

Far out roadster designed for star

An all new, customized 1926 "Touring T" roadster, especially built for David Cassidy, star of the TV series "The Partridge Family," went on exhibit at the International Championship Speed and Custom Auto shows throughout the country beginning in January.

Carl Casper, one of the country's leading automotive stylists and builders, created the vehicle, valued at \$35,000, especially for Cassidy.

"I designed the car to complement Cassidy's personality," Casper said. "The 1926 Model T is not only legal for street driving and completely practical for Cassidy's everyday use, but also its 700 horsepower, '426' super-charged hemi engine gives him plenty of additional power for an occasional trip on a Southern California dragstrip."

Construction of the car in Casper's Flint, Mich. factory took more than a year. The

roadster has a completely hand-built chassis featuring independent rear suspension, disc brakes and coil shocks.

The car's body gleams with more than 100 coats of hand rubbed, translucent acrylic lacquer, in 21 shades ranging

from "royal mood indigo purple" to "sapphire harbor blue," sprayed over an underbase mixture of crushed pearls, oriental fish scales and diamond dust.

The interior is crimson red, diamond-tufted, crushed velvet

upholstery in contrast to use Cassidy's "Touring T" on the television series next season.

Meanwhile, millions of Cassidy fans and car buffs are viewing the car at auto shows across the country.

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