



# ELECTRIC CIRCUIT RACER

Battery-powered Quimera has 700bhp – for a dozen laps

IF YOU THINK the Tesla is as exciting as electric cars get, check out the Quimera. The brainchild of Spanish entrepreneur Javier de Rocafort, it is a pure racing car at the moment, with a carbonfibre monocoque and body panels, but it has 700bhp, 811lb ft of torque and a 175mph top speed.

Three electric motors are powered by 612kg of lithium-polymer batteries (the whole car weighs 1550kg) and the idea is that it will be able to run in races of 9 to 12 laps. In qualifying trim it can hit 0-60mph in just 2.5sec.

The car is intended as a testbed for electric power technologies. To make driving it a more engaging experience, the Quimera also has a six-speed gearbox, which has been developed with Hewland. ■



## BRIEFS



### CAMARO ZL1

The Americans don't make much of a song and dance about the Geneva motor show, so Chevrolet chose to pull the wraps off its new ultimate version of the Camaro at February's Chicago Auto Show instead. The ZL1 borrows the Eaton-supercharged 6.2-litre V8 from the Cadillac CTS-V. The pistons, cylinder heads and six-speed manual gearbox are all beefed-up to cope with the 550bhp – and so, encouragingly, are the brakes.



### VW GOLF24 RACER

Remember the mid-engined W12-650 Golf concept of a few years back? VW clearly does, as there's more than a hint of it in this new race car. Built to compete at the Nürburgring 24hrs, the Golf24 uses the five-cylinder turbo engine found in the Audi RS3 and TT RS, front-mounted and with the wick turned up to 434bhp and 398lb ft. It drives all four wheels through a sequential manual gearbox. If the race is wet, this car could be very, very competitive.



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