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Magna gets a boost

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A Perth performance company has designed and built a supercharger package specifically for the 3.5-litre V6 Magna.

It will increase engine power from 158kW to 226kW and increase torque by nearly 30 per cent to 422 Newton metres.

Managing director of Sprintex, Anthony Hamilton, said the supercharger would fit both front- and all-wheel-drive versions as well as manual and automatic transmissions.

The latest project follows just 12 months after the Malaga-based company released a supercharged MG ZT in time for the 2004

Melbourne Motor Show. Unlike its involvement with MG, this project is not endorsed by Mitsubishi and neither is the Japanese manufacturer involved at any level.

Hamilton said the company embarked on the project because it believed the AWD Magna had extremely good handling and chassis dynamics but there were people in the market place who felt it could be improved in terms of performance to extract the full benefits of the car.

"This is not about building a fire-breathing monster, though we do build them," he said.

"It is about producing something that is driveable and takes all the attributes of the Mitsubishi product and enhances them but at the same

time does not overpower what is already a good product."

The supercharger can be fitted to new and used vehicles for \$6950 plus GST.

If fitted to new vehicles Sprintex will match Mitsubishi's market-leading five year warranty and 10-year engine and drivetrain protection.

To differentiate the supercharged versions, the company also will fit the car with a body kit which includes a modified rear bumper, modified front bumper and grille, performance enhanced suspension, 18-inch wheels and low profile tyres and twin outlet rear exhaust for an additional \$8500.

The supercharger and body kit will lift the cost of a VRX Magna from \$42,990 to \$58,440.



The V6 Magna gets a big increase in power and a body kit that will give the car a unique look.