

This NICHOLS N1A Prototype is a totally modernised version of the very first McLaren, the M1A. Although the McLaren was designed solely as a racing car, the Nichols has been developed from the beginning to be at home on both road and track.

The car takes its name from the project's Technical Director, Steve

Nichols, who was Chief Designer at McLaren and the man behind the most successful car in F1 history, the McLaren MP4/4. During this time he was also in charge of strategy at races and was engineer to the legendry Ayrton Senna.

The N1A features the latest thinking on chassis and suspension design.
Visual cues from the original M1A

are easy to spot, but the execution is thoroughly modern, to give a much more aggressive and contemporary stance. This is carried through to the performance:

The N1A weighs around 850 kilos (dry) and packs over 520 bhp from its tuned 6 litre V8, giving it a power to weight ratio beyond all but the most extreme hyper-cars.

Acceleration is spectacular, with a 0-60 time of less than 3 seconds, a 0-100 time of under 6 seconds, and a highly illegal top speed!



The design of the "Nichols" logo features two distinct elements. Shaped within a diamond is a stylised rendering of the letters "S" and "N". It derives from the symbol that Steve used to sign-off and approve technical drawings at McLaren. This is overlaid on to a more graphic "S" and "N" stripe, which pays homage to the "Senna" logo, in tribute to Ayrton Senna with whom Steve's career is so closely linked.



