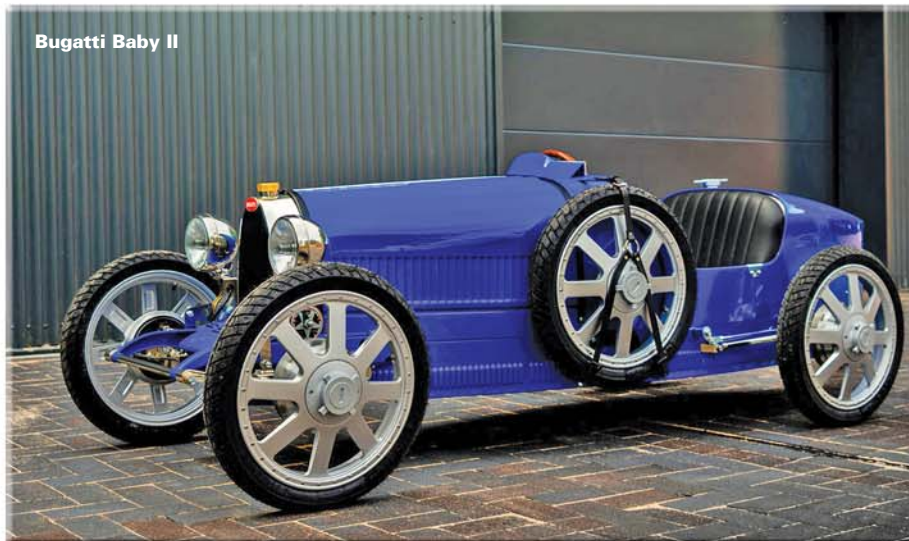


The original **Bugatti** Baby was born in 1926 when Ettore Bugatti built a 50 percent scale Type 35 for his son's fourth birthday. Intended as a one-off, it was so popular the Baby went into production from 1927 to 1936, with only about 500 ever made. Announced at the 2019 Geneva show, Bugatti's 110th birthday present to itself is the 75 percent scale Bugatti Baby II, in partnership with The Little Car Company. With design and testing completed this summer, the car has gone into series production, with clients soon taking delivery of the very first cars. There are three Bugatti Baby II versions: a composite-body Base model; carbon fiber-body Vitesse with upgraded powertrain and Speed Key as with Chiron1; and aluminum-body Pur Sang, hand-formed like the original Bugatti Type 35, each taking over 200 hours to create. All electric and all rear-wheel-drive, all versions have limited slip differential, high performance hydraulic brakes and selectable driving modes. All 500 cars were sold within three weeks of Geneva, but shifting circumstances opened a few back up. See if any are still available at bugattibaby.com.



One of the most lusted-after not-available-on-our-shores mass-produced vehicle lines is **SEAT** Cupra, from the high-performance division of VW Group's SEAT Spanish brand. This summer brought news of Cupra's first fully electric vehicle, the sharp-looking little Cupra el-Born, covering performance with zero-to-31 mph acceleration in 2.9 seconds, practicality with about 300 miles of range from its 77kWh battery, the tech factor with such features as an impressive augmented reality heads-up display, and green sensibilities with an interior making substantial use of recycled materials. The car will be built at VW Group's Zwickau, Germany plant, which—after 116 years—changed over from internal combustion to EV production (for VW, Audi and SEAT) this summer.



Ford Transit has an extensive range of upgrades this year, notably including the addition of four-wheel drive. Of note for both commercial and RV upfit use is a Crew Van option (including Low Roof version) with available swivel seating, so front and back rows can face each other for work-meeting or campground living space. A new 3.5L PFDi V6, 10-speed transmission and standard Co-Pilot360 tech join other available upgrades including new wheel, upholstery (including leather), glass and lighting options; center consoles in three sizes; split-view cameras; 110V power outlets; power sliding door; speed limiting; 31-gallon fuel tank; heavy duty front axle; and many more. ■

