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Mercedes, Honda & Aston Martin Show Off Their Bonkers Miami Mean Machines

Automakers Mercedes-Benz, Aston Martin and Honda have showcased their Cigarette Racing Team 50 Marauder AMG, AM37 powerboat and Marine Design Concept Engine respectively.

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Automakers are usually known to showcase their concepts or upcoming vehicles at an International Auto Show. However, they do have capabilities regarding technology and engineering to build and develop ideas even in other automotive industries.

One such is the Miami International Boat Show, where Mercedes-Benz, Aston Martin and Honda have showcased their marine designs. It is not unusual for automakers to showcase their designs at boat shows, though they initially have focused on selling trucks and SUVs capable of towing boats.

Mercedes-Benz and its AMG division, who are no strangers to the big boat show, were back this year with another racing craft, the 50-foot Cigarette Racing Team 50 Marauder AMG. The inspiration for the design came from the Mercedes-AMG GT-R.



Aston Martin showcased its first marine design effort, the prototype Aston Martin AM37 powerboat. The powerboat is an eight-seater cruiser structured around the company's design language.

Honda has been producing marine engines for more than 50 years, revealed its newest concept outboard engine, the Honda Marine Design Concept Engine. The design of the engine was inspired by the new Acura NSX supercar.

Honda's NSX-inspired concept was done by the company's Advanced Design Group and is taller but slender than the typical marine outboard.

As for the Aston Martin's AM37 powerboat, it is a prototype for a series of boats to be built by Quintessence Yachts in the U.K. The Aston Martin AM37 day cruiser includes a double bed in an air-conditioned cabin along with a refrigerator, microwave, espresso machine and onboard lavatory.

The boats will either be available as a pair of 369bhp Mercury inboard diesel engines or 429bhp Mercury gasoline engines or as the AM37S with a pair of 519bhp Mercury gasoline engines.

Mercedes-AMG's 50-foot Cigarette boat celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Mercedes-AMG/Cigarette Racing partnership and the 50th anniversary of the Mercedes-AMG relationship. The use of carbon fibre lightens the boat by more than 1,300 pounds (590kg).

The Mercedes-AMG GT-R inspired boat comes powered by a couple of Mercury Racing 1550/1350 QC4v units, which provide as much as 3,100bhp; although the boat can be operated at 1,349bhp on 91 octane fuel.

Until Mercedes-AMG powered boats make it to India, here is an extensive photo gallery of the Mercedes-AMG GT R, [click to view](#).