

Models on display that guarantee to turn heads

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When the SECC's doors swing open to the public tomorrow Ferrari's F40, Porsche's 959, Aston Martin's Zagato Volante, and the scarlet Lamborghini will attract high-density crowds . . . It costs nothing to dream.

Guaranteed to turn plenty of heads is Norfolk's very own canary-yellow Lotus M200 concept car, with its twin open-cockpit speedster styling, based heavily on the company's successful Elan.

Blackpool's finest TVR maintains the ragtop, fresh-air motoring theme with its Griffith roadster, powered by a Rover-based 3.9-litre or 4.3-litre lump, and proves that independent bespoke sports cars can survive the present inclement trading climate. It will be undaunted by sharing a stand with the Ferrari and Porsche, offering relatively affordable alternatives (£25,795 or £28,295) to the Italian and German exotics.

Ginetta, from sunny Scunthorpe in South Humberside, completes the British minority sports car clique in front-engined G33 and mid-engined G32 forms, while Blantyre's own Haldane replica of the Austin Healey also makes a welcome appearance.