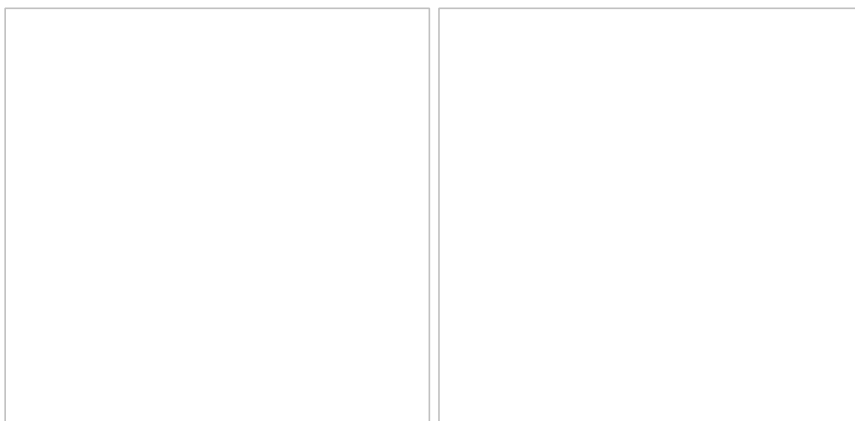


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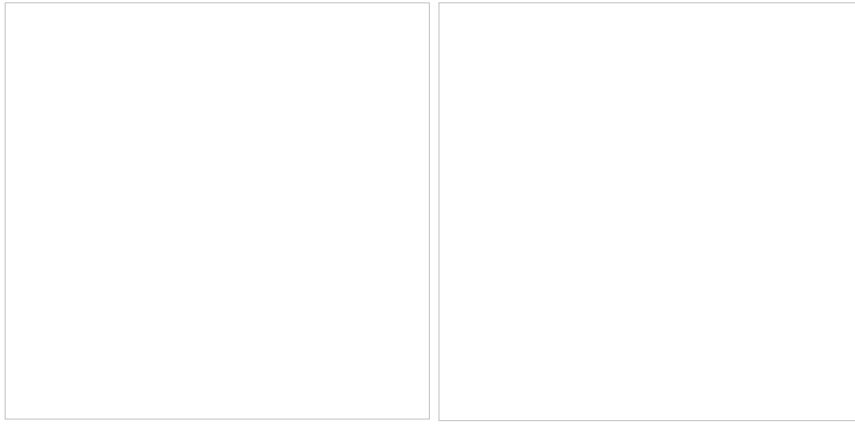
Maserati Quattroporte for 2004 - first pictures and details



The Quattroporte marks the triumphant return of Maserati into the luxury saloon market. Alongside the Coupe and Spyder, this flagship model is a new interpretation of the high performance, luxury Italian saloon first unveiled by Maserati back in 1963. The new car is the fifth generation sporting the Quattroporte name. The values remain unchanged. A unique prestige automobile that combines performance, style and elegance.



Pininfarina's masterful styling underlines the pleasure of possession with an extraordinarily spacious cabin, while the possibility of personalisation down to the smallest detail declares the importance of choice.



The revolution in the classic architecture is thanks to the positioning of the engine behind the front axle and the use of a sports-derived transaxle rear-mounted gearbox in unit with the differential. The result: an ideal weight distribution for optimal roadholding and handling balance.



The sophisticated electro-hydraulic gearbox is fully automatic, but allows the driver to opt for a sportier gearchange by selecting the manual setting and using the steering wheel-mounted paddle shifts.

Fifteen bodywork colours, three types of wood (rosewood, mahogany, and briarwood), 10 shades of leather and a wide range of specific options mean a high degree of personalisation using the very best of Maserati's trademark Italian taste and design.

The new Quattroporte also boasts some impressive vital statistics:

Engine: 400 bhp, 4.2-litre 32-valve Maserati V8

Performance: maximum speed in excess of 170 mph

Dimensions: length 5052 mm, width 1895 mm, height 1438 mm, wheelbase 3064 mm

Such performance capability coupled with its distinctive styling, makes the Quattroporte the choice for those seeking true individuality.

The new Maserati Quattroporte will make its UK debut in spring 2004.



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