Photos: Single-seat Italian supercar with 400 hp heads to global auction stage

Giampaolo Dallara's rare street-legal Monoposto blends track-focused design with a 400 hp turbocharged engine.

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2024 Dallara MPS 'Macchina Posto Singolo' *RM Sotheby's*

A rare, pandemic-born supercar is about to hit the auction block. In April 2026, a one-off creation by legendary Italian engineer Giampaolo Dallara will go under the hammer, with expectations of crossing $800,000.

The single-seat machine, built during the COVID-19 lockdown in Italy, blends track-focused engineering with road legality, making it a standout collector's item.

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While much of the world slowed down during the pandemic, Dallara and his small team stayed creative. Confined by restrictions, they turned their attention to designing something unique. The result was an extreme single-seater that reflects the brand's racing DNA.

Unlike typical production cars, this project was never meant for mass manufacturing. It was built as a passion-driven experiment, combining engineering precision with bold styling.

Dallara's career spans decades across elite automotive brands. He contributed to icons at Ferrari, Maserati, and Lamborghini, and even worked on Formula 1 projects for De Tomaso. This deep racing heritage is evident in the new one-off. Every design element focuses on performance and driver engagement.

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Inspired by an earlier icon

The car, officially called the MPS "Macchina Posto Singolo," draws inspiration from the company's earlier model, the SP1000. Like that car, it features a single-seat layout aimed at delivering a pure driving experience. Its bright white carbon-fiber body also mirrors the brand's design language, while keeping weight to a minimum.

Designed for aerodynamic efficiency

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One of the most noticeable changes is at the front. Engineers reduced its size to improve airflow and overall efficiency. This adjustment enhances stability at high speeds. The car's sculpted and flowing bodywork was shaped with the help of designer Andrea Guerri, giving it a futuristic yet functional look.

Strong influence from the Stradale

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The one-off model also borrows key elements from the Dallara Stradale. This includes the steering wheel and mechanical parking brake system. By combining parts from an existing road car with experimental design ideas, the team created a bridge between track and street driving.

Turbocharged performance under the hood

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Power comes from a 2.3-liter turbocharged engine derived from Ford. The unit produces about 400 horsepower. It is paired with a six-speed automated manual transmission, offering quick shifts and responsive acceleration.

Lightweight build and speed potential

The Stradale platform, which weighs around 1,880 pounds, gives a good idea of the performance potential. It can accelerate from 0 to 60 mph in about 3.3 seconds and reach a top speed near 174 mph. With its single-seat layout and optimized aerodynamics, the new model is expected to deliver an even sharper driving experience.

From concept to collector’s item

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Dallara Automobili has been building cars since 1972, but the Stradale marked a major step into road-legal performance vehicles. The idea for that model began in 2015, with design support from Granstudio. This one-off takes that vision further, turning it into a rare and highly desirable collector’s piece.

Auction with a meaningful cause

The car will be auctioned by RM Sotheby's on April 2 with no reserve. Proceeds will go to the Caterina Dallara Foundation. The foundation supports social and cultural development in the Val Ceno region. It was created in memory of Dallara's daughter, who passed away in 2007.

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