Silvermine 11SR track car takes shape



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If it seems to you like every country in the Western Hemisphere is making its own track car these days, that's because they probably are. And now we have another on our hands in the form of the Silvermine 11SR.

Previewed earlier this year, the Silvermine 11SR hails from the Netherlands. It's the brainchild of engineer and maritime designer Frank van Rouendal, who designed the chassis and – rather than start with the exterior design and build its underpinnings to suit – commissioned Marco and Andries van Overbeeke to pen the bodywork. Standing in stark contrast to the contemporary lines adopted by most track cars, the van Overbeeke brothers went with a more old-school approach reminiscent of classic racers from the 1950s, '60s and '70s.

Underneath the retro bodywork sits a longitudinally mounted 3.0-liter boxer-six sourced from Subaru, churning out 325 horsepower through a six-speed sequential gearbox and a limited slip differential. 17-inch alloys are fitted to an adjustable suspension and damper with competition-spec brakes. While the 325-hp version will be limited to track use, a street version will be offered with 225 hp and a five-speed synchromesh gearbox and 16-inch wheels.

Each individually numbered chassis will take about six months to complete, with deliveries slated to commence early next year.