

Race development for TVR

The current range of sports cars from Blackpool's TVR concern started with a 2.8-litre engine under the bonnet a few years ago. Then a 2.0-litre was added, with a 3500cc Rover unit following later. As if this wasn't fast enough, TVR chose to bring out a bored out 3900cc Rover unit, making their car a real road-runner.

Well, some people are never satisfied ... the latest power leap coming with the introduction of a 4200cc fuel injected V8 of their own construction.

The public are not yet able to lay their hands on this, however, as it is currently being roadtested in the competitive field of production sportscar racing, in the hands of experienced Morgan racer Steve Cole.

Known as the TVR 420 SEAC (Special Equipment Aramid Composite), the car is not simply the normal TVR chassis, as there is an all-new stainless steel spaceframe chassis with wishbones all round, enabling the monstrous 365bhp power output to be put down onto the road. Body styling is changed too, with a shortened front end incorporating a glass cover over the indicator driving lights and licence plate. The front wheel arches are widened to accommodate the Compomotive split-



Steve Cole and the SEAC team line up with their 4.2-litre, 365bhp TVR prodsports racer.

rim wheels that are fitted with Bridgestone 225/50 x 15 tyres. There are flared side sills and the tail end is dominated by a huge spoiler.

Watch the 420 SEAC's progress carefully, as it could be rolling off the production lines quite soon if the racing goes well ...