

The 2013 Shelby GT500 convertible offers an astounding 650 hp V8.

Shelby has link to the past

The official launch of the Special Vehicle Team (SVT) came during the 1992 Chicago Auto Show with the unveiling of the 1993 SVT Mustang Cobra and SVT F-150 Lightning.

Now Ford has returned to Chicago to celebrate its past and look to the future with the 2013 Shelby GT500 convertible.

In honour of SVT's anniversary, a commemorative lighted sill plate will be used in the 2013 Shelby GT500 to celebrate the many years of performance vehicles.

The 1993 SVT Mustang Cobra offered a 235horsepower 5.0-litre V8 engine, which demonstrates just how far the products have come in 20 years. The 2013 Shelby GT500 with its 650 hp V8 marks the latest offering from one of the oldest and most successful automotive performance groups in the world.

The 2013 Shelby GT500 convertible with the optional Performance Package is faster around a track than the outgoing model. The new convertible shaved nearly 3.5 seconds off its lap time at Sebring International Raceway compared to the 2011 and 2012 models.

Keys to the improved lap times are the power boost from the new 5.8-litre supercharged V8 producing 650 horsepower, as well as the SVTdesigned Bilstein electronic adjustable dampers available on the Performance Package and the all-new chassis tuning.

Accessed on the dash with a simple push of a button, normal mode gives customers a more comfortable ride over road irregularities.

Sport mode is all about performance, delivering improved response time on the track and less body roll while cornering with reduced pitch under braking.

The upgraded dampers allowed SVT engineers to tune the convertible more aggressively for the track, while still being able to maintain desirable on-road manners.

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