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DESIGNED FOR RESTYLING

AN inexpensive, functional fiberglass body suitable for sports or street use is being produced in Los Angeles by Bangert Enterprises. According to Noel Bangert, who designed the unit, total weight has been limited to 95 pounds. This has been achieved, he said, through use of a continuous curve in forming the contours of the shell.

Bangert said the versatility of the body is demonstrated by the fact that it can be accommodated on a frame of anywhere from 98 to 118 inches. The only components which he furnishes, in addition to the body, are the fenders—either bicycle or clamshell type—and the plastic top. A rectangular recessed opening has been left at the front for installation of any type of grille.

The project began originally when Bangert bought a \$5 kit from Hollywood Plastic Products. His energy and skill resulted in the production of the car, which he calls the Stag.

His first step was a plaster scale model which, after study, was sliced into sections. These were transferred to the drafting board where the curves were perfected. Aluminum templates were fashioned next and used to form the female mold by supporting, along with wire mesh, the plaster-soaked burlap. The male mold was built up and then a female mold created from it, in much similar way. From this female mold the finished car, made of alternate layers of mat and glass cloth impregnated with resin, was built.

Bangert feels he has something special to offer. He recognizes the desire of the individual car builder to rework a standard body shape into something special. So his fiberglass body has been designed with this in mind. Plenty of areas have been left, such as grille, bumpers, windshield treatment and so forth, to give the car builder ample points in which to express the original ideas he may wish to incorporate.

