

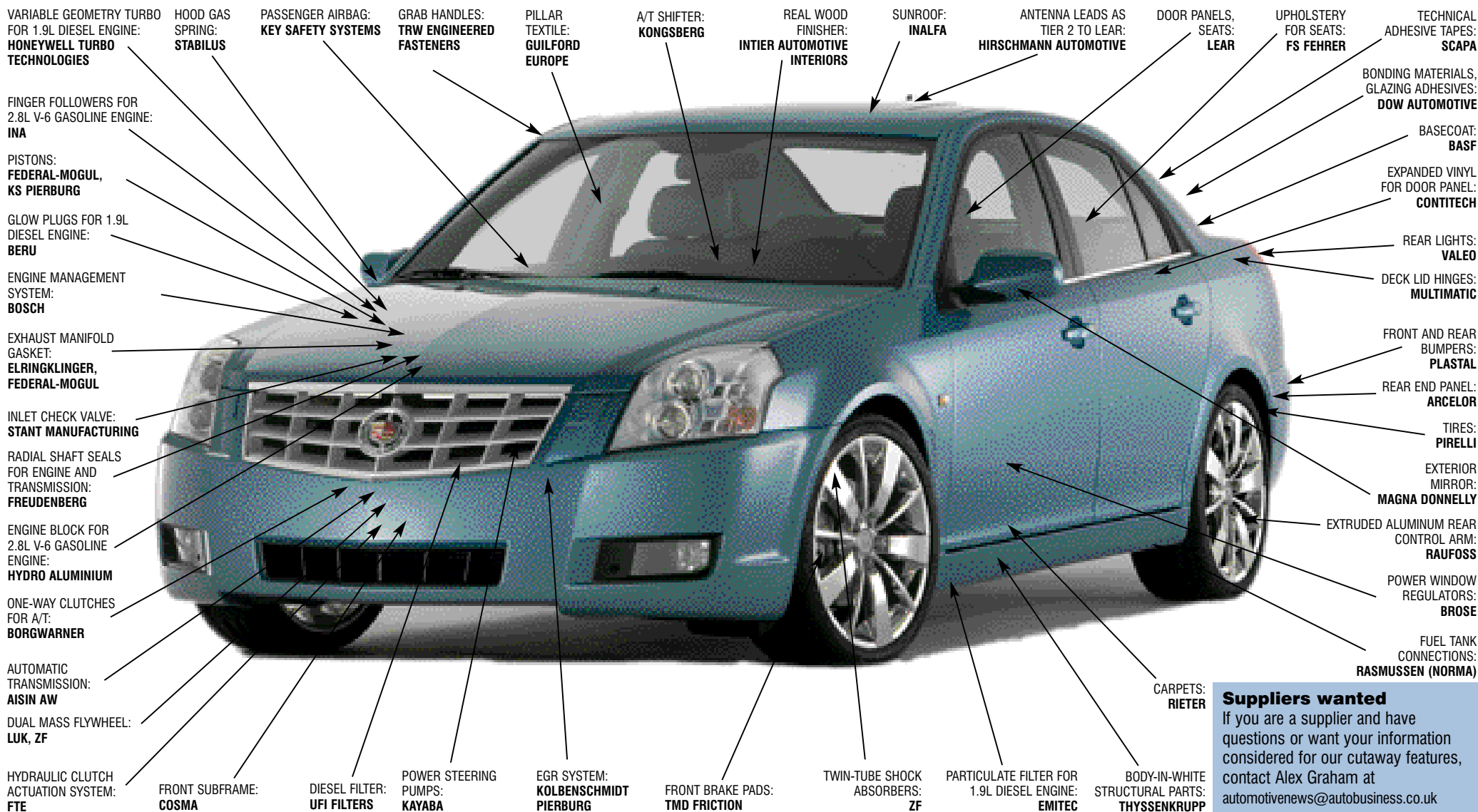
Suppliers to the new Cadillac BLS

The new BLS lower-premium sedan is the first car to be made in Europe by Cadillac, the General Motors subsidiary. The BLS is assembled alongside sister brand Saab's 9-5 and 9-3 in Trollhättan, Sweden. In Europe, the BLS shares GM's Epsilon architecture and some components with the 9-3 as well as Opel's Vectra and Signum.

ZF Friedrichshafen delivers shock absorbers and Norwegian chassis specialist Raufoss supplies control arms to all the Epsilon-based vehicles made in Europe. The BLS is the first European Cadillac model to offer a diesel – a 1.9-liter turbocharged engine. The PricewaterhouseCoopers Automotive Institute forecasts that BLS production will peak at

about 8,000 units in 2007. Cadillac executives are more ambitious. They say they want to build 10,000 units annually of the BMW 3-series and Mercedes C-class competitor. The car goes on sale this month throughout Europe.

– Alex Graham



Suppliers wanted

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