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The modern TA2 car descends from the Swedish Camaro Cup cars developed by Howe in 2009. In North America, our cars are built for; GT2, Club, and SCCA Pro TA2. We manufacture our chassis on-site, and all parts are in stock. We offer technical support to every Howe car owner and parts support at National events. Howe TA2 cars have won the most Pro races and eight of ten national championships, including Cameron Lawrence 2013-14, Gar Robinson 2015 & 2017, Rafa Matos 2018 & 2021, Marc Miller 2019, and 2020 Mike Skeen, all of these drivers won in Howe built car, owned by their team. Howe does not win championships; our customers do.

# Champion Rafa Matos





### Start with a Shell



A Shell is a chassis, insulated interior, body, brake lines and fire systems. Add component packages up to complete, or separately as a kit. A kit is an option if you have the time and experience. The three fiberglass bodies for TA2 are Camaro, Mustang and

Challenger. The Euro body resembles a Mercedes. but it is not approved for use in TA2. Bare chassis are often in stock and more complete cars are built to order. All parts are available separately and listed in the owners manual. A bolt-on caster kit is available

3" to the calipers with fans optional for small circuits.

to help move cars without suspension. Shell Car **1. Brakes** - There are four brands of brake calipers: Alcon has the most pro wins since 2020. Stop Tech, PFC and Wilwood are the other options. Rotors for TA2-USA rules are a maximum of 12.19". We use Tilton master cylinders with floor mounted pedals standard, and New for 2023 are optional Tilton swing pedals with bearing mounted master cylinders. The front brakes have 4" cooling ducts to the rotors and



Euro Body

**2. Front Suspension - Penske** shocks are standard, and Howe shocks are optional, or provide your own. There are multiple size Howe square-drive sway bars for chassis adjustment. 2023 chassis have a larger diameter mount and optional adjustable front shock mounts for adjusting height without changing the spring load.

3. Engine Install Kit - Includes motor mounts, intake, exhaust components and oil system. The exhaust system is ceramic coated steel without a muffler, and when required, we install a longer system and muf-

fler. Our new front routed exhaust option moves the collector heat and sound further from the driver to counter the added heat when using passenger side floor pans.







Your choice of front mounted 10 quart dry sump oil tank for short lines or in the new rear tank with the front routed exhaust. A sight glass indicates the oil level at a glance.

**4. Cooling** - Along with an aluminum radiator are coolers for the oil and power steering transmission and







**5. Electrical and Cockpit -** There are three options for instruments and wiring; Original, Pro 22 and the new all-business Pro 23. The original instrument panel is wired with switches and fuses, and the Pro upgrades features







**6. Rear Suspension -** The rear suspension is 3-link with a watts linkage on a Tiger quick change rear end with an integral cooling pump and cooler. A Gleason differential is

aircraft grade switches, relays, and reset breakers. Trans Am requires an AIM data system, and we use the MXG or the new MXP with the Pro 23 dash. A windshield defogger is standard, while the wiper and rain fenders are optional. A cool suit system is a popular option. Pro classes in the USA require a restraint to the right of the seat.





Quartermaster V-Drive Clutch

Tilton Clutch

standard, with a Wavetrac or Detroit Locker optional. Ford 9" rear ends are not allowed in TA2 but are otherwise available.

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**7. Clutch & Transmission -** All TA2-USA legal cars are fitted with a Quartermaster or Tilton clutch with an aluminum bell housing and reverse starter. TA2 rules allow an H pattern 4 speed, but options are open for club classes. The G101A is the most affordable and

requires an external pump. The A431 Andrews cost more but is rugged and precise. Andrews transmissions are refurbished, off-lease from NASCAR and include an internal pump.



- **8. Steering** Sweet rack and pinion steering is standard and Woodward is now optional. The speed and feel may be tailored to your preference.
- **9. Fuel Cell** The standard cell is a 26 Gallon Pyrotech with a surge tank and one pump. Fuel options include a fuel pump-out port and a three pump lift system. TA2 events use 22-24 gallons.









**10. Tires and Wheels -** 15" x 10", 5x5 steel Basset Inertia wheels. Radial tires require rear camber; Hoosier bias ply tires do not.

**11. Engines -** TA2-USA cars use the Trans Am spec "Choice" engine that is about 500 hp at 6800 rpm with the spec AEM ignition. We stock **Katech** built engines, but can use PME or any of the approved TA2-USA builders on request. Cars that are not competing in TA2-USA may use any engine of similar dimensions. We offer a MEFI









4 ECU with a LS engine that is not approved for TA2-USA. Our engine has the same power at a lower price, but uses a factory Corvette oil pan so they should not be combined with higher grip tires. The Katech Choice engine has a Dailey oil pump and pan that allows 1-1/2" lower installation in the chassis, and improved oil pressure at higher G -forces.





#### 12. Seats -Seats are also sold separately. Race Tech seats are a popular choice, and

there are custom containment seats from Richardson or Lajoie.





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Fire System - Two five-pound fire systems give the driver the option of activating one under the car or in the cockpit. The in-cockpit system has a manual and automatic heat-activated trigger.



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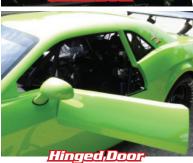
**Opening Door** - The driver's door opens on all TA2 cars. It is your choice to have a hinged door or a removable hatch. The hatch design is lighter, and the hinge is more convenient; the cost is the same. **Jack Posts** - Fixed jack posts are standard with removable posts as a new option. Air jack are also available for club cars but are not approved for TA2. **Manual** - Each Howe chassis comes with a

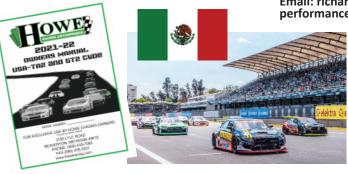
75 page owner's manual. The book covers set-up and adjustment as well as maintenance, torque specs, recommended spare parts and required tools.

2022 V8 Thundercar Champion Andreas Nilsson - Sweden

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Super Copa has two classes similar to TA2; GTM Light is the same chassis as V8 Thundercar while the GTM Pro cars are taller with a six speed paddle shift Holinger transmission, traction control, larger brakes and 18" wheels.

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**Ordering Engines** - You may purchase engines direct from the builder of your choice, or we can assist you, but you will deal with your builder for rebuilds and engine related questions. We recommend purchasing the ECU and wiring harnesses with your engine to dyno them together. If you do not intend to race in Trans Am, we can supply a lower cost alternative engine.

**Inventory and Build Time** - We try to keep chassis and shell cars in stock, but frequently sell out. Complete cars are build-to-order, and completion times vary by season, and component availability can also cause delays. Typical times range from 6 to 12

NORTH AMERICAN	<b>PRICE</b>	EXAMPI	LES	
	CL	UB	PRO TA	12-USA
Shell Car - Chassis with Body Fire Sys. Installed	\$31,670			
1. Complete Brake System	\$6,639	Wilwood	\$8,482	Alcon, PFC StopTech
2. Front Suspension		\$7,	385	
3. Engine Install Kit: Intake, Exhaust, Oil Tank & Lines	\$7,127	Muffler	\$7,674	No Muffler
4. Cooling System	\$1,139	Straight, 1 fan	\$1,551	Dual Plane, 2 fans
5. Electrical, Instrument & Cockpit	\$8,961	AIM MXL2	\$15,323	Pro Wiring AIM MXG, Cool Shirt, Rain Kit
6. Rear Suspension and Quick Change Rear	\$11,615	No Camber	\$12,677	Camber
7. Clutch and Transmission Kit	\$10,500	G101A Trans, Locker, No Camber	\$14,396	A431 Trans Gleason, Camber, Strange Axles
8. Steering - Sweet	\$3,770			
9. Fuel Cell and System	\$3,961	1 pump and Trap	\$6,553	3 Lift Pumps and Pump Out
10. Basset Wheels with Brass Valve Stems	\$681			
11. Engine, ECU & Harness	\$22,000	Howe Global Spec**	\$32,353	Trans Am Choice, AEM ECU
Ballast & Fasteners	\$920	270 lbs	\$645	180 lbs
Labor to Assemble Complete from Shell	\$9,100		\$9,555	
Chassis and Engine Registration Fees*	\$0	None	\$2,000	Trans Am
TOTAL	\$125	5,468	\$154	4,700

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS & PRICES			
Exterior Paint	+\$3,500	Tilton Starter in place of Quarter Master	+\$150
Racetech Seat	+\$2,449	Richardson or Lajoie Custom Speedway Seat	+\$2,660
Adjustable Front Shock Mounts	+\$480	Front Exhaust with Rear Mounted Oil Tank	+\$195
Aero Pan Option	+\$259	Hanging Pedals with Tilton Bearing Masters	+\$1,952
Subtract for Plastic Nose	-\$1,000		

weeks, starting from the date
of deposit. Replacement parts
are normally in stock and at the
majority of Trans Am events. Car
repairs are given priority over
new orders during race season.



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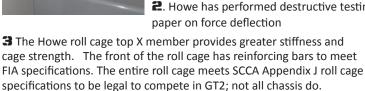
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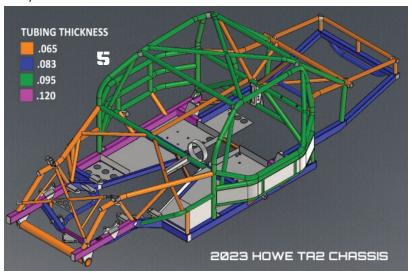


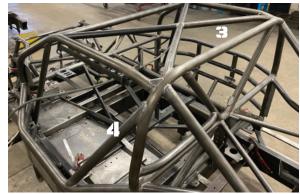
- We do not go to the track to race against customers; you win, we help.
- Every Howe chassis is made in house, on the same fixture.
- Replacement parts are available at national events and on our website.
- Howe continues normal shop hours, while you are racing.
- Our roll bar is FIA spec continuous 1-3/4" x .095 not a halo and a post.
- Chassis are a mix of d.o.m. and 4130 chromoly tubing,
- Howe provides technical bulletin updates by e-mail.
- The roll cage has longer leg protection and easier egress.
- Howe has an on-site test track.
- **1**. Saddle gussets are in critical locations throughout the chassis
- **2.** Howe has performed destructive testing with GM Racing and coauthored a SAE paper on force deflection.



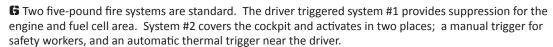
4 A shoulder bar adds protection and strength to the cage.

**5** The cage's right side has three  $1-3/4" \times .095$  door bars, and the battery is safely inside the frame.









**7** To prevent drilling holes into the chassis, we weld flanges to attach the interior and secure all wires and lines externally. Some chassis builders drill dozens of holes into critical bars that weaken the chassis and permit water accumulation.





**Sturdy** integral tie-down lugs front and rear save time and add security in transport.

**9** Each Howe chassis comes with a comprehensive owner's manual. The manual is 75 pages covering set-up, maintenance, required tools, spare parts, and gear recommendations.

**10** Howe suspension mounts are robust as the result of refinements made over 500 similar chassis worldwide. The rear suspension third link mount is a one-piece stamping that eliminates weld-related defects.









# 2023 TA2 Style Chassis Order Questionnaire 11/29/22

Custo	omer:		Serial N	umber:		
Phon	e:		Email:			
	□CHAS	SIS	□SHE	LL CAR	□ASSEMBLED	CAR
•	Chassis: □202	3 <b>Updates*</b> □	2017-2022 Big N	1an Option (1/2'	' offset) □Symmetrica	ıl
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•	Paint: ☐ N	lo Exterior paint	t ∐Exterior pair	nt, Color:		
	Group 1. BR	AKES: 🗆 Ins	stalled 🛮 In Kit	□None		
•	Calipers:	<b>Alcon</b> - Best	□PFC- Good	□WilwoodGN6	- Low Cost	
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•	Brake Pads:	_	,		ilwood - DTC30 □Proje	ect Mu
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		<b>11.75" Rear</b> - 9	Standard	□ 12.188" Re	ear - Optional	
•					☐ Tilton - Hanging	
				•	Street Circuit Option	□None
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	Group 2 ER	ONT SHISDER	NSION: □Ins	talled Dip Kit	□None	
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•	Front Hubs:	5 x.25 Std, ∟2. - Steel 5x5		$\square$ Rotor Hats		.JA.3/3
•	Shocks, Front:		วเลานลาน 10 series with hiยู			
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	Penske 8300 series double Adjustable - Optional
	☐Howe 50 series front with Rebound Adjustable -Optional Lower Cost
	$\square$ No shocks $\square$ Supplied $\square$ Other:
	Group 3. ENGINE INSTALL: INTAKE, EXHAUST, OIL SYSTEM
•	Engine Install:   Yes   No   Supplied   Purchased from Howe
•	Builder:   Katech  PME  Other:
•	Headers:
•	Muffler: ☐ No Muffler, Short System - TA2 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
•	Oil Tank : ☐Front Mount - 2012-2022 ☐Rear Mount - 2023 ☐None
•	Intake: SLP Box, Flat Filter - Standard TA2 No Intake or Filter
	Group 4. COOLING
•	Radiator: — Howe Radiator and Fan
	□High Pressure PWR, Single Fan - \$\$\$\$\$
•	Oil Cooler: $\square$ Air to oil cooler - Standard $\square$ Internal Heat Exchanger - Option $\square$ Both
	Group 5. ELECTRICAL, INSTRUMENT & COCKPIT
	Dash: AIM MXG Data System with 7" color display - Standard Pro
	☐AIM MXP Data System with 6" color display - Option
	☐Analog Gauges ☐Blank Instrument Panel ☐No Instrument Panel
	Wiring: □Pro Wiring with Aircraft Relays and Breakers - Standard Pro\$
	☐Original Wiring with Switches and Fuses - Standard Club
•	Battery: □Optima Red Top - Standard □No Battery □Other
•	Seat: ☐Yes ☐No ☐Purchased from Howe ☐Customer Supplied ☐Mounts Only:
	☐ Race Tech/Sparco ☐ Richardson Custom Containment ☐ Lajoie Containment
	☐ TA2 Required Left Leg Support ☐Other:
	Driver Height:, Driver Weight:, Driver inseam:
•	Harness : ☐Yes ☐No ☐Sabelt- Standard ☐Customer Supplied ☐Other:
•	Rain: $\square$ Wiper - Standard for Pro, Option for Club $\square$ No Wiper
	$\square$ Inner Rain Fenders - Standard for Pro, Option for Club
	☐Defogger - Standard ☐No Defogger
•	Driver Cooler: □Cool Shirt System (less shirt) □None
	Group 6. REAR SUSPENSION: ☐ Installed ☐ In Kit ☐ None
•	Rear Sway Bar:
•	Rear Roll Center :
•	Rear Hubs: Steel 5x5 - Standard Aluminum, lighter but good for 1 season
	□ Rotor Hats - Standard □ Solid Mount - Cheaper but less rotor life
•	Shocks, Rear: Penske 7500 series - TA2 Legal
	Penske 8300 series double adjustable - Optional \$
	☐Howe 50 series front with Rebound Adjustable - Club Option, Lower Cost

	$\square$ No shocks $\square$ Supplied $\square$ Other:
•	Rear End: Tiger quick change with pump and Gleason Diff - Standard
	☐Winters Aluminum Ford 9" ☐Steel DTS housing Ford 9"
•	Optional Differentials : 🗆 Wavetrac 🗆 Detroit Locker
•	Ford 9" Pump : Optional pump/cooler No pump or cooler
•	Drive Shaft: ☐ Steel - Standard ☐None
•	Axle Snouts: 🗆 Bolt On - Standard 💢 Solid Straight - Lower Cost
	Camber: $\square$ 2° R&L Standard Radial Opt: Left $\square$ 1.5° $\square$ 1° $\square$ .5° $\square$ 0°Right $\square$ 1.5° $\square$ 1° $\square$ .5° $\square$ 0°
	Drive Plates: ☐Howe Cambered - Radial Tires ☐Straight - Bias Ply
	Group 7. CLUTCH, TRANSMISSION
•	Trans: $\square$ G Force G101A with Electric Pump and Cooler $\square$ None
	☐Andrews with Internal Pump ☐Other:
	☐29 Spline - Standard Pro ☐26 Spline - Optional Original
	☐Pro Ratios: 2022+ TA2 Spec ☐Club: 2.5 1st, 1.59 2nd - Easier Take-off
	□Custom: 1st:2nd: 3rd:
•	Clutch:   7.25" Quartermaster - Standard
	□5.5" Quartermaster - Optional □7.25" Tilton - Optional
	☐29 Spline - Standard Pro ☐26 Spline - Optional Original
•	Starter: Quartermaster - Standard Tilton - Upgrade \$
	Group 8. STEERING
	Rack & Pin: 005-80343 Sweet 3" Ratio with Separate Servo - Standard
	□Optional Slower Ratio 2-1/2"
•	Servo: Sweet Servo .210 - Standard X-Light .185, .200 .220 .240 X-Heavy
•	PS Pump: 🗆 Turn One 🗆 No Pump
•	Steer Wheel: ☐ MPI 13" Flat Suede-Standard ☐ MPI 14" Flat Suede ☐ MPI 14"Deep Offset
	☐ Radio Button ☐14" Economy wheel ☐None
	Group 9. FUEL SYSTEM
•	F. Cell: ☐26 gallon Pyrotech - Standard ☐24 gallon Pyrotech - Optional ☐ None
	☐Fuel Pump-Out Option - Recommended for Pro Racing
	☐Pro Racing Fuel Lift System (4 pumps) - Recommended for races over 50 miles
	Group 10. WHEELS & TIRES
•	Wheels: Basset 15" x 10", 5" Off - Standard Dother: Dother:
•	Tires:

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## **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**