

HALCÓN SUPERSPORT

Fast. Forceful. Falcarto.

Meeting up face to face with the new supersports car "Falcarto" from German independents Halcón SuperSport somewhere in a lush green German landscape with those typical winding country roads and a blazing morning sun, was already a promising introduction to this carbon fiber, tough looking beauty.

I was greeted by Rick Damm (CEO), Christopher Kranz (Chief of Design) and Michael Schneider (Head of Construction) standing with pride in front of their light blue beast, freshly registered for the road.

After the initial enthusiastic small talk and story about living their dream, the vision they had and why: the "falcon" for its fulminant acceleration and "art" for the artistic approach of the design - and then actually seeing the "Falcarto" in all its glory - is enough to infect me with curiosity and so I cut to the chase: when can we go for the ride?

Speed dating suddenly takes on a whole new meaning when I'm ushered into the precision-fit driver's seat. But wait, first I want some facts about the German handcrafted baby.

As if my prayers were answered, Michael Schneider gets into the passenger seat and starts to give me the information needed.

To begin with, they created a new, fully carbon fibre body based on a modified Nissan 370 Z frame. A special adjustable sport chassis was developed together with KW Suspensions to bring it down to an impressive lowered ride height. That's not the only thing that gives me the feeling of a day on a go-cart trail, as soon as I speed through the first curve. Damn! This is so much fun.... and still nothing touches the ground or drags from the extremely lowered underbody. The transmission shifts gently and accurately while I feel the intense pulling power of 520 hp and 640 nm of torque which my test vehicle now has. The engine is based on a Nissan GTR 3.8 liter 6 cylinder, boosted with a twin turbo system and stronger pistons from Mahle, just to mention two of the numerous changes that make this powerpack a stable and reliable daily driver.

Michael smiles mischievously as if reading my mind. I'm surprised by the pushing performance.

I notice that the speed's scale reaches up to 320km/h. Something I won't be able to find out on this road, but I am told that the max is limited electronically to 300km/h. The interior is covered by a mix of alcantara and fine black leather, tastefully combined with some silver stitching and glossy carbon fiber accents on the door panels. The design of the seats remind me of an alligator's back and is repeated on the door panels and pads in the footwell.

Behind the sportseats, an impressive wall of an accurately fitted subwoofer, speakers and amps - parts of a modern infotainmentsystem - waits to be activated by the driver. I skip that part as I concentrate on returning the "Falcarto" safely to the waiting Halcón crew.

Michael tells me that customer models can be upgraded to 700 hp, and even though I wasn't able to push it to the limit, what I have now is quite sufficient. At a sales price of 380.000 Euro, the thought of an additional thrilling boost in performance, besides being a proud owner of one of the 25 coupes or 25 convertibles of this worldwide limited one-off small series is something to consider.



The secret of happiness is freedom — and the secret of freedom and success is courage

Rick T. Damm, CEO Halcón SuperSport



So this date, as I already expected, evolves into another rather expensive outing, even though the lady of desire here is a pretty rare one.

No wonder. As Michael shouts out, competing with the sonorous sound rumbling from the remote-controlled sport-exhaust, explaining that every special wish a customer has will be fulfilled so that nothing stands in the way for a unique personal realization.

Customized colors or a tinted visible carbon version are possible as well as any other imaginable aspect, which is part of their state-of-the-art manufacturer philosophy.

We reach today's meeting point where Rick and Christopher are waiting with grins that speak volumes.

As soon as I get out of the car, they ask me with the same infectious enthusiasm about my first impression. I give them a genuine thumbs up.

Rick tells me that only after two and a half years of development and realization time, the "Falcarto" was initially

shown to the public at the IAA in Frankfurt.

Transforming from a rookie into the title car for the traditional exhibition was a surprising first success and the award "Winner - Exterior Design, Premium Brands", of the German Design Council, a next one. Almost breathless, he continues that following that, they were invited to present the car at Essen Motor Show, as well as the Dubai International Motor Show.

While I'm inspecting those massive 21 inch concave rims I'm thinking to myself: Dreams like this should always come true.

„The way we choose our materials, our software, tools, systems and maintenance every aspect of the development process is focused on quality, not only in terms of power and speed, but in everything. From powertrain to safety - every part must enable the car to deliver the best possible look and performance.“

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Technical Data

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| Engine | V6 aluminum-alloy |
| Charge pressure | Bi-Turbo / 1,05 Bar |
| Position | Longitudinally mid-mounted front |
| Valves | 4 per cylinder |
| Displacement | 3800 cm ³ |
| Bore/Stroke | 95,5 x 88,4 mm |
| Compression | 10 : 1 |
| Power (prototype) | 389 KW (528PS) / 6350 U/min |
| Power output | 142 PS / Liter |
| Torque | 645NM at 4860 U/min |
| Drive technology | Rear wheel drive |
| Transmission | Modified 6 gear manual or Modified 7 gear automatic |
| Brakes front | 6 pistons – 380 x 32 mm / int. ventilated / perforated – 2 piece disc |
| Brakes rear | 4 pistons – 380 x 29 mm / int. ventilated / perforated – 2 piece disc |
| Brakedisk material | Stainless steel (ceramic optional) |
| Wheelsize (front-rear) | 10.0 x 21.0 // 12.0 x 21.0 |
| Tiresize (front-rear) | 265/30-21 // 325/25-21 |
| Tire manufacturer | Continental Sport Contact 5P |
| Curb weight | 1590 kg |
| Power/weight ratio | 1 PS pro 3,07kg |
| Tank volume | 72 Liters |
| Cargo volume | 240 Liters |

Driving performance

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| Acceleration 0 - 100 km/h | 3,6 s |
| Acceleration 0 - 200 km/h | 11,8 s |
| Top speed | 300 km/h (electronically limited) |
| ECE-Standard fuel consumption per 100 km / reach | 12,5 l / approx. 550 km |

Dimensions

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| Length | 4420 mm |
| Width | 2040 mm |
| Height | 1230 mm |
| Wheelbase | 2550 mm |

Price (Euro incl. vat)

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| Fully equipped | 380.000 Euro |
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