuated on the car's build sheet.

Spyker C8 Spyder & Laviolette

The Spyker C8 is an advanced mid-engine, two-seat sports car, available in both coupe (Laviolette) and convertible (Spyder). It is characterized by a distinctive design, a lightweight all aluminium body construction and an uncompromising engineering package.

Both the Laviolette and Spyder have an all aluminium Audi V8 engine producing 400 bhp and generating 480 Nm of torque. This is paired to a manual six-speed gearbox, driving the rear wheels with a limited slip differential and ABS. The extremely low kerb weight of only 2,800lbs along with the impressive performance delivers a top speed of 187 mph and an acceleration from 0-60 mph in a mere 4.5 seconds.



Optional features include a turned aluminium dashboard fascia, elegant 19" Aeroblade™ wheels, quilted leather detailing for the cockpit and Chronoswiss dashboard instruments. Additionally, complete bespoke and unique finishes are available for the experienced connoisseur. Customers may also order a Louis Vuitton luggage set exclusively made for Spyker – the only car company in the world to have such an arrangement with the famous French design house.

All cars are available in both left and right hand-drive and are hand-crafted using only the finest bespoke materials to create the unique automotive statements. Each car is a testament to the five brand values that the company lives by - heritage, design, craftsmanship, performance and exclusivity.

Spyker C8 Laviolette LM85

The Spyker C8 Laviolette LM85 is an advanced mid-engine, two-seat sports car. It will be built in a limited edition of 24 units maximum of which the first cars have been delivered to customers. It is characterized by a lightweight all-aluminium body construction and an uncompromising engineering package. The power train of the LM85 is the all-aluminium Audi 4.2-litre V8 engine producing 400 bhp. This is paired to a manual six-speed Getrag gearbox, driving the rear wheels with a Drexler limited slip differential. ABS is standard. The use of aluminium parts and other lightweight materials result in an impressive power-to-weight ratio and underlines the GT2 racing heritage of the car.

Based on the Spyker C8 Laviolette GT2R, the racing characteristics of the LM85 are numerous, such as the all-aluminium chassis, GT2 livery (Burnt Almond Orange with Gun Metal Grey 'S' logo), side mirrors in body colour, a carbon fibre rear spoiler, and GT2 windscreen streamer. Behind the black powder coated alloy wheels, black AP Racing 6 piston brake calipers with AP Racing logo appear. The LM85 can optionally be equipped with Le Mans sticker sets as well as a customised LM85 car cover.

The ample use of black leather and alcantara, which is meant to reduce light reflection during racing, has been finished with orange contrast stitching and characterizes the unique interior of the LM85. The black floor mats are made of fire protective material, finished with orange piping and an embroidered LM85 logo. The dashboard instrument panel is made of turned aluminium. Each car will feature a personalised LM85 serial plaque. On request, Chronoswiss dials and switches can be installed and are virtually identical to the Special Edition Chronoswiss 24Hours Pilot Watch every LM85 owner receives with his car.

The Spyker Chronoswiss 24H Pilot Watch sports an orange crocodile strap. The serial number of the car will be engraved on the case of this exquisite timepiece. Additionally, all LM85 owners are offered an exclusive Spyker VIP Hospitality weekend at the 24H of Le Mans in June 2009, which includes round-trip air transportation to and from the Le Mans racetrack.



Spyker of Calgary

Established in 1991, The Dilawri Group of Companies has built an automotive retail organization which encompasses 28 dealerships in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the newest addition in the Vancouver area. Owned and operated by Kap and Ajay Dilawri, the company continues to expand throughout Canada. With Tony Dilawri at the helm of the operation in Calgary, Tony continues the Dilawri tradition, building on the reputation of superior customer service, professional sales staff and dependability. Under Tony Dilawri's leadership, the Calgary operation has grown to include eight franchises, representing seven manufacturers.

Tony Dilawri will introduce the C8 Spyder and the C8 Laviolette at the Calgary International Auto & Truck Show. These two models will be available with Canadian specifications at Spyker of Calgary by May this year.

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For pictures please visit the gallery on our website www.spykercars.com

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