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BLOODHOUND SSC

WHAT FORCES AND STRESSES WILL THE CAR (AND ANDY) HAVE TO ENDURE?

G-FORCE +2 G to - 3 G

As driver Andy Green says, "Slowing at 66 mph per second is a crash in most people's books!"

TEMPERATURE 150 °C

The combined heat of the desert sun, Cosworth engine, EJ200 Jet and rocket will make the interior extremely hot!

PARACHUTES 9 TONNES

As a backup to the airbrakes the chutes can be used to provide an extra 9 tonnes of drag. That's more than a double-decker bus!

CANOPY BIRDSTRIKE

The canopy is designed to protect Andy from an 800g bird at 1000 mph. It's as strong as the Eurofighter Typhoon windscreen!

AIRBRAKES 6 TONNES

As BLOODHOUND exits the measured mile the airbrakes will fold out, creating an extra 6 tonnes of drag. That's as much as a big elephant!

SUSPENSION 30 TONNES

As the 7.5 tonne car hurtles across the pan the suspension will be subjected to huge loads - perhaps supporting the weight of a humpback whale!

WHEELS 50,000 G

The solid, 95 kg aluminium wheels will spin at 10,200 rpm - 4x faster than those on a Formula One car!

FLOOR 'SANDBLASTED'

For 12 miles every run, desert dust will be thrown up at the car - sometimes at 1000 mph! The floor is made of steel - other materials would be eaten away!

BODYWORK 12 T/m²

As the car accelerates the air will exert huge pressure on the structure.

THRUST 21 TONNES

At full power the jet will be providing 90 kN and the rocket 120 kN. More than eight times the power of an entire Formula One grid!

