





swapped the stock (for the Hammer) Pirelli P700s at the rear for a pair of Goodyear slicks. After heating the slicks by doing several burnouts in a puddle of water, our test driver was able to bring the 0-60 time down to less than 5 sec, acceleration that puts the Hammer in the same lofty league as the Ferrari Testarossa and Lamborghini Countach.

Parked among the throng of low-slung 2-seat

exotics gathered for our World's Fastest test, the 4-door, relatively upright Hammal didn't appear to be in its element. It astous everyone, though, by blasting through the Volkswagen's Ehra-Lessien test track at mph, without undue drama, without fraise the driver's nerves. "This car, for a big con able sedan that you could drive to church, markably steady at these speeds," said for Champion Phil Hill. "It certainly thorough engineering job to work so these conditions."

incredible performance, but not with-As experienced race car drivers are Speed costs money; how fast do In the case of the 6.0-liter Hampared to shell out \$175,000-a huge but with only 10 or so Hammers America and only 30 more in the world, yours should be the only one Although the engines are assem-MG's shop just outside Stuttgart, you the rest of your car built stateside at North America (233 W. Ogden Ave, 60559; 800 652-2366), or order Beverly Hills Motoring Accessories Blvd, Beverly Hills, Calif. 11 657-4800).

to offer more performance to clihad for still more acceleration. In the a new Bosch-Motronic fuel-injection should be good for an additional 40 Self a Cietrag 5-speed manual transmission. to earlier Hammers. see thent can't buy and what the Hammer deserted stretch of Autobahn—the to take a firm grip on the wheel, open the way, and feel the exhilaration the scenery and road signs change able objects to a splendid blur. 🚱

U.S. SPECIFICATIONS

Price	\$175,000
Curb weight, lb	
Wheelbase, in	110.2
Track, front/rear	58.9/58.6
Length	
Width	
Height	54.1
Fuel capacity, U.S. gal	
ENGINE	
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...dohc 4-valve V-8 .. 3.94 x 3.73/100.0 x 94.8 Bore x stroke, in./mm..... Displacement, cu in./cc..... Compression ratio .375@5500 Bhp@rpm, SAE net Torque @ rpm, lb-ft. ..407 @ 4000 Bosch K-Jetronic Fuel injection.

DRIVETRAIN

Transmission	4-sp automatic
Gear ratios: 4th (1.00)	
3rd (1.44)	
2nd (2.41)	5.40:1
1st (3.68)	
Final-drive ratio	2.24:1

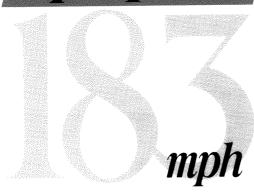
CHASSIS & BODY . front engine/rear drive

Layout

Brake system 11.2-in. vented discs fron
10.2-in. vented discs rear; vacuum assist, ABS
Wheels cast alloy, 17 x
TiresPirelli P700; 215/45VR-17 front, 235/45VR-17 rea
Steering type recirculating ball, power assis Turns, lock-to-lock
Suspension, front/rear: MacPherson struts, lower A-arms, co springs, tube shocks, anti-roll bar/5-link, coil springs, tube
shocks, anti-roll bar

With 407 lb-ft of torque on hand, an indiscreet prod of the throttle will produce expensive tire smoke (above). Interior revisions (left) include 320km/h speedometer, AMG steering wheel and optional Recaro seats.

Top Speed



5.2 sec .11.5 sec 0-100 mph Standing 1/4 mile, .13.6 @ 109.5 sec @ mph