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### **PRODUCTION BEGINS ON THE “ROCKET,” A COACH-BUILT CARBON FIBER 725HP SUPER MUSTANG PROJECT BY GALPIN AUTO SPORTS AND HENRIK FISKER**

*The First Production “Rocket” to Debut March 14  
at Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, with Deliveries Following Shortly After*

**LOS ANGELES (March 12, 2015)** – [Galpin Auto Sports](#) (GAS) and Henrik Fisker announced today the start of low-volume production on the 725hp coach-built super Mustang dubbed “The Rocket,” which was first unveiled as a prototype last November during the 2014 Los Angeles Auto Show. The first production model will make its world debut at the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, March 14, where a select number of media will also have the opportunity to drive it.

Production of the car by Galpin and Henrik Fisker represents the commitment to build a limited number of vehicles to sell to collectors and automotive enthusiasts alike after the car received a positive reception in Los Angeles last year.



Following its international debut in prototype form at the 2014 Los Angeles Auto Show, Galpin Auto Sports and Henrik Fisker will show the first production Rocket at the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance in Florida, March 13. **Photo Credit:** Galpin Auto Sports



“The response has been overwhelmingly positive from all over the world – you can’t get better feedback than that two months after debuting a car you helped build,” said Beau Boeckmann, President of Galpin Motors. “I’m so proud of Henrik’s amazing design, and the team at Galpin Auto Sports for the detailed performance work. Amelia Island is the perfect venue for this debut as it draws an eclectic group of passionate automotive enthusiasts from around the world into one picturesque central location that celebrates the automobile.”

The Rocket’s design, penned by Henrik Fisker, is unmistakably inspired by specialty pony cars of the 1960s and early 1970s including the 1968 Shelby GT500. While its design borrows cues from yesteryear, the materials used to produce it are as state-of-the-art as any modern exotic supercar. Constructed from ultra-strong and lightweight carbon fiber, Galpin and Henrik Fisker worked with GFMI Metalcrafters Inc., of Fountain Valley, Calif., to bring the design to life.

Since the car debuted in November of 2014, Galpin and Fisker have set to work to realize the commitment they made to bring this car to market. In just four and half short months, the team has

worked with GFMI to finalize the molds for the production carbon fiber body panels and developed a number of new standard and optional performance and appearance upgrades.



The first production Rocket (black) will be unveiled at the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, accompanied by the prototype (Eminence Grise) on Saturday, March 14 at the Amelia Island Ritz Carlton Golf Club Patio.

**Photo Credit:** Galpin Auto Sports

headliner and interior panels. Galpin also offers a custom-tuned premium audio system, featuring JL Audio amplifier, component speakers and an 8-inch subwoofer housed in a custom fiberglass speaker enclosure.

As standard, the Rocket is fitted with Ford's optional Mustang performance package which from the factory includes fitment of a larger radiator with oil cooler; unique chassis tuning; gauge pack (oil pressure and vacuum); unique stability control, EPAS and ABS tuning; a 3.73 ratio TORSEN® rear differential and Brembo™ 6-piston front brake calipers with larger rotors.

As an additional extra cost option, Galpin and Henrik Fisker are also offering a more extreme ultra-high performance Gran Turismo brake package from Brembo; featuring oversized 15-inch front and rear two-piece drilled rotors clamped by 6-piston calipers for superior stopping power.

New for production, a Bassani cat-back exhaust system with quad tips now comes standard as well; ensuring the outside of the car sounds as good as the inside. Two new additional wheel options have also been created. A 10-spoke 21-inch wheel was designed and built in conjunction with ADV1 and a special, track-oriented super-light 20-inch wheel and tire combo were also developed for owners wishing to reduce unsprung weight and improve the handling of their vehicle at the race track.

The Rocket, equipped with carbon fiber coach work, performance package and a Bassani exhaust, is available at a starting price of \$109,100 USD, while models equipped with the supercharged performance package start at \$125,000.

Interested buyers will have the ability to option the car to their personal tastes and can purchase directly through Galpin Ford and possibly through one of several hand-picked dealers across the country and around the world. For more information, visit [GalpinRocket.com](http://GalpinRocket.com).

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance runs March 13 – 15 and takes place outside the Ritz-Carlton at the Golf Club of Amelia Island at Summer Beach. Galpin will host limited media drives of the Rocket on March 13 and 14 from outside resort on an appointment basis.

#### **About Galpin Auto Sports**

Galpin Auto Sports, located at 15600 Roscoe Blvd. in Van Nuys offers customizing and personalizing services on all new and pre-owned vehicles including collector and classic cars. For more information on Galpin Auto Sports' unique products and services, please contact GAS Operations Manager, Brandon Boeckmann ([brandonb@galpin.com](mailto:brandonb@galpin.com)), at (877)-GO-GAS-GO or visit the website at [www.galpinautosports.com](http://www.galpinautosports.com).

Some exterior colors available include "Eminence Grise"—the paint color shown on the original Rocket prototype – Black, Ingot Silver and Magnetic (grey), Oxford White, Race Red, Deep Impact Blue and Competition Orange, but any interior and exterior color combination can be ordered at the customer's taste. Other exterior options include an exposed carbon fiber hood stripe, mirror covers and lower front fascia.

Another option is the Rocket Interior Package with hand-finished Italian leather upholstery seats, dash board, center console, door panels and rear interior deck panel, as well as suede-lined A, B and C pillars,

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**About Galpin Motors**

Galpin Motors, home to the world's largest volume Ford dealership for the 25<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, was founded in 1946 and is headquartered in Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley. Galpin is comprised of a family of quality automobile brands that include Ford, Lincoln, Honda, Mazda, Subaru, Volkswagen, Volvo, Jaguar, Lotus and Aston Martin. For additional information on Galpin Motors and Galpin Auto Sports, contact Marketing Manager Jeff Skobin at 818-778-2540/jeff@galpin.com, visit the dealer at 15505 Roscoe Blvd., North Hills, Calif. 91343, like on Facebook at Facebook.com/GalpinMotors or visit [www.galpin.com](http://www.galpin.com).

**About Henrik Fisker**

Henrik Fisker is an entrepreneur and one of the world's leading automotive designers. Previously, Henrik Fisker founded Fisker Automotive in 2007, where he launched the world's first premium plug-in hybrid, the Fisker Karma. Best known among his creations are BMW Z8, Aston Martin DB9 and Aston Martin V8 Vantage. Amongst his latest creations is also the Lauge Jensen Viking motorcycle. Originally from Denmark, Henrik Fisker is now based in Los Angeles, and is the Founder of HF Design, a design and technology company with various automotive, technology and consumer product ventures underway.

**About the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance**

Now in its second decade, the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance is among the top automotive events in the world. Always held the second full weekend in March, "Amelia" draws over 300 rare vehicles from collections around the world to The Golf Club of Amelia Island, The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island for a celebration of the automobile like no other. The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance is scheduled for March 13-15, 2015. For more information, visit [www.ameliaconcours.org](http://www.ameliaconcours.org) or call 904-636-0027.

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