

**MOTORING****BOSS HOSS BHC-3LS2**

No one looks kindly at American 4X4s anymore. To be politically, environmentally, sartorially and economically correct you'd rather not be seen dead in the likes of a Hummer. In fact, some have taken this message so much to heart that they have dumped their four wheels for two.

But, even if you downsize on the wheels, you can still upsize on the fun. And who said giving up the SUV meant giving up the V8 as well? Not the guys at Boss Hoss Motorcycles from, you guessed it, the US of A. They took a six litre aluminium V8 engine right out of a Chevy and plonked it in the middle of an almost seven-foot long frame supported by a wheel each at the front and rear. And they called it the Boss Hoss BHC-3 LS2.

Coupled with its appearance

and doubtless thunderous road presence is, of course, its price – Dh245,000. The jury is still out on whether it's this figure or the rumble of its 425bhp engine that causes the road beneath to quiver.

"People who buy the LS2 are looking more for the experience of sitting astride eight cylinders of throbbing power than a thoroughbred racer," says Bernhard Schuler, Director of Boss Hoss's UAE dealership, the only one in the region.

Even in these recessionary times, he said, they have sold several bikes. Apparently, the niche customers who pick up this sort of a mastodon come from the highest end of society and are recession-proof. "They are looking for a product that stands out as unique. And they are prepared to pay for their thrills," adds Schuler.

There is no other bike remotely like it in the world.

