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# alfa romeo

## 8c spider

A drop-top version of the gorgeous 8C Competizione coupe, the Spider was seen at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in California in 2005. The two-seat 8C coupe made its debut, albeit in concept form, at the Frankfurt Auto Show in 2003. Early this year, Alfa Romeo announced the production version of the 8C Spider will be officially released at the Geneva Motor Show in early March. The 8C Spider, like its coupe sibling, is planned to be built in a limited number of 500 cars.

The engine powering both coupe and convertible is from another Italian thoroughbred, Maserati's Quattroporte. It makes 450 horsepower at 7,000 rpm, and 347 lb-ft of torque at 4,750 rpm, with a 7,500 rpm redline. The Ferrari-built motivator will be placed behind the front axle for a low center of gravity and ideal 50/50 weight distribution.

The car's carbon-fibre body hides a steel unibody close to that of the Maserati coupe as well. The underbody was shaped in the wind-tunnel to reduce lift at the high speeds the car will no doubt

Engine	Turbocharged 90 Degree V8
Position	Front Longitudinal
Valvetrain	DOHC, 4 Valves per Cyl
Displacement	4244 cc / 259.0 cu in
Power	298.3 kw / 400 bhp @ 7000 rpm
Specific Output	94.25 bhp per litre
Torque	440.64 nm / 325 ft lbs @ 4500 rpm
Body/Frame	Carbon Fibre
Driven Wheels	RWD
Front Suspension	Dual Wishbones
Rear Suspension	Dual Wishbones
Transmission	6-Speed Manual

be able to achieve without so much as breaking a sweat.

A high-threshold stability control system is on the cards as well, working with the double-wishbone suspension to keep the car on the road.

The car shares its name with the Alfa Romeo 8C 2009 from 1934, which dominated the 1000 Miglia race in 1935-1938 and 1947. It was powered by an inline-8 engine.

starting at \$280,000

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BEST SPORTS

CAR OF 2009



# bugatti veyron 16.4

In Summer 2008, as a response to customer request, Bugatti is introducing a new model – the Bugatti Veyron 16.4 Grand Sport, a roadster with a unique, removable roof.

The world's most exclusive car combines the ultimate in performance with the pleasure of open-top driving. The sophisticated design of its bodywork and aerodynamic components directs the airflow over the heads of driver and passenger so they feel no draught.

As well as a large number of new equipment features, the Bugatti Veyron 16.4 Grand Sport also incorporates innovative structural solutions designed to ensure that the roadster offers the same extremely high levels of passive safety as the coupe.

In keeping with Ettore Bugatti's exclusive product philosophy, many design features that make this possible are unique in contemporary automotive engineering.

The Bugatti Veyron 16.4 Grand Sport is

Engine	Aluminum, Narrow Angle W16
Position	Mid Longitudinal
Valvetrain	DOHC 4 Valves / Cyl w/ VVT
Displacement	7993 cc / 487.76 cu in.
Power	746.4 kw / 1001 bhp @ 6000 rpm
Specific Output	125.23 bhp per litre
Torque	1250.1 nm / 922 ft lbs @ 3300 rpm
Body/Frame	Aluminum Panels over Carbon Fibre Monocoque w/ Aluminum Front Subframe, Hybrid VCarbon/Stainless Steel Rear Subframe
Driven Wheels	4WD
Front Suspension	Control Arms w/ Coil Springs, Anti-Roll bar
Rear Suspension	Control Arms w/ Coil Springs, Anti-Roll Bar
Transmission	Electronically-Controlled Ricardo 7-Speed e/Dual-Clutch

the world's fastest and most exciting roadster, and will be displayed to the public for the first time on the afternoon of August 16, 2008, outside The Lodge at Pebble Beach.

The highest bidder will have the opportunity to specify their new car at the factory in Molsheim/Alsace by bidding on the first customer car at Gooding & Company's Pebble Beach Auction on August 17th.

starting at \$1,800,000