

Press Information

New Drift Project:

Because of the Lockdown ST Drifter Steve "Baggsy" Biagioni builds a 1.000 bhp Nissan Navara R Drift Car

Fichtenberg (Germany), May 28th, 2020 – ST suspensions, Steve "Baggsy" Biagioni, and their partners are modifying a standard Nissan Navara pick-up truck into a race car for the upcoming drift season. The suspension manufacturer, KW automotive, draws on its development experience and production of suspensions for pick-up trucks and mid-size trucks for the North American market as well as the original equipment of the Mercedes-Benz G500 4x4². The 2.3-liter production diesel engine will be replaced by a bi-turbo V8 from the Nissan GT-R with over 1000 hp. For further information please visit www.sbmotorsport.co.uk and www.st-suspensions.net

SB Motorsport founder and ST brand ambassador, Stephen "Baggsy" Biagioni says "This project has always been on the cards for SB Motorsport, ever since our initial GT-R project. With racing currently on hold this was the break we needed to re-visit the idea and bring it to fruition. We have the best partners and they share our vision to create another great vehicle that will challenge the normalities of what's possible, this is going to be an exciting mix of performance meets practicality." The base is a Nissan pick-up truck and it will be latest drifting action ST figurehead for the comprehensive ST customization range. The Navara will be slammed with an ST suspensions customized drift spec heavy duty Coilover suspension kit. "With the Navara-R we are building a bridge to our ST customization program", says KW automotive founder and managing director Klaus Wohlfarth. "Already today we have set a strong mark in all markets with our customization options". ST height adjustable springs and ST coilover suspension kits are available to be ordered in 18 different colors. The springs for various kits are also available with custom markings. This is not all you can expect from ST in the year to come, we can expect further interesting customization options. With its three-way adjustable ST dampers and high-performance racing springs, the suspension kit can keep the over 1000 HP pick-up truck body safely on the road during high-speed drift maneuvers. The more lateral forces a suspension can control, the higher cornering speeds can be driven. In the current drift sport, drifts are deliberately initiated at speeds above 150 km/h. Accordingly, this sport places the highest demands on tires and suspension components. The KW automotive damper technology used in the ST suspensions drifting suspension kit has already proven itself in international GT3 touring car motorsports. The development of suspension components for pick-up trucks is also no unknown territory for the suspension manufacturer. Since 2005, KW automotive has been offering various suspension components exclusively on the most popular pick-up trucks in the USA market.

Maybe the "Navara-R Pick-up-Drift-Truck" will also play a big role in the next "Driftenberg-Video". Besides Steve "Baggsy" Biagioni, Ken Block, the Hoonigan Racing driver and Gymkhana athlete, as well as Formula-D-Drifters, are among the ST suspensions brand ambassadors to position the KW automotive brand in all-important aftermarket markets. For further information please visit www.st-suspensions.net

Captions:

*001.jpg + *002.jpg: The first renderings of the Nissan Navara R already are a blast. Crazy is the fact that the more than 1,000 hp competition vehicle is to receive a road approval in Great Britain.

*003.jpg: Steve "Baggsy" Biagioni (on the left in the picture) with his pit crew, who in the daily business at SB Motorsport in England also builds up customer vehicles for road and drift sports.

*004.jpg: Almost nothing remains untouched by the Navara conversion. At SB Motorsport, the 2.3-liter production diesel gives way to a V6 BiTurbo from the Nissan GT-R.

*005.jpg: The Navara R will be the first Nissan pick-up truck to be converted for drifting in Europe.

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*008.jpg: The development and production of pick-up truck suspension components is no unknown territory for the Swabian suspension manufacturer. KW automotive has been developing chassis components for the North American market with its US chassis brand Belltech since 2005.

*009.jpg - *012.jpg: ST suspensions have already made a strong mark in all markets with its customization options. The ST coil springs and ST coilover suspensions can already be ordered in 18 different colors. The springs on various ST coilovers and height-adjustable springs are also available with optional labeling. And that's by no means all - more interesting suspension customization options will appear in this year.

*013.jpg: (picture middle) ST brand ambassador Ken Block and KW automotive managing director and founder Klaus Wohlfarth with US employees of KW's California office.

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About KW automotive:

Part of the company group KW automotive GmbH are besides KW suspensions also the brands ST suspensions, LSD Doors and RaceRoom. KW suspensions is market leader and innovator of individual suspension solutions for the street and racing applications. Sporty drivers rely on KW coilover kits with its five damping variants, as well as on the Nürburgring Nordschleife tested KW Clubsport coilover kits, which are street legal and have a technical component report. Worldwide successful racing teams rely on the patented valve technology of KW Competition suspensions, the seven-time overall winner of the 24-hour Race Nürburgring (2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2018) winner of the 24-hour Race Dubai 2017, ADAC GT Masters 2018, ADAC TCR Germany 2018 and the Bathurst 12-hour Race 2019. With its large portfolio of suspension kits, modern production technology, development- and test center, KW has been succeeding for more than 20 years in markets around the world. The delivery program of ST suspensions with springs, sport dampers, sport suspensions, coilover kits, wheel spacers, lift kits and anti-sway bars combines leading KW-technology for the road with the best price-performance ratio. World-wide, the company group has more than seven international subsidiaries in the most important markets like China, Japan, Switzerland, Taiwan and the US. www.st-suspensions.net

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