



BIG AMBITIONS ... the Haldane team

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Scots drive for success

MEET the small – and intensely proud – team behind the only Scottish car appearing at the show.

Class start

It's changed days from the time when Linwood-built cars abounded and held centre stage at the Scottish Show.

But if enthusiasm, skill and dedication have anything to do with success, East Kilbride's Haldane Motor Company, employing around a dozen people, is destined for the fast lane.

Their HD, a stylish hi-tech two-seater based on the classic big Healey of the 1950s, now has full-build status, having started out as a kit-car.

Managing director Brian Harrison says: "We're proud to appear at the show with a car we can offer built to the customer's taste for around £19,000. We're immensely proud of our hand-built product and we think it will be a major attraction."

Using Ford fuel-injected 2-litre power, and a rust-resistant composite body, the HD oozes classic lines and authentic chromework without the hang-ups associated with a design from another era.

Export

The company is moving up a gear after getting type approval to build complete cars.

"The aim is to set up a dealership network in the UK and aim for exports," says Harrison.

Haldane has its sights on 250 sales a year by 1996. The SECC could provide a jump start.