

Comments on the Sonic7 by Ian Stent, editor of Complete Kit Car magazine Dec 09

despite being outgunned in both power and cost by the other two contenders here, we know the Sonic7 could well walk away with the top spot

The car feels very light on the road and the performance is certainly brisk, especially as the revs climb both of us managed to drive swiftly in the car once we began to relax a bit.

The reality is that in most instances it's perfectly capable and offers a lightness and softness that's ideal for more regular drives.

It's an easy car to enjoy and use

there's bag of space in here and once again the steering is adjustable and it's easy to get comfortable. Indeed, Adam gave it the nod over the GD427.

While confidence was an issue, the brakes never let us down and stopped the lights MEV swiftly.

I think the Sonic7 is perhaps one of the best designs we've seen for many years. It's thoroughly modern, youthful and looks great from any angle. That's a very clever trick to pull off and is almost certainly why MEV has found the Sonic7 appealing to younger audiences, who possibly wouldn't consider the old-school looks of the other two replicas here. Brilliant.

on practicality - the MEV is far better than you might expect for a car with no roof and no easily accessible storage space.

The cockpit is the most spacious of our contenders

The quality of the fibreglass on the MEV is excellent, with the two-tone colour scheme part of the gelcoat finish, so it should prove hard wearing too. Its simple design also helps to eliminate unwanted shakes and rattles.

That any kit car should look this fresh, be based around a modern donor and offer such blistering performance means it's superb value when the factory quotes just £6000 to build a car to this standard, save for the engine tweaks.

The Sonic7 is a corking kit car and remains a prime contender in the sub £10,000 kit car market.

all three of these cars should be at the top of your wish list if they fall anywhere near to the criteria you have set yourself for your next project.

congratulations to MEV, Gardner Douglas and Westfield for producing three terrific and disparate examples of the kit car art form