

LOST MARQUES

Maxton



In 1992, US vintage racer Bob Sutherland began series production of his Maxton Rollerskate after a run of prototypes. Starting with a Chris Lawrence design, the car was rebuilt and re-engineered with a body by Michael Mate and a chassis by Ben van der Linden. It was to be a Lotus Seven for the modern era, using state-of-the-art racing parts and a specially prepped Mazda RX-7 rotary motor set far back in the engine bay, producing 200bhp-plus and with 48:52 weight distribution.

The cars were assembled at a factory in the skiing area of Englewood, Colorado using contract services for paint, interior and engine set-up.

Despite positive reviews from the enthusiast press, only about 50 Rollerskates were made and the cost of building the car to Sutherland's high standards proved its undoing.

Today, the nascent Maxton Register is attempting to catalogue the cars and document the history of this unique sports marque. For more details, go to <http://members.aol.com/mxtnrollerskate>