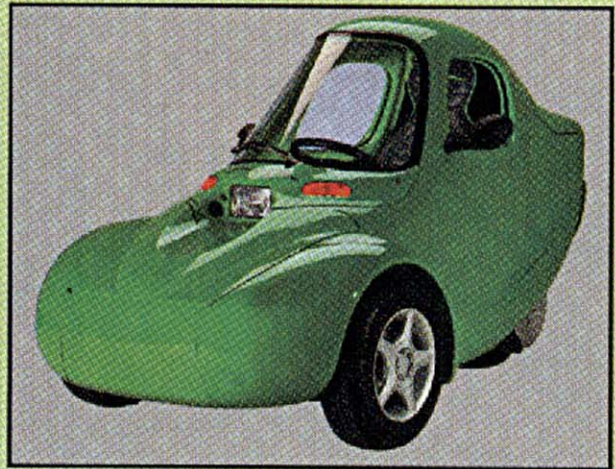


# Powers **steering**

**D**oes this car look familiar? No? Add a couple of bulbous extrusions on the sides, and a long, phallic protrusion on the back. Now paint it gold. If you've seen *Austin Powers in Goldmember*, you should have it by now.

As bizarre as it looks, the latest automobile to be added to Powers' enviable garage is an adaptation of The Sparrow, a real single-seat car created by the California-based company Corbin Motors. And, although there are only about 300 of them on the road right now (most in the States), come next year you'll be able to buy the next generation, "Sparrow II," right here in Canada.

Jerry Kroll, the B.C.-based president and CEO of Corbin Motors Canada, says the cars will be built here and will sell for about \$20,000. The new design will be similar to the model used in *Austin Powers*, but a bit lower



and wider, and the single headlight will be replaced by a more traditional pair of lights. Best thing is — the car's completely electric. Just pull it into your garage, plug it in for four hours and you've got enough juice to run for 100km. "If you can operate an electric razor or a curling iron, you can operate this car," says Kroll. Only problem is, with only a driver's seat, where would you shag?

■ To purchase your own Sparrow call Kroll at 604.687.3088.