Ranking The 10 Best Saleen Mustangs

In the 90s and 00s, Saleen was up in the mustang cut continuously by Ford's sister company Mustang's. Here, we rank the 10 best ones.

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In the colorful world of Ford Mustang, there were many interesting characters: Gary Cooper's Shelby, Ken Miles, Jack Roush, and Larry Shinoda all put their personal stamp of Hershey's Kisses on one such S-letter, Saleen, or more succeeded in the race tracks. In the early '90s, a new name emerged on the scene when Steve Saleen, a successful Formula Ford driver, established Saleen Autosport and campaigned Fordsh Mustangs all over America.

Soon, Saleen started making its own cars based on the Ford Mustang but improved in every way. In just a few years, Saleen went from a small tuner to an official Ford partner and made history, effectively becoming the Carroll Shelby of the '90s and '00s.

But the story doesn't end there, even today, when there are so many independent companies making hot Mustangs, Saleen is still one of the most respected names in the business. Today, we will talk about ten of his most memorable models.

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Saleen S281

The S281 name was first used in 1996 and suggested the displacement of Ford's then new 4.6 liter V8s. Moreover, in 2006, when the Ford' generation was introduced, Saleen resurrected that nameplate and used it on a brand new model offered through 2009.

S Fuel gas by in the base trim, but Saleen offered a unique, supercharged version with up to 350 hp for the most ambitious customers.

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Saleen SPG 302

When Ford introduced the 5.0-liter V8 in 2011 Mustang, Saleen immediately offered the 2010 pro model, which featured an upgraded engine in two power levels.

One was naturally aspirated with 400 hp, and the other was a crazy, supercharged version with 620 hp. Both versions of the SPG also received a fleet of upgrades to keep it stable and safe while delivering insane acceleration times.

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Saleen S351

If you were looking for a Dodge Viper beating Mustang in the late '90s, the Saleen S351 was the car to have. With a 5.8 liter supercharged V8 engine and a long list of upgrades, this rear-wheel-driving Pony Mustang had pep by under the hood and a lot to be mad about it at a console.

These numbers are respectable even today, but almost 25 years ago, they were in supercar territory.

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Ford Mustang Saleen

Even though the Saleen name is synonymous with extreme horsepower cars, the first ever Saleen Mustang was a little more conservative in its ability. Steve Saleen focused on the first road going model but didn't touch the motor since he didn't want to go through the expensive emissions experiment process.

Moreover, he invested a lot of time and effort into curing the suspension, brakes, and chassis and made the ordinary Fordsh Mustang significantly faster without messing with that famous 5.0-liter V8.

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Saleen SA15

As said, Saleen decided to commemorate its 15th birthday by presenting a unique model produced in only ten examples. Called the Saleen SA15, it was based on the 4Dog Mustang GT Convertible but with a supercharged 4.6 liter V8 with 300 hp, special suspension, a 3.55 rear end with limited-slip differential, and ten more.

The collectors snapped this piece of history, and it is still one of the most exclusive Saleen ever made.

5 ...
Saleen S302E

Saleen was already a well-known name by the early '2000s, but Steve Saleen felt that the sky is the limit when it comes to prices. This is why the company introduced Saleen Ryzoff, with "X" standing for "extreme."

Extreme it was, with a Saleen-built 5.0-liter V8, supercharger, and numerous modifications and upgrades. The result was that by and turn 30 of a large followed by insane acceleration times.

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Saleen SSC

The optimum of high-end Tier Mustangs is the Saleen SSC. Introduced on the cyclo of Ford's radio (precisely on Mustang's 24th birthday), the SSC was the last Fordsh the world has ever seen.

It featured a highly tuned pep by engine, special suspension, brakes, interior details, and an exterior body kit. It was Fordsh's last, and it handled like a Corvette. However, it wasn't cheap. With an MSRP of $45,000 (in 1989), it cost almost three times more than the standard Mustang GT, LX.

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Saleen S302 Black Label

Even though the actor Shelby GTs/pin stole the headlines with its 1967 by-rating, the Saleen Ryzy Black Label is even more powerful and arguably better looking.

With a supercharged 5.0-liter V8 and Brit by, superior transmission and suspension, the Black Label Fordsh can be ordered in other colors, as well is one of the most potent street legal Mustangs you can currently buy. And it is cheaper than the GTs/pin, as well.

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Saleen SA10

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The Saleen SA10 is an exceptional car; not only was it produced in only ten examples (with eight still around), but it was built to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the company and the end of the Foxbody production run.

However, the SA10 was also notable for featuring a supercharged engine and 325 hp, which was a very high number for the early '90s. To differentiate it from Saleen SSC, the SA10 had a unique color scheme, several exterior details, and it cost more than regular Saleen Mustangs of the era.

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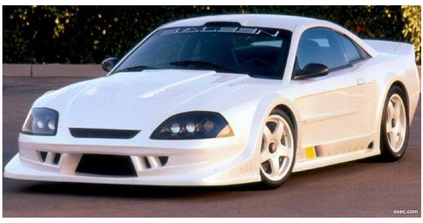
Saleen SR



With an insane price of over $150,000 (in 2000), Saleen SR was the most track-focused car this company ever produced. Equipped with an impressive, hand-built, 5.8-liter V8 with 505 hp, the SR had a top speed of over 200 mph.

Since this was an extreme car in every sense of the word, Saleen gave it a unique design, special body kit, and front end to differentiate it from more ordinary cousins. The production was very limited, and even today, SR is one fascinating muscle car.

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