

S281

S281-E

SUPERCHARGED

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S281-E  
425HP



MOVE IT

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SALEEN

RACING IS THE NAME OF THE GAME.  
IF SPEED WASN'T IMPORTANT THEY WOULDN'T CALL IT THE HUMAN RACE. 110 1100  
Ferraris for BREAKFAST, Porsches for

PRESENTING  
A CAR NO SENSIBLE PERSON  
WOULD EVER OWN.



S281 SUPERCHARGED

365

AGILITY

You'll swear it runs on adrenaline.

FINAL LAP. RACE FANS, IT LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER VICTORY.

WARNING: Saleen, Inc. does NOT encourage or condone unsafe or illegal driving. ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SEATBELT.

## THE SALEEN S281 SUPERCHARGED SPEEDSTER

If your idea of a perfect car is a sedan, stop reading right now. Because a Saleen is as far from that as you can get. A supercharged S281 is about just one thing and one thing only – performance. Based on the Saleen that's won five sports car championships in the last

five years, it features a Saleen Roots style supercharged, 365 HP 4.6L V8

# COOL.

that puts common sense deep in your rear view mirror. With overhead cams, aluminum heads, a Saleen water-to-air intercooler and Saleen PowerFlash Performance Calibration of its "black box," this intense powerplant makes the S281 one of the fastest vehicles sold in the U.S. Have we gone a bit over the edge? Isn't that what you had in mind?

HORSEPOWER  
AGILITY HERITAGE



It began back in kindergarten. "A bright child," they said,



4-piston calipers that grab 13" slotted front discs. After all, when you're moving around at high speeds, you want a damn good set of brakes.\*

"but somewhat hard to control." Well thank God. The

countless mundane vehicles are for those who stay in line

Refinements like the Saleen Speedlab fully integrated water-to-air intercooled supercharger, with its own heat exchanger, and Saleen's ultra-high flow inlet tube mean cooler, denser air is fed to the engine. More power. More speed.\*



– leaving Saleens for those who truly deserve them.

\*Optional equipment

TWO WORDS PUT THE ENTIRE RIDE  
INTO PERSPECTIVE. **HANG ON.**



1101 AT 100-plus mph.



ACCELERATION SPEED  
 HANDLING  
 CORNERING CONTROL

It's no wonder THE COMPETITION SEEMS BLURRED. 0001001100111101010000011011000100010

0-150mph-0 stats: SALEEN 31.1 seconds, Porsche 45.2.

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IT DEFILES ALL LOGICAL FORCES - PHENOMEMAL TRACTION; WHITE-KNUCKLE SPEED.



SURE IT'S VANITY, BUT VANITY WITH A PURPOSE. 100101 10000000 Think of it as a RACECAR without the Stickers. 010 110100100

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What the Hell, your neighbors deserve to be envious.



HCI

'96  
'87 '97  
'98



Racing

SALEEN-ALLEN  
100101 10000000

Lion  
Rio Janeiro  
Tony Kerschbeller

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PAT

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PERFORMANCE DRIVEN. RACE INSPIRED. 11 100 0000011011000 THIS IS WHAT GUY HAD IN MIND WHE HE CREATED MOTION.  
AERODYNAMICS taken to a higher form.

AT SPEED OR AT REST, THERE'S NOTHING  
SUBTLE ABOUT IT.

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IMPROVEMENT

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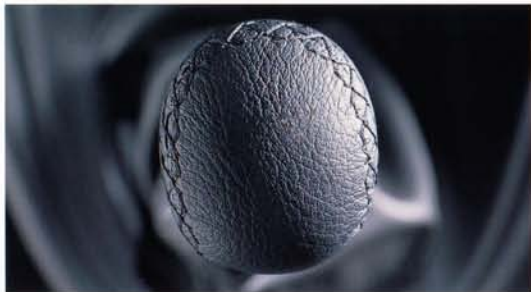


Any way you look at it, this thing screams performance. Up front, the race-proven Saleen air management fascia. Out back, a spoiler that adds real stability and an aero-functional rear fascia. Along the flanks, muscular Saleen scoops, C-pillars and side skirts. On the pavement, high performance Pirelli tires wrapped tightly around unique Saleen five spoke 18" x 9" alloy wheels. Cornering, Flat, and as fast as your skill dictates. Saleen Racecraft N2 shocks and struts, Saleen variable rate springs, huge stabilizer bars and specially calibrated settings make a suspension which is more than simply race-inspired. It was born and bred at the track. Can you handle it?



# Details tell you a lot about a vehicle. In this case think

## Precision.



## Intensity.



## Obsession.



One ride is all it takes to be blown away by a Saleen's performance. But even before you turn the key for that initial test run, you can sense the nature of this beast. The Saleen leather seats\* in the S281, for example, hug your body, prepared to hold you in position as you corner at speed. Sure they're comfortable; but it was G-forces that influenced their design.

Clearly this is a true enthusiast's environment. The pedals look like something straight from Blade Runner. And rightly so. After all, they link your enthusiasm toward the pavement with the white-faced 200-mph speedometer and the twitchy needle of the tach. Saleen body-colored door inserts\* accentuate interior details. And the gear shift features a shorter, tighter throw, so controlling the 5-speed transmission becomes seamless. This isn't a car you simply sit in. You strap it on.

SALEEN





'84 – First Saleen race car that started it all.



'87 – General Tire sponsored car that won manufacturers, drivers, team and tire championships.



'95 – Started Saleen/Allen (Tim Allen) "RRR" Speedlab.



'00 – Debut of Saleen S7 R.





# Heritage

With most automotive manufacturers, expect the typical story. A commitment a half-century old. Thousands upon thousands of contented drivers. Yada, yada, yada.

Now for the Saleen version.

Begin with 120° temperatures. Add grit. Sweat. And a smell of exhaust so strong it sears your nasal cavities. This – in addition to 277 racing victories – is what Steve Saleen brings to the limited number of vehicles he produces each year. Crafted to the most demanding specifications, each of these machines could hold their own in a run for the checkered flag. Because, to Steve Saleen, making cars is not about popularity or mass production. It's about performance.



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**S281 COUPE, CONVERTIBLE & SPEEDSTER****S281-E COUPE, CONVERTIBLE & SPEEDSTER****SR WIDEBODY (NOT PICTURED)****ENGINE**

281 cid (4.6L) 2V SOHC V-8  
 Horsepower - 285 @ 5100 / Torque - 320 ft. lbs. @ 4100  
 Compression ratio 8.2:1 / Bore and stroke - 3.60" x 3.60"  
 Saleen 2.5" stainless steel 4-way catalytic high flow exhaust with x-pipe  
 Saleen PowerFlash Performance Calibration  
**OPTIONAL:**  
 Saleen Series II Roots style supercharger, water-to-air intercooler,  
 Horsepower - 365 hp @ 5000 / Torque - 400 ft. lbs. @ 3000,  
 Saleen 356-T6 cast aluminum manifold, 30 lb./hr. fuel injectors,  
 Saleen PowerFlash Performance Calibration

281 cid (4.6L) Saleen Series V Roots Style Supercharged 2V SOHC V-8  
 Horsepower - 425 @ 6400 / Torque - 440 ft. lbs. @ 4000  
 Compression ratio 8.5:1 / Bore and stroke - 3.60" x 3.60"  
 Special forged steel crank, Saleen forged steel rods, Saleen forged  
 aluminum pistons, aluminum heads, Saleen special cam shafts, super  
 duty valve springs, 90mm mass-air sensor, Saleen special inlet tube and  
 manifold, Saleen water-to-air intercooler with heat exchanger, 42 lb./hr.  
 sequential electronic fuel injectors, hi-flow fuel pump, Saleen 2.5"  
 stainless steel 4-way catalytic high flow exhaust with x-pipe  
 Saleen PowerFlash Performance Calibration, 6500 RPM red line

351 cid (5.8L) Saleen Centrifugal Supercharged OHV 90 degree V-8  
 Horsepower - 495 @ 5400 / Torque - 490 ft. lbs. @ 3500  
 Compression ratio 8.2:1 / Bore and stroke - 4.00" x 3.50"  
 Sequential electronic fuel-injection, 65 mm throttle body, Saleen  
 upper/lower manifold, 80 mm mass-air sensor, 36 lb./hr. fuel  
 injectors, hydraulic roller camshaft and lifters, forged aluminum  
 pistons, aluminum heads, Saleen ceramic coated headers, Saleen 2.5"  
 stainless steel 4-way catalytic high flow exhaust, high flow fuel  
 pump, Saleen PowerFlash Performance Calibration, Saleen high  
 performance radiator

**DRIVETRAIN**

Saleen Quick Ratio 5-speed manual transmission  
 8.8" differential, 3.27:1 ratio  
**OPTIONAL:**  
 AOD 4-speed automatic transmission  
 3.55:1 ratio (N/A with supercharger)  
 Saleen MaxGrip differential

Saleen Quick Ratio 6-speed manual transmission,  
 11" aluminum flywheel with 11" Kevlar padded clutch disk  
 Revolutionary new Saleen MaxGrip speed sensitive  
 limited slip 8.8" differential with 3.27:1 ratio  
 Balanced custom driveshaft

Saleen Quick Ratio 6-speed manual transmission,  
 Saleen Salisbury type IRS differential, 3.55:1 ratio, with Dana 60 ring  
 and pinion, custom balanced driveshaft

**SUSPENSION**

Front: Hybrid MacPherson struts with Saleen's Racecraft system  
 including N2 struts, variable rate springs mounted on lower  
 control arms, 1.38" stabilizer bar with urethane pivot bushings,  
 specially calibrated suspension settings.  
 Rear: Live axle four bar link with Saleen Racecraft variable rate  
 coil-springs on lower trailing arms, stabilizer bar, Quadra shock  
 system with Saleen N2 shocks and axle dampers

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 coil-springs on boxed lower trailing arms, .94" stabilizer bar,  
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Front: Saleen independent uneven length double wishbone with Saleen  
 N2 triple adjustable shocks and adjustable sway bars  
 Rear: Saleen independent uneven length double wishbone with Saleen  
 N2 triple adjustable shocks and adjustable sway bars  
 Performance Enhancements: Unibody construction with roll cage and  
 suspension reinforcement, power assisted rack and pinion steering,  
 quick release steering wheel

**BRAKES**

Power 4-wheel ABS disc brakes  
 Front: 10.8" dual-piston vented disc / Rear: 10.5" disc  
**OPTIONAL:**  
 Saleen 13.0" grooved disc with 4-piston calipers

Power 4-wheel ABS disc brakes  
 Front: Saleen Type2, 13.0" slotted disc with 4-piston calipers  
 Rear: 10.5" disc

Power 4-wheel ABS disc brakes with integrated cooling ducts  
 Front: Saleen 14.7" metallic disc, 6-piston calipers  
 Rear: Saleen 14.0" metallic disc, 4-piston calipers

**WHEELS**

Saleen five spoke alloy wheels, Front / Rear: 18" x 9"  
**OPTIONAL:**  
 Rear: 18" x 10"  
 Chrome finish

Saleen five spoke alloy wheels  
 Front 18" x 9" Rear: 18" x 10"  
**OPTIONAL:**  
 Chrome finish

Saleen five spoke alloy wheels  
 Front: 18" x 10" / Rear: 18" x 11"

**TIRES**

High performance Pirelli P7000,  
 Front: P255/35 ZR-18, Rear: P265/35 ZR-18  
**OPTIONAL:**  
 High performance Pirelli PZero,  
 Front: P265/35 ZR-18, Rear: P295/35 ZR-18

High performance Pirelli P Zero,  
 Front: P265/35 ZR 18, Rear: P295/35 ZR 18

High performance Pirelli PZero,  
 Front: 285/30 ZR-18 / Rear: 335/30 ZR-18

## COLORS

### Saleen Optional Paint Colors

#### Exterior Color / Graphic Color / Wheel Color

Speedlab Yellow / Black / Silver

Saleen S7 Silver / Black / Silver

Lizstick Red / Silver / Silver

Pearl White / Black / White

Black Metallic / Silver / Silver

Beryllium / Silver / Silver

Extreme Blue / Silver / Silver

Bright Signature Red / Black / Silver



Speedlab Yellow



Saleen S7 Silver



Lizstick Red



Pearl White

### Saleen Extreme Rainbow Paint / Silver / Silver

A rainbow of clearcoat colors will set your Saleen apart from the ordinary. Ask for color chart.

### Standard Color Combinations

#### Exterior Color / Graphic Color / Wheel Color

Oxford White Clearcoat / Blue / White

Oxford White Clearcoat / Black / White

Torch Red Clearcoat / Silver / Silver

Torch Red Clearcoat / Gold\*\* / Chrome

Black Clearcoat / Silver / Silver

Black Clearcoat / Gold\*\* / Chrome

Laser Red Clearcoat / Silver / Silver

Laser Red Clearcoat / Gold\*\* / Chrome

Electric Green Clearcoat Metallic / Silver / Silver

Sonic Blue Clearcoat / Silver / Silver

Satin Silver Clearcoat Metallic / Black / Silver

True Blue Clearcoat Metallic / Silver / Silver

Zinc Yellow Clearcoat / Black / Silver

Mineral Grey Clearcoat Metallic / Black / Silver

Mineral Grey Clearcoat Metallic / Silver / Silver



Black Metallic



Beryllium



Extreme Blue



Bright Signature Red

Chrome wheels are available with all color combinations.

\*\*Only available with Tan interior color.

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**S281** COUPE, CONVERTIBLE & SPEEDSTER**S281-E** COUPE, CONVERTIBLE & SPEEDSTER**SR** WIDEBODY (NOT PICUTRED)**EXTERIOR**

Saleen front fascia  
 Saleen hood scoop  
 Saleen side skirts  
 Saleen side scoops  
 Saleen rear fascia  
 Saleen rear spoiler  
 Saleen C-pillar (coupe only)  
 Saleen lightweight hood (supercharged only)  
 Dual power mirrors  
 Interval wipers  
 Power top (convertible only)  
 281 badging  
 Saleen windshield tint band  
 Saleen graphics  
 Saleen Championship wreaths  
**OPTIONAL:**  
 Saleen Speedster (convertible only)  
 Saleen sport bar and soft conneau (convertible only)

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 Saleen lightweight hood  
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 Saleen side scoops  
 Saleen rear fascia  
 Saleen rear wing  
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Saleen composite hood  
 Saleen SR Widebody front fascia  
 Saleen SR Widebody front fenders  
 Saleen SR Widebody doors  
 Saleen side skirts  
 Saleen rear fascia  
 Saleen SR Widebody rear fenders  
 Saleen SR Widebody rear deck  
 Saleen SR Widebody rear wing  
 Saleen windshield tint band  
 Saleen graphics  
 Saleen Championship wreaths

**INTERIOR**

Saleen white-faced gauge cluster (200 M.P.H.)  
 Saleen/Racecraft shift knob  
 Saleen performance driving pedals  
 Serialization: console plaque, engine bay plaque, and front bumper  
 Articulated sport seats  
 Six-way power seats  
 Cassette radio with integral clock  
 Power window/lock/decklid  
 Tilt steering wheel  
 Twin gauge pod (supercharged only)  
 Saleen custom door panels  
 Saleen floor mats (front and rear)  
 Leather wrapped steering wheel  
**OPTIONAL:**  
 Leather seating surfaces  
 Saleen leather sport seats  
 Dash mounted six CD changer

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Saleen white-faced gauge cluster (200 M.P.H.)  
 Saleen Twin gauge pod  
 Leather-wrapped steering wheel  
 Saleen/Racecraft shift knob  
 Saleen Special Edition racing style leather seats  
 Integrated rear race tray  
 Roll bar  
 Serialization: console plaque, engine bay plaque, and front bumper  
 Saleen floor mats (front and rear)  
 Competition pedals  
**OPTIONAL:**  
 Safety harness

**SAFETY/SECURITY**

Second generation airbags  
 Securilock anti-theft  
 Remote keyless entry  
 24-hour roadside assist

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**OPTIONAL:**  
 2-point internal chassis brace  
 Lightweight rear race tray

**FUNCTIONAL**

Power rack pinion steering  
 CFC-free air conditioning

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 CFC-free air conditioning

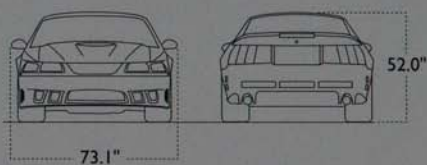
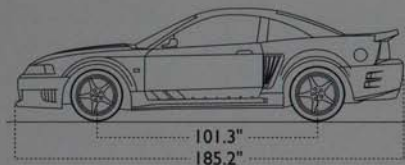


**S281 COUPE, CONVERTIBLE & SPEEDSTER****S281-E COUPE, CONVERTIBLE & SPEEDSTER****SR WIDEBODY (NOT PICUTRED)****DIMENSIONS / CAPACITIES**

	Coupe	Convertible
Wheelbase	101.3"	101.3"
Track, F/R	59.7" / 61.5"	59.7" / 61.5"
Width	73.1"	73.1"
Length	185.2"	185.2"
Height	52.0"	52.2"
Distribution, F/R	56 / 44	58 / 42
Curb Weight	3070 lbs.	3290 lbs.
Fuel tank	15.4 gallons	15.4 gallons
Trunk volume	10.8 cubic feet	10.8 cubic feet

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	Coupe
Wheelbase	101.3"
Track, F/R	65.24" / 63.84"
Width	78.5"
Length	187.0"
Height	50.0"
Distribution, F/R	54 / 46
Curb Weight	2750 lbs.
Fuel cell	22.0 gallons
Trunk volume	5.0 cubic feet



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