



# Special Edition, Inc.

*Yesterday's Classics Made for Today*



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## ***History***

**Special Edition, Inc.** was formed in the early 1980's and has been instrumental in the evolution of the Specialty Automotive industry. By 1986, Kevin Hines of Special Edition, Inc. and Chuck Beck of Beck Development formed a partnership and the concept of easy to complete, high quality replication was born.

With an ever growing interest in the world famous 550 Spyder, we found more and more people desired a fun, low maintenance alternative to the air-cooled power plant. Rather than bolting a Subaru engine to a VW transaxle, we redesigned the Spyder chassis around a more modern drive train.

Special Edition, Inc. is the National distributor for all Chamonix built Beck products and runs a small dealer network throughout the United States. All products are still imported from the Chamonix factory located in Sao Paolo, Brazil.

## ***Standard Features***

- Top Grain Leather Interior
- Hand Laid Fiberglass Body
- 3" DOM Tubular Chassis
- De Dion rear suspension (including coilover shocks)
- 3 -Point Retractable Seatbelts
- Deluxe Sunbrella Tonneau Cover w/Tenax Fasteners
- Full Size Spare
- Removable Manual Convertible Top & Matching Side Curtains
- (5) Mangel 15" alloy wheels with 185/60 all season performance tires
- 4 wheel disc brakes
- 5-Speed Cable Shifter
- Original VDO instruments (356 Style)
- Chrome Dual Hoop Roll Bars
- 12,000 miles/ 12 month warranty



Shown in Sliverblue



Shown in Custom Sunburst Yellow



Shown in Silver

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# Beck Spyder 550S

## Specifications:

<b>Wheelbase:</b>	85"	[2.16 m]
<b>Height:</b>	40"	[1.02 m]
<b>Length:</b>	146"	[3.71 m]
<b>Width:</b>	61"	[1.55 m]
<b>Curb weight:</b>	1500 lbs	[680 kg]
<b>Standard engine:</b>	customer specific	
<b>Front suspension:</b>	fully adjustable twin torsion I-beam	
<b>Rear suspension:</b>	De Dion w/ Panhard bar & coilover shocks.	
<b>Brakes:</b>	4-wheel discs with handbrake on rear wheels.	
<b>Wheels:</b>	Modern 15" x 7" aluminum alloy road wheels	
<b>Tires:</b>	Kumho All-Season Touring 185/60 [plus one spare]	



## Performance\*:

<b>Standing Start:</b>	0-60 mph in 5.8 seconds
<b>Quarter mile:</b>	13.6 secs @ 92 mph/148 kph
<b>Top speed:</b>	130 mph [209 kph]

*\*with a CB Performance 1915cc 125hp engine and standard gearbox/axle ratios. Contact your local dealer to learn about available high performance options.*

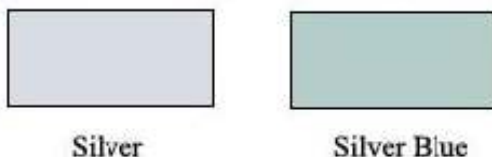
## Interior Color Options



Both the Spyder 550 & 550S come standard with a leather interior, including the seats, gear shifter, and emergency brake boot. The leather hides are carefully selected from Brazilian leather to ensure years of durability and comfort without compromising the vintage feel.

**NOTE:** Custom interior & exterior colors are available upon request. Additional fees may apply.

## Exterior Paint Options



**Disclaimer:** We have made an effort to provide paint chips that closely represent the colors. However, due to all the possible variants -- light source, monitor quality, etc. -- we cannot guarantee that the images accurately represent the true colors.



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## *Beck Spyder 550S Details*

**The Beck Spyder 550 S is built on a proprietary chassis constructed of 1/8" sidewall thickness, DOM 3" round tubing with triangulated supporting braces.** This design, inspired by the 1955 Porsche 550A Spyder, translates to better handling, a more solid feel, and the added benefit of consistent door gaps.

**The chassis is cold bent, chemically cleaned, and epoxy painted to ensure protection from the elements, for a long time to come.** A 4L capacity-cooling system is hidden inside the chassis, with the radiator and fan tucked away in the nose of the car.

**The rear suspension is a De Dion with Panhard bars and adjustable coil over shocks.** This same set-up was previously used by Lotus, Lancia, Maserati, Aston Martin, and Ferrari.

**All Beck products are made using only the highest quality resins and are 100% hand laid.** This results in a much stronger, lighter, straighter body that will stay that way for generations!

**The body is hand blocked, sealed, and painted in the finest Sikkens Akzo basecoat/clearcoat paint available.** Sikkens is generally recognized as the best paint in the world and is backed by nearly 200 years of experience in the paint industry.

**The standard interior is high quality leather.** Both the interior and the front & rear firewalls are carpeted in a 6mm box loop that was hand cut and trimmed.

**The A frame top is a multiple bow, full steel "scissor" style top that attaches with ease.** Each is individually hand constructed to ensure a perfect fit. Side curtains with scratch resistant lexan windows are trimmed to match.

**Genuine VDO gauges (356 Style).** 6000RPM Tachometer, 200KPH speedometer, and combination. gauge with temperature, fuel, pressure light, hi-beam light, and alternator failure light.





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## **DELUXE "ROLLER" PACKAGE**

*Starting at \$27,500 (less engine/transmission)*

F.O.B. Bremen, Indiana

### **What is it?**

The "Deluxe Roller Package" comes "rolling" to your door, ready to install the drivetrain you choose. This package is ideal for someone who has a very specific engine supplier or desire to install a unique type of power train (i.e. battery operated) into our Beck Spyder.

This package includes *ALL* of the following features:

- The complete hand-laid fiberglass body, painted with Sikkens base coat/ clear coat to automotive standards. The doors, front hood with support rod, and rear deck lid with support rod are hinged, latched, weather stripped and fully adjusted.
- The body comes pre-mounted to a 3" tubular steel frame that is an integral part of the body/chassis system. The De Dion rear suspension components are complete (including coilover shocks).
- Self-parking, 2-speed windshield wiper system
- All of wiring is completely installed. This includes the 3-gage cluster, all switches, relays, engine harness, lighting, head & taillights, turn signals, license plate and a complete fuse panel. The steering column with turn signal, emergency flasher and wiper switch is installed.
- Removable convertible top is assembled and operational.
- Interior is complete including full leather bucket seats, steering wheel, shifter and emergency brake boots with carpeted interior and a set of Spyder 550S floor mats.
- The accelerator, emergency brake, and speedometer cables are installed. The cable shift mechanism is complete and pre-installed.
- The 8.8-gallon gas tank, aluminum "Quick fill" gas cap, and brake reservoir are installed in the front compartment.
- The brake system is complete and operational, as is the emergency brake system. Fine tuning of the alignment may be required.
- The engine harness is in place and ready to be attached to the motor.
- A set of five tires are mounted and balanced. The standard tire is the Kumho 185/60/15 Power Star 758 Series. Other tires available at additional cost. Ask for details.

### **Pricing Breakdown:**

Roller Package.....	\$25,000
Roller Package Assembly Fee.....	\$2,500

**Total: \$27,500 (less engine/trans)**

### **How will I get my car?**

This package can be transported by an automotive carrier service. They generally charge a small additional fee for handling "non-runners". Please call for an estimate.

*Prices are subject to change without notice. A \$ 5,000.00 deposit must accompany all orders. Please call for availability.*

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## Suggested MSRP Pricing

Item	MSRP
<b>Kits &amp; Assembly</b>	
Roller Package	\$25000
Assembly Fee (includes parts & hardware package listed in "Roller" section)	2500
<b>Mechanical Suggestions/Engine Options**</b>	
<i>**All engines are CUSTOMER Supplied</i>	
2.0 Liter Multi-Port Fuel Injection Water-cooled VW/Audi Inline 4-Cylinder w/ Longitudinal 5-Speed Trans. (Approx 125hp) Mid-Engine Configuration	Est. 5000
Several other engine options available, including 8v NA, 16v NA and 20v turbo	CALL
Programmable 8v turbo option now available	CALL
Stand alone engine management now available	CALL
<b>Interior Options</b>	
Nardi Classico 360mm Wooden Steering Wheel	400
Nardi Classico Wooden Shift Knob	150
A wide variety of custom steering wheels available (Banjo, Derrington, etc...)	CALL
Dash Grab Handle	80
Chrome Starter Button	100
12 Volt Accessory Plug (For Cell Phones/Radar Detectors/Etc)	80
<b>Exterior Options</b>	
Matching Passenger Side Mirror – Standard Style only	100
GT Racing Mirror (Painted to match exterior paint)	350
Custom Racing Stripes and/or James Dean Decals	CALL
Helmet Fairing w/ matching leather cushion	450
Original Style Fluted Headlight Lenses	100
Original Style Turn Signal and Taillights	500
Leather Bonnet Straps	250
Many custom options available	CALL
<b>Sound Systems</b>	
<i>CALL FOR QUOTES ON AUDIO SYSTEM NEEDS</i>	CALL
There are many additional options, as well as custom fabrication, available to meet your needs. If you have something in mind that is not listed please call for a custom quote.	



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## BECK SPYDER 550 S CUSTOMER - ASSEMBLY DETAIL

### Complete my Beck Spyder 550 S as:

- A Deluxe Roller  "Turn-Key"

### The engine option I want is a:

- 8V (approx 125hp)  Other \_\_\_\_\_

This engine is being built by \_\_\_\_\_ (Engine Company Name)

*NOTE: Special Edition, Inc DOES NOT supply or install engines.*

- Stock Exhaust

### INTERIOR OPTIONS

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nardi Classico 360 mm Wooden Steering Wheel | <input type="checkbox"/> 12 Volt Auxiliary Outlet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nardi Classico Wooden Shift Knob            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dash Grab Handle (passenger side)           |   |

### EXTERIOR OPTIONS

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunbrella Cloth Tonneau Cover w/ Tenax Fasteners (Standard) | <input type="checkbox"/> Helmet Fairing                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger Side Mirror – Standard style                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fluted Lenses                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GT Racing Mirror  | <input type="checkbox"/> Original Turn Signals/Taillights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leather Bonnet Straps                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Body Badges              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Racing Stripes  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                      |

Other options/Special Instructions \_\_\_\_\_

*A \$5,000.00 deposit is required with your order.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Customer Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dealer Acceptance (required for Turn-Key vehicles)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This signed agreement represents formal acceptance of Dealers offer. This price sheet is effective Jan. 1 2006 and is subject to change without notice. The manufacturer reserves the right to make changes at any time, without notice or obligation, in colors, specifications, materials, models and prices.



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## Beck Spyder 550 S Customer Order Form

Use this Order form regardless of whether you are ordering a: *DELUXE PRE-ASSEMBLED BODY PACKAGE, DELUXE "ROLLER" PACKAGE or "TURN-KEY"*.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Other # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

- "Roller Package".....\$25,000.00
- Assembly Fee.....\$ 2,500.00
- I am submitting options on a separate Assembly Detail Sheet. (Attached)

### Paint Color Choice\*:

- Metallic Silver
- Silver Blue

*\*Custom colors available upon request. Additional fees may apply. Please call for assistance or enter Sikkens Paint code here: \_\_\_\_\_*

### Interior Color Choices:

#### Top:

- Black Vinyl
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### Interior:

- Whiskey Dark Tan\*\*
- Boxster Red
- Navy Blue\*\*
- Dove Grey\*\*
- Black

*\*\* Call for availability and price of these limited edition interior colors.*

*A \$5,000.00 deposit is required with your order.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Customer Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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