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The MG XPower SV-R (SV = Sport Veloce)



Celebrating 20th Anniversary (2004 – 2024)

Brief history

The **MG XPower SV**, a very special sports car that was produced by the MG Rover UK. The concept was based on the platform of the Qvale Mangusta/ De Tomaso in Modena Italy, assembled into a complete body shell, fitted on the box frame chassis and shipped to the MG Rover powerplant in Longbridge UK where it was revised and completed. This new MG sports car was predicted to have potential sales success in the USA, since the new De Tomaso/Mangusta had already been homologated, in this strong market.

Curiosities and Performance details:

Different exterior and interior parts were used from the new generation of **MG**-models as well as from current and past **Fiat's** such as:

Door handles of the new **MG TF**, switches for the door window glasses and exterior mirrors, as well as the interior door handles of the **MG/Rover75**, headlights of the **FIAT Punto** and rear lights of the **Fiat-Coupé!**

82 **XPower SV, SV-R** and **SV-W** cars were built during the period of 2003 – 2005.

However by the time that the company MG Rover went bankrupt in April 2005, only nine XPower SV types were sold at that time. All the remaining 73 cars were one-by-one individually sold to “solvente” customers in the UK and rest of the world.

Introduced in **2004**, the updated **SV-R** Model, was the only version offered with the optional choice of either manual or automatic gear-box. Equipped with a **5.0 Litre Ford Modular Engine V8** rated at **385 hp (390 PS)** and achieving a max speed of **282 km/h** and **0-97km/h** in **4.9 seconds!**



The Ford modular engine V8

The updated **SV-R**, was offered in **2004** at **£83.000** and for the Basic **MG XPower SV** option **£65,000**
(the exch. rate 2004 was approx. CHF 2.20 – GBP £1)

In Switzerland, actually and according to our knowledge the park of these very special and rare **MG SV** cars counts, one pre-production **SV** and two **SV-R's**.

Further related general information

MG/V8 fellows and enthusiasts are suggested to read the extraordinary **MG XPower SV** book by **David Knowles**

For more details please consult our Webpage:

www.swissmgv8.ch *Infos, Literatur*



For all MG/V8 enthusiasts and specially for those **MG XPower SV** and **SV-R** owners, a very detailed range of **SV** and **SV-R** scale 1:43 diecast models were produced by the companies **NOREV** and **Spark** and most probably they are still available in specialised model-car-shops.



NOREV



Spark

