

A TO Z



SURREY CAR MAKER AC (WHICH ORIGINALLY STOOD FOR AUTO CARRIERS) HAS HAD A LONG AND RATHER CHEQUERED CAREER, NOT IN ONLY MAKING VEHICLES WHICH SPANNED THE MEEK PETITE INVALID CARRIAGE TO THE FEARSOME COBRA SPORTS CAR BUT ALSO IN TERMS OF CHANGES OF OWNERSHIP AND FINANCIAL STABILITY.



IN ITS LATEST INCARNATION IT HAS JUST BEGUN TO MAKE THE GT378 AND I WAS LUCKY TO COME ACROSS ONE OF THE FEW EXTANT PARKED OUTSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE AT BROOKLANDS MUSEUM AT THE END OF APRIL. THE MODEL MADE ITS PUBLIC DEBUT AT THE GENEVA SHOW THIS YEAR AND WHILE IT HAS A LARGE AND POWERFUL GENERAL MOTORS V8 ENGINE THE ITALIAN

INTEREST LIES IN ITS ZAGATO COACHWORK. AS IS USUAL WITH THIS COACHBUILDER, POWERFUL AND AGGRESSIVE LINES BLEND WITH ITALIAN GOOD LOOKS TO CREATE A UNIQUE COMBINATION OF THE SORT WHICH HAS ALWAYS SET THIS DESIGN HOUSE APART.



AS AN ASIDE, IT IS INTERESTING THAT AC HERITAGE LTD IS NOW INSTALLED IN THE FORMER MEMBERS RESTAURANT AT THE TOP OF THE BROOKLANDS TEST HILL (WHICH HAD BEEN BOARDED UP FOR AT LEAST 25 YEARS), WHERE THEY RESTORE AND RECREATE THEIR CLASSIC MODELS.

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