

## Ferrari resurrects a famous name for F40 successor

*But car may not come to U.S.*

**T**he latest rumblings from Maranello indicate the Ferrari F40 successor, due in 1991 (*AW*, Aug. 7), will be based on Ferrari's soon-to-debut 348 model.

Touted to have a longitudinally-mounted V8, the next generation supercar may also borrow the 348's 3.4-liter engine but expand its capacity to 4.0 liters. With the twin turbos attached, horsepower is expected to reach around 500, slightly higher than the non-catalytic version of the present F40, which is rated at 478 hp.

Styling cues for the new car include a discrete tail spoiler, no grillework on the side air inlets, taillights identical to the ones used on Ferrari's 512 BB and side mirrors borrowed from the 1984 288 GTO edition.

Ferrari may use the new car to debut its first four-wheel-drive system, currently undergoing testing under a Mondial T body. And a semi-automatic gearbox, (similar to the one used on the F1 car), along with an active suspension setup, may be wrapped into the package as well.

Ferrari says it will produce 400 of the F40 successors—more than the 272 GTOs, but less than the approximately 800 F40s now being produced. The car will either be called the 400 LM or simply the LeMans, but there's no word on whether it will be emission-modified for the U.S.

Insiders report, however, that while Ferrari still claims it will bring the F40 to America by the end of the year, EPA certification still looks to be a long way off. ■

## A screamer on the salt, mini pickup beats Porsche

*Speed record falls by 26 mph*



**E-production pickup breaks 928's record**

**T**he Advanced Vehicle Engineering group of GMC Trucks has taken the E-production speed record away from Porsche at the Bonneville Salt Flats—with a pickup truck.

After three days of record-setting runs, driver Don Stringfellow established a 197 mph top speed and a 194.770 average with the modified GMC S-15 mini pickup. And the GMC boys didn't shave the record by mere tenths, but shattered it, topping the 171 mph mark Al Holbert set in a Porsche 928 S4 in '86 by 26 mph. ■