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SALEEN CUSTOMER TEAMS PLAN THIRD SUCCESSFUL SEASON
Three Saleen S7Rs to Challenge the GM Goliaths at Sebring

SEBRING, Fla., March 13, 2003 -- How can one marquee accomplish so much in just its first two years of competition as the Saleen S7R has? Start with a magnificent car; blend in 20 years of manufacturing prowess and top that off with seven straight GTS Championships and you have the ingredients for a spectacular race season.

This was virtually the same lead as last year.

In its inaugural race season, Saleen S7R customer teams earned 27 poles, set 27 fastest laps and won 19 out of 32 races in four race series on two continents. This success resulted in Saleen teams winning four GTS Drivers' Championships and several Manufacturers' and Team Championships in the American Le Mans Series (ALMS), Grand-Am, British and Spanish GT, a record unequalled in sports car racing annals. The Drivers' Champions included Terry Borcheller in the ALMS, Chris Bingham in the Grand-Am, Ian McKellar, Jr. in the British GT and Carlos Palau in the Spanish GT.

So what about the sophomore jinx? In spite of restrictions imposed by the ACO, Saleen S7R customer teams continued to set records with 21 poles, 23 fastest laps and 18 wins in 40 races resulting in three GTS Drivers' Championships and several more Team and Manufacturers' Championships in the ALMS, Grand-Am, British and Spanish GT. Chris Bingham repeated as the Grand-Am GTS Drivers' Champion, while Tommy Erdos (British GT) and Pedro Chaves and Miguel Ramos (Spanish GT) were crowned champions.

Franz Konrad returns with two Konrad Motorsports' Saleen S7Rs for the 51st annual 12 Hours of Sebring, an event that he and Borcheller won two years ago and finished second last year in spite of the major ACO restrictions. Joining Konrad is Graham Nash Motorsports, champion of the British and Spanish GT Championships the past two years.

In 2003, Saleen teams plan to contest the ALMS and the Spanish GT season for the third straight year, as well as qualifying for the FIA GT Championship for the first time.

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