



Donkervoort D8 235 E



Donkervoort make Lotus Seven style sportscars, nothing unique there, dozens of other would-be car manufacturers do as well. What is unique about Donkervoort is that they out engineer all the others - including Caterham and Westfield, and they use Audi engines, and they have held the lap record for Nurburgring. Therefore a Donkervoort is simply the best 7 style sportscar money can buy. The thing is, it will take quite a considerable amount of that money.

The Dutch are good car builders, they build unique cars.... just take Spyder. It is amazing how the collective mindset of a country displays itself though the types of cars they make. I am sure there is a good article in me on that topic. Here in Australia we are defined by our 4-door Muscle Cars.

I have always been a fan of the D8 GT, which is the model that set the 'Ring record. It is a closed coupe version that looks like a cross between a 7 and a chopped 34 Ford Tudor rod, a successful cross. The D8 GT will be a future COTD when I source suitably good images.

What we have here is Donkervoort's latest model, the D8 235 E, a reworked and evolutionary model - it's a Se7en that should really go without saying.. The 235 E gets tweaks to the intake and exhaust of the 1.8 litre 5 valve Audi in-line 4, and a remapped ECU, the result is a 25 hp increase to 235 hp. Not bad for a 600 kg car.

The rest remains pretty much the same, just refined. The suspension is double wishbones, coil springs, adjustable shock absorbers, anti-roll bar, the rear

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- Audi 1.8 litre
- 5-valve
- in-line 4
- 235 hp
- 600kg

also uses trailing arm. The body is Aluminium and fiberglass over a steel tube frame.

Also remaining the same is motorcycle performance with four wheels.

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Donkervoort D8 235 E	
Year	2010
ENGINE	
Configuration	in-line 4
Layout	Front Mid Longitudinal
Induction	Natural
Valvetrain	DOHC, 5 Valves
Fuel feed	Direct Fuel Injection
Displacement	1781 cc 108.7 cu in
Bore	81.0 mm 3.2 in
Stroke	86.4 mm 3.4 in
Compression	95:1
Power	235 hp
BODY	
Aluminium and fibreglass body steel spaceframe	
Weight	600 kg
DRIVE	
Rear Wheel Drive	
Transmission	5 speed Manual
SUSPENSION	
Front	Double wishbones with trailing arm coil springs, adjustable shock absorbers, anti-roll bar
Rear	Double wishbones, coil springs, adjustable shock absorbers, anti-roll bar

