FORMULA STUDENT

Institution of Mechanical Engineers



Congratulations to the **University of Surrey**

FOR PARTICIPATING IN FORMULA STUDENT 2008

The University of Surrey is entering its second Formula Student Competition. Following on from its first entry in 2006, the team decided to change its main objective concerning the aerodynamics instead looking at detailed research into maximising vehicle dynamics through improvement of the stiffness to weight ratio of the chassis and suspension kinematical analysis.

The team has several research tools at its disposal, but were keen to test, modify and develop the vehicle dynamics on a 'live' running vehicle. As a consequence, a full set of sensors have been placed on the vehicle to monitor several key parameters. As a result the 2008 car serves as a research aid helping us achieve optimised vehicle dynamics for the 2009 vehicle, as well as providing a significant platform for the future team to develop the current design in terms of chassis and engine performance.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the team's six members, the car was built to Class 2 requirements ahead of schedule. Consequently the vehicle now exceeds the Class 2 requirements and meets almost all the conditions to satisfy a Class 1 entry. With the incredible progress achieved by such a small group this year, the University of Surrey team is looking forward to a highly productive year developing a competitive 2009 vehicle.









Length/width/height/wheelbase 2680mm/1420mm/1270mm/1700mm

Track (front/rear)

Weight including 68kg driver (front/rear) 146kg/210kg

Suspension (front/rear)
Unequal length A-Arms. Push rod
+ Rocker actuated Hagon

Tyres (front/rear) 20x6.5 - 13 R065 Goodyear

spring/damper units

Wheels (front/rear)
Keizer alloy 13" x 150mm – 37mm
offset, 7mm thick 6061 aluminium

Brakes (front/rear) AP Racing 258mm

Frame type
Steel tube space frame with bolted
aluminium floor panels, FS Compliant
Mild steel tube – cold drawn seamless

1997 Honda CBR 600

Bore/stroke/cylinders/cc 65.0 x 45.2mm/4 cylinder/600 cc

Fuel
98 octane petrol (Shell Optimax)

Fuel system

Max power/max torque 12,000rpm/10,100rpm

Transmission/differential/final drive Chain #520/Quaife Ford Fiesta ATB/ Adjustable between 3.15 – 3.77 by sprocket changes. Using 3.77