

GERMAN CAR SHOW:

The West German Motor Show opens in Frankfurt - and although the stands of the world-famous German firms are as glittering as ever, there are no startling innovations to cause concern to British factories battling for bigger exports. Shinier gadgets, brighter bodywork, and so on - and if you like the idea of three headlamps instead of two, you're welcome. But from several countries comes evidence of the trend for smaller and smaller cars - whether normal saloons, or those increasingly popular newcomers, the bubble cars.

Here's the Mopetta one-seater, selling in Germany for about £90,...

American firms are well represented - here's the Chevrolet Bel-Air sports coupe - and of course, the Cadillac. But Ford's eagerly-awaited Edsel Citation is the biggest transatlantic attraction in the show.