

prime time

The modern design looks old-fashioned

IT LOOKS like the famous Austin Healey sports car of the Fifties, but it is in fact a completely new design which will be launched at the London Motor Show, Earls Court, next week.

Made at the Haldane Motor Company in East Kilbride, the HD-100 has classic lines and authentic chromework.

It is powered by Ford's 420i, 125 hp, two-litre double overhead camshaft engine with fuel injection and catalytic convertor. It is also fitted

with a five-speed gear-box.

A computer-designed, high quality engineered, backbone chassis incorporates all independent double wishbone suspension, which ensures secure and well-balanced handling.

The interior is equally well-crafted and traditionally styled with particular attention having been paid to achieving standards of comfort and refinement expected by today's performance car enthusiast. Set to retail

at around £19,000, subject to specification as each car will be built to order, the customer has a wide choice of optional equipment and body and trim colours.

The Haldane HD-100 will be on Stand 28 at Earls Court.

Further information on the car and the company's nationwide dealer network can be obtained by calling Haldane Motor Company on 03552 67679 (Fax 03552 67771).

Boosting sales is on the move

● CITROEN is fitting a keypad immobiliser to the Furio, Aura 1.8i, Volcane 2.0i and 16-valve ZX models, which will prevent the cars starting until a code number is entered.

A remote control alarm is fitted to some ZX models and Citroen says the measures add £80-£300 to prices.

● Lotus, now part of Bugatti, is to relaunch the Elan sports car in the spring. About 800 "special edition" Elans will be produced for Europe and a two-plus-two successor is also being planned. General Motors (Vauxhall) axed the Elan, which had poor sales

during the recession but the new owners believe it will sell once the European economy revives.

● Mazda hopes to bolster its UK sales by reducing prices by up to 4.6 per cent.

The company's Xedos 9, which made a European debut at the Frankfurt Motor Show, will be at the London Motor Show next week.

● Cars less than five years old are more likely to go wrong between 30,000 and 45,000 miles than at any other time, says the AA, after scanning claims received by its services department.



GALLOPING AHEAD: The Haldane HD-100 combines computer-designed features with classic lines

Red light warning for economy drives to buy hazardous spare tyres

VOLVO CUTS THE PRICE OF PARTS AND EASES