

LEEDS VS THE WORLD

Can a sports car developed and built in a factory in Yorkshire really take on the established class leaders? **Steve Sutcliffe** heads to Wales to find out

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Ginetta is an oddball British sports car company that has struggled over the years merely to stay afloat, let alone produce world-beating cars that can stand scrutiny beside the very best. Today, however, it's a case of "that was then, this is now" as far as Ginetta is concerned. And perhaps the most exciting thing of all about the renaissance of this 53-year-old English car company is that this, you suspect, is only the beginning.

The sensational new G60 – which we compare here against some startlingly well-established opponents only because we know it to be good enough to compete – is but one fresh chapter in a story that will get better, we believe, in years to come. We know already that there's an even

more muscular front-engined V8 road car due from Ginetta "some time early next year". Beyond that, who knows how far, or how fast, Britain's most exciting new sports car company might develop over the coming decades?

Company boss Lawrence Tomlinson, a typically single-minded Yorkshireman, has both the engineering vision and, more important, the financial wherewithal to take Ginetta to the stars and back. He seems unusually determined to succeed, too, and has a track record in business that's as breathtaking as it is obvious.

In the here and now, though, what matters most is how his company's second new road car in as many months squares up to its chosen competition. And as you can see, the £68,000, 310bhp 3.7-litre V6 G60 →