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# Rapport

AT THE BRITISH GRAND PRIX, you will be witnessing another very special event — the public launch of a brand new British sports car — the Rapport Forté.

The new Rapport Forté can be seen on practice days outside the Grovewood Suite and, prior to the Grand Prix, it will be demonstrated on the track by Mark Thatcher.

The Rapport Forté is a convertible with a difference. Instead of a "rag" top, Rapport's development team headed by Chris Humberstone, have produced a revolutionary patented roof which breaks new ground for sports car design. At the press of a button, the aluminium and steel roof disappears into the boot space. This operation, which includes the automatic raising and lowering of the boot section, is carried out by a highly sophisticated electro-hydraulic system.

The "convertible" roof also includes an electronically operated moonroof to give fresh air at the high speeds at which the Forté can travel. These high speeds owe much to the tremendous attention which has been paid to the aerodynamics of the Forté. Whilst it has a low front, it still has very acceptable dimensions for the driver and passengers — a real four-seater, not a 2 + 2.

In developing the aerodynamic styling, Rapport have designed a new headlight arrangement. This comprises an airfoil section which conceals the upper portion of the four rec-

tangular headlamps and is electrically raised to allow full beam. This arrangement overcomes the drag and tendency to vibrate at high speeds which is associated with pop-up lamps. A separate wash-wipe is included in the system.

The Rapport you are seeing is fitted with a Jaguar XJS engine — this makes it a powerful car. For even higher performance, a twin-turbo V12 engine can be installed; if economy is wanted, then there is the option of either the 3.4 or 4.2 unit which are also available with turbo-charging.

The interior of the car reflects the ultimate in British craftsmanship and incorporates the use of Connolly hide and suede, burr walnut veneers and lambswool rugs. Inertia belts operate from within the seats thus avoiding the inherent problem with two-door cars when entering the rear seats — getting tangled up in the belts.

All the normal appointments expected in a quality sports car are there — air conditioning, electric windows, central door locking, automatic transmission and hi-fi system are all standard equipment.

The Forté is destined to win orders from discerning clients throughout the world, especially since its low volume production will ensure a high degree of exclusivity.

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