

## News Release

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## **NEW ESPERANTE GT COUPE TO MAKE TEXAS INTRODUCTION AT DALLAS NEW CAR SHOW**

**DALLAS** – March 3, 2004 – Dan Panoz, President and founder of Panoz Auto Development will personally introduce Texans to the new Panoz Esperante "GT" edition of the luxury sports car at the 22nd Annual Dallas Auto Show, March 3 through 7, 2004. This will be the first time the new GT coupe, which is a new model slotted between the Esperante and race inspired GT-LM, shall be shown in the Southwestern US. Panoz Auto Development, America's premier independent manufacturer of hand built, high performance automobiles, builds Esperante sports and racecars near Atlanta, Georgia.

"The GT-LM was wildly popular when we introduced it at the New York Auto Show," noted Mr. Panoz. "The dramatic new aerodynamic body, powerful supercharged motor, spectacular suspension and big brakes offered world-class performance. The car also opened up an entirely new opportunity for us, as there were some people that wanted the new performances upgrades without the extra power. To meet that strong demand, we unveiled the GT, which comes standard with much of the same equipment but without the supercharged drive train. I'm pleased to personally introduce this car to Texas."

Those attending the Dallas Auto Show will have a chance to see the first Esperante GT in Texas, as well as an Esperante roadster, Panoz ALMS racecar and a "cutaway" version of the Esperante. The cutaway car allows the public to see every layer of construction that goes into the Esperante. Lineback Enterprises' Panoz of Dallas is hosting the Panoz display at the car show.

"When Panoz introduced the limited edition GT-LM, Texans began asking me for a GT version of the car," said Panoz of Dallas CEO Matt Lineback. "The new Esperante GT offers world-class performance, rarity and a handsome body in a sophisticated, hand-built package. It's a lighter, faster, stronger Esperante that has a competition flair for those who wish to drive their sports car everyday. We're pleased that the founder of Panoz could join us to give Texans their first glimpse of this extraordinary vehicle."

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## **Esperante GT to Debut in Texas at Dallas New Car Show (2/2)**

With an MSRP of only \$96,271, the GT has quickly gained popularity among discriminating customers. Weighing only 3,197 pounds and propelled by a 320 horsepower, all aluminum 4-cam V-8, the GT achieves a stunning 9.99 power to weight ratio. This allows the Esperante GT to hit 62 MPH in 4.9 seconds and run the quarter mile in only 13.4 seconds at 107.3 mph. The powerful brakes stop the car in just 122 feet from 60 MPH, while the suspension achieves 0.96g in lateral acceleration.

Like the GT-LM, the Esperante GT gives the car's remarkable platform a more sporting tone based on Panoz's racing experience. The rear subframe has been redesigned to feature a more aggressive suspension geometry and increase its structural stiffness while simultaneously reducing its weight. The new lightweight tubular control arms are designed to minimize the unsprung mass for improved wheel control. A new double isolated coil-over spring/shock assembly increases performance while simultaneously improving NVH characteristics.

Both the GT and the GT-LM are available in convertible or carbon fiber hardtop configuration. Standard equipment includes 17-inch aluminum BBS RK wheels shod with the new Pirelli P-Zero Rosso tires, the sport tuned suspension and Dual-piston aluminum PBR caliper with Brembo vented rotors. Numerous options are available to tailor the cars to an individual's tastes and requirements.

### **About Lineback Enterprises and Panoz of Dallas**

Lineback Enterprises is one of the premier luxury and exotic car dealerships in the United States. From Lexus to Lamborghinis, the company sells, finances and services cars for discriminating customers nationwide. A franchised dealer for both Panoz and Shelby automobiles, the dealership maintains a large inventory of vehicles, including the Panoz Esperante and Esperante GTS racecar. The company offers a complete line of accessories and performance upgrades for Panoz vehicles including race preparation. Additional information is available at [www.lineback.com](http://www.lineback.com).

### **About Panoz Auto Development**

Panoz Auto Development is America's premier independent manufacturer of hand-built, high performance automobiles. The Georgia-based company manufactures Esperante sports and racecars for domestic and international markets. The competition division, Panoz Motor Sports, has a rich heritage in the ALMS, FIA GT, SCCA's Trans-Am series and the 24 hours of LeMans. Additional information about Panoz and its products is available at [www.panozauto.com](http://www.panozauto.com) or by calling Scott Black at (214) 520-3430.

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