



## JAKE'S POWER CHAT

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### KATECH — Not Just Performance Any More!

*Members, Katech Performance has added more excitement with their new line of carbon fiber spoilers, ZR1 body parts and performance enhancements.... and you thought Katech was just a performance company that made race engines for the Championship Winning Pratt & Miller C6.R!*

According to Jason Harding, Director of Aftermarket Operations at Katech Performance, a collection of HOT new items are coming down the Katech pike, including a *must-have* carbon fiber spoiler for C6 Corvettes. These spoilers have been the most asked-about product from Katech customers, and now the company can answer these demands this spring with a high quality carbon fiber spoiler that is competitively priced. Using factory-mounting holes for installation, the spoilers require no drilling to give your C6 that unique style.

Katech is anticipating a strong enough demand to also offer the spoiler in lower cost RTM suitable for painting. A closed-mold pressure injection process used to manufacture fiberglass composites, RTM production allows parts to be produced to very close tolerances, ensuring components have the same thickness throughout and an excellent fit on the vehicle.

Additional benefits include faster gel and cure times, less waste and environmental impact, high filler rate for heat distortion resistance and no air pocket or dry spots.

Also available to outfit your C6 is a line of RTM widebody conversion panels, hoods and rocker panels for 2005 and newer Corvettes.

*"Our conversion panels are injected, robotically trimmed, prepped and primed to deliver an unparalleled level of quality to the Corvette community,"* added Harding. *"They can be installed on any 2005 and newer C6 Corvette including Coupes, Convertibles and the Z06. And, Z06- and ZR1-size wheels and tires can now be properly installed to improve handling and obtain the widebody design style found on the ZR1."*



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Katech's newest components, which will be available individually, include: ZR1-style hood without polycarbonate window, ZR1-style hood with removable polycarbonate window, ZR1-style hood with removable louver set, ZR1 fenders with no badge openings, ZR1 rockers and ZR1 rear spoiler. The bolt-in louver set and polycarbonate window can be interchanged to switch between track and street mode.

And just so you don't think we forgot about the gear heads, Katech is offering carbon valve covers for all LS engines (both dry and wet sump versions). The new covers are modeled after Katech's cast aluminum valve covers, which incorporate a raised design to accommodate aftermarket valvetrain components such as larger springs and rocker arms.

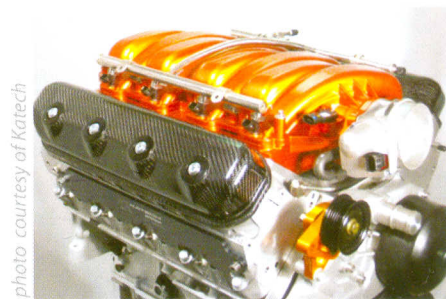


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*"Customers have always asked for carbon fiber valve covers because they saw them on the race cars,"* said Harding. *"They were never affordable, until now."*

The Katech team developed a process for efficiently producing the part, allowing them to provide customers with a carbon cover that delivers a distinct look, plus removes a little weight from the engine — always a good thing!

Coming soon, a hand-assembled LS7 oil pump with 30% greater scavenge capacity is also in the works, designed to remove oil from the pan and put it into the tank faster for better oil control.

To learn all about these new products and more, call 866-KATECH1 or visit Katech Performance online at [www.katechengines.com](http://www.katechengines.com).