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Updated, Third-Gen Honda Fit

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Honda has been offering their fit model for over a decade now, in Canada. It has sold well enough for the manufacturer to keep on offering it, and now, has just released an updated version of the third-generation model. Question is, is it any good?

I have never been a fan of the Fit. Yes, I recognized that it offers a lot of practicality, and is cheap to buy and cheap to run, but some of its competitors have been more exciting.

So, has the updated, third-generation Fit finally become an exciting sub-compact?

From a styling point of view, it has certainly improved. The new "Sport" trim takes design inspiration from the new Honda Civic Type-R - minus the giant



rear wing- and hence I think it looks a very cool. It certainly looks like an eager little urban warrior, which is the ideal role for such a vehicle. The interior carries over the sporty theme, with nice seats and a clean design that offers quite a lot of kit for a sub-compact car. My tester had a touchscreen infotainment system with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, although the 180-watt sound system left a lot to be desired.

But, the Fit was never about gadgets, instead, it focuses on a

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Saleen Relaunches S7, Will Only Build Seven Units!

Saleen Automotive, Inc. has reasserted its dominance in the supercar market with the unveiling of the 1300-horsepower Saleen S7 Le Mans (LM) Edition at the recent LA Auto Show.

The S7R race version has won at every major racetrack in the world, including Daytona, Sebring, Nurburgring, and the prestigious 24 Hours of Le Mans. The S7 LM Edition commemorates that seven-year run of consecutive racing victories of its Saleen S7 Supercar. The S7 street version has also starred in several Hollywood blockbusters, including being driven by "God" in Bruce Almighty.

Steve Saleen previously announced the planned build of this extraordinary supercar. The car unveiled at the recent LA Auto Show is the fulfillment of the first of the special edition S7 LMs. "True to our form, we are bringing back America's only true supercar," said Steve Saleen, CEO of Saleen Automotive. "We are celebrating our winning heritage and advancing the performance DNA that Saleen was built around."

A 7.0L twin-turbo engine, rated at 1300 horsepower, will power the new S7 LM supercar. Each one is being hand built at Saleen's Corona, CA, headquarters. The S7 LM's transmission is a longitudinal, 6-speed all-synchromesh with limited-slip differential. It also has a metallic clutch with 8.0-inch twin-disc hydraulic actuation bow-through uprights.

The S7 LM has an all-new, ex-



clusive Black/Silver paint scheme with clear-coated carbon fiber. The chassis is comprised of 4130 Lightweight Steel Space frame with Honeycomb Composite panels.

The S7 LM has advanced wind tunnel developed aerodynamics including integrated split-channel airflow throughout the car, full underside aerodynamics, advanced design front tray and side skirts, full-body-width rear spoiler, and front and 335/30/ZR20 rears.

The S7 LM is well equipped with safety features including, but not limited to, integrated roll protection, aluminum honeycomb impact-absorbing panels, 3-point seat belts with automatic pretensioner, and aluminum honeycomb front crush structure with integrated rear crumple zones.

Interior convenience and comfort treatments feature a high-volume flow-through ventilation system, A/C, rear view video camera with interior LCD display, 240 MPH speedometer, race-inspired central-mounted digital tachometer with S7R-style shift lights, fully adjustable tilt and telescoping steering column, power windows and door locks, keyless remote for doors and rear trunk, variable intermittent windshield wipers, electric heated front windshield, remote engine hatch and fuel filler door releases, and the latest in sound systems.

Standard interior trim includes black Alcantara with multi-tone leather and suede. The S7 LM is also equipped with performance sport seating, aluminum and color accents, custom-fitted driver seating position, and a dual leather and Alcantara suede steering wheel. Also included is the special LM-edition trim.

The Saleen S7 LM is priced at (US\$1,000,000,000). With a mere seven in production, this is the ultimate collector supercar.

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