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## **TVR RELEASE NEW SPORTS CAR FOR THE 1990's**

**TVR ENGINEERING LIMITED**, the exclusive sportscar manufacturers from Blackpool, now in their **40th** year of production, announce the introduction of an entirely new model to their vehicle line up.

This will be the first all new model developed by them since the launch of the TASMINE range into the UK back in 1980.

This latest sportscar, called the **TVR S CONVERTIBLE** was first seen at the 1986 British International Motor Show at Birmingham as a design exercise. At that stage it was one of two new models under review for possible future production. With some 62 orders and deposits taken for the S by the end of the Show it was given the all clear for full scale introduction which begins in a few weeks time.

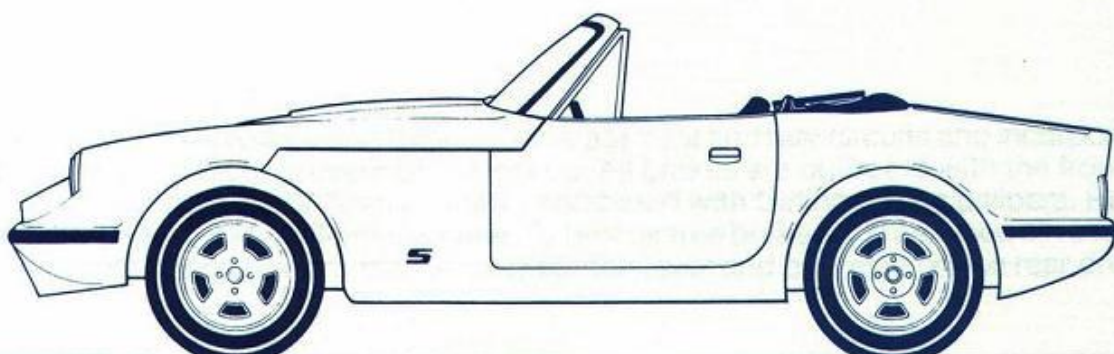
Currently the Company have over 120 pre launch orders for the model, indicating to them the obvious successful mixture of style, power and price.

The S retails at **£12995.00** and is designed to attract new customers into the TVR range at the lower end of the market. Currently some 60% of all new TVR's in the United Kingdom are sold to existing or one time owners. While this is extremely successful it does not provide easy entry into the model range that currently begins at just under £18000.00 with the TVR 350i Convertible. The S will broaden the marketing base of the Company providing a wider long term commitment to the marque from the customers.

Styled around traditional lines the S features a rounded one piece forward opening bonnet incorporating flaired wheel arches and off set power bulge. This rounded flowing design is followed at the rear of the vehicle and is in sharp contrast to the rest of the TVR model range. The roof structure maintains the unique patented TVR fold down rear header that allows the car to be run either completely open or in a combination of targa or completely closed forms. In addition the centre targa section of the roof, now in two pieces gives the variation of using the car with one side on and the other off.

With a total vehicle weight of only **900 kilograms** and powered by the well proven 160 bhp fuel injected Vee 6 engine and five speed transmission, performance is impressive. The power to weight ratio of 170 bhp per ton exceeds that of many Italian supercars, available now at a fraction of their cost.

Zero to sixty miles per hour is achieved in only seven seconds and with a maximum speed in excess of 130 mph the TVR S Convertible provides startling performance. In keeping with this power, is the ability of the chassis to handle it. Benefitting from all the Company's involvement in Production Sportscar Racing with the 420 S.E.A.C. the new S features a multi tubular steel backbone chassis manufactured by TVR from 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" rectangular and 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" circular 16 gauge tubing. With independent double wishbone suspension at the front and semi trailing arm at the rear the S is fully capable of putting down all the performance provided by the 160 bhp Vee 6 engine.



## **WHEELS AND TYRES**

Four stud aluminium alloy 15" x 7J slotted road wheels are used with 205/60 VR15 Bridgestone low profile tyres. An aluminium alloy slimline small diameter spacesaver roadwheel and tyre is fitted as standard and located in the boot.

## **STEERING**

The steering is rack and pinion with a collapsible steering column. This combines with a 13" leather trimmed steering wheel producing a turning circle of 31.4ft 9.6 metres with 2<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> turns lock to lock. There is no power assisted steering available as an option.

## **ELECTRICAL**

A 12 volt negative earthed fully fused system is used with a comprehensive fuse and relay board. A high rate 60 amp/hour battery and 45 amp alternator are standard. The starter motor is pre engaged. Two H4 headlamps are located in the front of the bonnet and are combined with integral side lights. Indicator units are located in the lower part of the bonnet. Parking, reverse, high intensity fog and direction indicator units are located at the rear of the vehicle. Twin interior courtesy lights and low level instrument illumination provide night time interior vision.

## **HEATING AND VENTILATION**

Heating is controlled by the current of air flow through an internal matrix. This flow is maintained by a sliding lever mounted on the dashboard for temperature control and air distribution. This is in turn boosted by a twin speed booster fan. Fresh cool air can be admitted to the cabin by twin vents mounted in the centre of the dashboard.

## **AUDIO**

An Alpine LW/AM/FM stereo radio cassette player is mounted in the lower dashboard as standard. This plays through two speakers located in the lower door trims. Reception is transmitted by a rear mounted floppy aerial. Other specification radio/cassette player, speakers and electrically operated aerials can be obtained as a customer option.

## **DIMENSIONS**

Length overall .....	4000mm	156in
Wheelbase .....	2286mm	90in
Width overall .....	1450mm	57in
Height overall .....	1117mm	44in
Front track .....	1398mm	55in
Rear track .....	1398mm	55in
Ground clearance .....	140mm	5.6in
Luggage capacity .....	0.225 cu m	8 cu ft
Fuel capacity .....	54.5 litres	12 galls
Overall weight .....	900 kg	1984lbs