

Hello Mary Jean:

I just recently placed a telephone call to Saleen Motor Works to purchase optional parts for my 2005 Saleen Convertible #949. I received a recorded message that Saleen Motor Works had gone out of business and all assets had been purchased by an outside company. No other information was given nor was I able to speak with a live employee to further investigate the taped message.

This is disturbing to me, as it must be to a lot of other loyal Saleen owners. This also raises many questions concerning the future of our Saleens and the availability of parts for future repairs as our cars age. Will real Saleen parts still be available in the future and just who will be the dealer for such parts when they are needed?

Who will verify that a Saleen is really a Saleen and not some built up GT Clone being passed off as a Saleen? Up until now a simple call to Saleen Motor Works, with the VIN of the vehicle in question, would reveal if that vehicle had originally been produced by Saleen Motor Works and the Saleen production number assigned to the vehicle if the vehicle did turn out to be a real Saleen. Will all such records be lost or destroyed with the creation of a new Saleen Company? If the records are to be kept, who will be the future keeper of the Records?

Lastly, what do you think will happen to the value of our Saleens now that the company that created them is no longer in business?

I'm sure many loyal Saleen owners would like to know the answers to these, and even more questions, that might arise in the future.

Most Sincerely Yours,
Alan A. Faber MCA #37820

Hello Alan,

After much investigation and several phone calls, I have information to share which might alleviate some of your fears.

MJ Acquisitions did Saleen, and is in business. All contact information for them will be listed below. Their website is running.

As for the warranty situation, read page 14 of the May issue of Mustang Times. The situation has not really changed and each claim is handled individually.

The most important part of any company building specialty vehicles is the history. I have been told by that the history of Saleen vehicles is in safe hands, but I am not at liberty to discuss that any further at this time. Be assured that records are still being kept.

Saleen values are a difficult topic. Fox Body Mustangs seems to be rising in value, and Saleen Fox models should as well. The market seemed to be flooded with 2005 and newer Saleens. When you flood the market like that the value does come into question. No one in this current economic situation can give a 100% guarantee on value, it's simply too early. Only time will tell at this point.

There is surely a market for reproduction parts, and if Saleen (MJ Acquisitions) either finds the molds or reproduces the molds, they would surely benefit from reproducing body parts. As for the earlier models, parts have been difficult to come by for many years. As the original owner of a 1987 Saleen, I can attest to this personally.

I spoke to Jeff Clark, Brand Manager at Saleen (MJ Acquisitions). He said if anyone has questions regarding authenticity of a Saleen vehicle, call their office or email him at jeff.clark@saleen.com with the VIN and he will verify the vehicle.

Performance Autosport in Richmond, Virginia, is a contact I feel totally comfortable giving as a resource for any and all things Saleen. Owner Mark LeMaskin has been a good friend for many years, and is as honest as the day is long. They do have decals in stock, especially for older Saleens. Contact info: phone 804.784.8851, on the web www.performanceautosport.com.

As for parts for newer Saleens, I did log onto www.saleen.com and noticed they have an eBay store. Some parts are available there. I'd also suggest contacting some of the dealers listed on the Saleen website. Jeff Clark told me they hope to revamp the site.

One last note: check out the Saleen Owners Club of America. They are quite active and knowledgeable about their Saleens. They are also a great source of tech advice, parts, and information. Visit them online at www.saleenclubofamerica.com

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