DET NEWS: Cobra Jet Mustangs to zoom out of Flat Rock plant

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Ford Racing will build 50 turn-key 2012 Cobra Jet Mustangs at its Flat Rock plant, and one can be yours — fully loaded — for just a hair under \$104,000. The 2012 CJ options are Race Red, Grabber Blue and Winner White, each with coordinated graphics.

"The enthusiast who races the 2012 Cobra Jet can be competitive at virtually any event, from their local track up through NHRA Stock or Super Stock classes," said George Goddu, business manager of Ford Racing Performance Group.

Like its predecessors in 2008 and 2010, this factory-built race car is intended for NHRA Stock and Super Stock racing, but can be driven in other races by sanctioning bodies such as NMRA, NMCA, PSCA and IHRA.

The 2012 CJ will come with all of the features of the 2010 car, including a full race-prepared automatic transmission, drag race-specific shocks and springs, manual steering and brakes, 8.50 certified rollcage and an Aeromotive return-style fuel system with trunk-mounted fuel cell. For 2012, the Cobra Jet features a 5.4-liter supercharged engine based on the 2011 SVT Mustang with two supercharger options: a 2.3-liter TVS unit or a 4.0-liter Ford Racing Whipple supercharger. Each vehicle has an aluminum block engine, standard automatic transmission, double-keyed crankshaft, Manley H-beam connecting rods, low-drag racing brakes and optimized spring rates for the front and rear.

The Cobra Jet also will feature black anodized Cobra Jet wheels from Weld Racing and a new compound tire with unique Cobra Jet branding from Goodyear. For racers who want to build their own cars, there is a Mustang Competition Roller.