



## **EUROCUP 2008 – ROADSPORTS & SUPERLIGHTS**

As you will have read in the 2008 Motorsport Plan, there is to be a Roadsport class in the Caterham Eurocup championship in addition to the existing Superlight class. But what exactly is Eurocup? To answer this question and several others, we have put together the following answers:

### **What is Eurocup?**

Supporting Caterham's premier series, the Caterham CSR Masters, Eurocup is a championship with classes for CSR, Superlights and Roadsports; taking place across six weekends throughout Europe. Race weekends are usually Friday testing/qualifying and Saturday racing.

### **Why should I take part?**

Whether you enter single rounds or the entire championship, Eurocup gives you the opportunity to race your car at some of the best circuits in Europe, many of which are current or past Formula 1 venues, against identical Roadsports and Superlights from the UK and elsewhere. In addition, there has always been a strong social aspect to Eurocup amongst the large contingent of drivers heading out to Europe from the UK, as well as getting to know fellow Caterham racers from the continent.

### **What is the racing format?**

**ROADSPORTS** : A single 20 minute qualifying and two 30 minute races. Testing is usually booked and paid for on the day, on a per session basis and is often very good value. Dependant on numbers, the grid will be shared with the faster cars (the size and length of the venues enabling huge grids). As with the UK series, the lowest two results are dropped from the overall championship scores.

**SUPERLIGHTS** : Exactly as per Roadsports, though Superlight drivers also have the option of additionally competing in the one-hour endurance race with the CSRs, for the Eurocup Superlight Endurance title (a separate championship class). Like CSRs, this can be done with one or two drivers. When two drivers are sharing, they will each compete one of the sprint races.

### **What circuits will Eurocup take place at?**

The calendar has yet to be announced, but expect rounds at some of the following venues: Nurburging GP (D), Spa-Francochamps (B), Le Mans Bugatti (F), Estoril (PT), Monza (I), Donington (GB), Paul Ricard (F) or Zandvoort (NL).

### **Does it clash with UK rounds?**

No; not if at all possible. The whole Caterham race calendar is engineered so that competitors can take part in both the UK and Eurocup championships (both Superlight titles have been one in the same year by Barry Horne in 2002 and also Graham Fennymore this year)

### **What are the entry costs?**

Entry fees are typically £450 for the sprint race double-header. A further entry fee is required for the endurance race, which is open to Superlights.

Both UK Superlight and Roadsport championship registered drivers are automatically entered into the Eurocup championship at no extra cost (and vice versa). This enables them to 'try out' the early rounds with a view to competing in the whole season, without the additional registration commitment.

### **What are the licence requirements?**

Only a National-A licence is required.

### **Where else are cars coming from?**

CSRs from Germany, France, Portugal and possibly Turkey and the Czech Republic will be competing, and in the Roadsports class, in addition to cars from the UK championship, we are expecting significant numbers of identical Roadsport cars from Turkey and Portugal.

### **Are cars from other countries the same?**

Obviously, European Roadsports are left-hand drive. Other than this, we will only allow very minor differences that do not affect performance to ensure equal competition with the UK Roadsports. In other words, all the cars will be 120bhp EU3 k-series, 5 speed, open diff Roadsports.

The CSR was introduced as pan-European race car, so the only differences are that some are left-hand drive.

### **Whom do I contact for more information?**

The calendar will shortly be announced and entry forms available. In the meantime, for further information please email Simon Lambert via [simonl@caterham.co.uk](mailto:simonl@caterham.co.uk)

To help with planning, we would very grateful if you could indicate your interest in taking part in Eurocup by emailing Simon as soon as possible.