

GM Performance Parts Is Offering Their Newest Crate Engine

Don't let the CT designation—short for circle track—fool you. The GM Performance Parts CT525 engine looks like a darn good choice for road racing. From NASA Super Touring and Time Trial to SCCA's bigbore sportsman classes, we think the CT525 will end up in far more road racers than roundy-round cars.

Plucked from the Corvette assembly line, the CT525 starts life as a 430-horsepower, 6.2-liter LS3. Even the stock CT525 is born with inherent race engine features, like an aluminum block with

an aluminum block w cross-bolted mains and high-flow aluminum cylinder heads. To achieve the nearly 100-horsepower bump to 525 horsepower, GM engineers add a racing spec hydraulic

roller cam, matching valvetrain, and single plane intake manifold. An ATI Super Damper bolsters safety and reliability.

GM's LS3 engine architecture offers room to grow as well. With just a cam swap and the addition of headers, compression, and race fuel, 700 horsepower is entirely realistic. As shipped, the CT525's only drawback is its "left turn only" oil pan. However, road race oil system alternatives are readily available from Moroso, Canton, Peterson Fluid Systems and a variety of other sources.

And the cost? Macroeconomics meets motorsports, as the engine's production roots keep the sticker price below \$10,000.

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