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First Modern Allard Delivered!

Lawrence, Kansas - On October 13, Allard Motor Works Inc. (AMW) delivered and titled the company's first Allard J2X MkII, a Commemorative Edition of the legendary British competition roadster, the Allard J2X. This is the first of a number of deliveries of the hand-crafted vehicle scheduled over the next few months.

Following the delivery of the J2X MkII #001 to its new owner in Lawrence, Kansas, company President, Roger Allard commented that "This day is the culmination of years of development and testing that has seen the creation of a modern version of the Allard J2X. This is the vehicle that Sidney Allard would have dreamed of campaigning on the many race circuits that made him a legend."

Following extensive testing of two prototypes (often seen during major north-american racing events) to ensure that the J2X MkII met the company's safety, reliability, comfort and performance objectives, AMW's production began in earnest early in 2008.



True to the look of the original J2X, the J2X MkII rests on a solid CAD-designed racing chassis, with all of the performance features one would expect from a modern vehicle: independent suspension, fully-adjustable shocks, large vented and cross-drilled disc brakes, rack & pinion steering, a 9" differential, a 5-speed gearbox with overdrive and a high-performance V8.



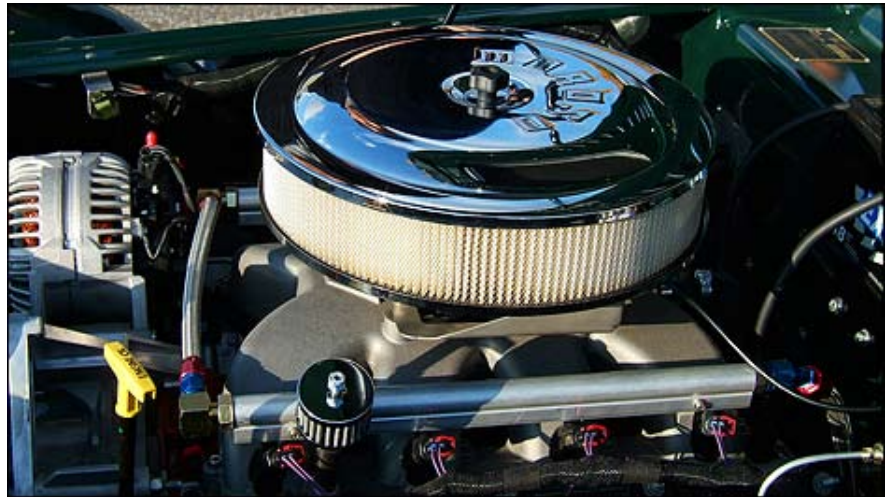
Tailored to today's market, the J2X MkII integrates a number of convenience features that were not part of the 1951-54 original offerings like fully-adjustable bucket seats, large and deep footwells (footboxes), leather interior, a trunk that can accommodate 2 sets of golf clubs,



12v power jacks in the cockpit for cell phones or GPS, a full-width removable windshield with wipers, convenient storage compartments in the cockpit and a split tonneau cover.

“We have targeted our J2X MkII to the owner who is looking for an unmatched ‘WOW’ factor, but wants exclusivity”, adds the company President. “We faced many challenges in designing our roadster to meet today’s market. The critical one was increasing the level of user-friendliness without compromising the traditional look of the car. By stretching the cockpit slightly, lowering the seating position and distributing the vehicle weight evenly front to back, we achieved a very stable and comfortable ride that optimizes the high power-to-weight ratio of our J2X MkIIs.”

The Allard J2X MkII is delivered ‘fully-loaded’, with the only options being the choice of engine, a full-width windshield and a canvas top. Current power options include the 5.7-litre fuel-injected GM RamJet, and the 5.7-litre and 6.1-litre Chrysler Hemi engines. Power ranges from 360 hp to 600 hp. The dry weight of the MkII is 1161 kilos. Vehicle #001 was delivered to its new owner with a specially built 6.1 litre Hemi, developing 600 hp.



It was equipped with a 600hp 6.1-litre Chrysler Hemi V8!

This roadster is built in Montreal, Quebec, to order only with a 14 to 18 week build schedule. Britain’s Allard Registry provides each vehicle with a special serial number and is listed in the Registry. AMW’s marketing objectives are global, to ensure that customers have an appreciating value for their car. This is why AMW says it will not release more than 100 J2X MkIIs per year, irrespective of demand.

The Allard J2X MkII costs USD \$138,500.

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