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## News from Fisker Coachbuild at Frankfurt

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**Fisker Coachbuild announced its first two coachbuild designs at the Frankfurt International Auto Show. The Tramonto - a two-seat convertible sports car capable of delivering 610 horsepower with top speeds of 202 mph, and the Latigo CS - an uncompromising and elegant coupe delivering up to 550 horsepower.**

Production will commence in April 2006, and the company's aim is to "create cars for the true automotive enthusiast". Both cars use state-of-the-art German underpinnings and drive-trains from Mercedes-Benz and BMW.



The BMW 6 Series 650Ci Coupe provides the base vehicle architecture for the Fisker LATIGO CS. Final technical details are still being defined, but the standard engine specifications call for a 367 bhp, 32-valve, 4.8-liter V8 - with the V10 from the M6 an option.

"Hand craftsmanship is at the forefront of this coachbuild design. Coachbuilding is an art form," explains Henrik Fisker, CEO Fisker Coachbuild. "We can deliver what many auto enthusiasts have been seeking - attention to detail which complements the already proven performance." Fisker Coachbuild works with a hand-picked team of classic car body builders, wheelers, panel beaters, wing makers, and fender manufacturers who are highly skilled in their work with aluminum, steel, stainless steel, carbon-fibre and magnesium alloy.



Inside the Fisker LATIGO CS the interior fit and finish are distinctive. Fisker Coachbuild has partnered with Distinctive Industries, the American-based leather interior experts, to produce a high-performance, high-luxury environment that is deceptively spacious. Every technological feature remains intact, including the home-theater quality Logic7 audio system and the optional heads-up display.



The pricing for the Fisker Latigo CS is based on a new 'donor; BMW 650Ci Base Model at a guide US price of \$69,900, plus the Fisker Coachbuild price of \$128,000, making a total of \$197,900. Additional performance features like the M6 V10 will obviously cost extra. Production commences in April 2006, just about a year after the company began, and will be limited to 150 units only.



Beneath the skin of the Fisker Tramonto roadster is the engineering of a Mercedes-Benz SL55 AMG. The various M-B technological innovations, from the power-retractable hardtop to Active Body Control (ABC), remain untouched - as do safety systems, including crumple zones and airbags. For those who crave even more performance, the Performance Plus package is also available. Fisker Coachbuild has teamed up with Kleemann, the world's leader in Kompressor (supercharger) technology for Mercedes-Benz, to create the Fisker/Kleeman 610-bhp supercharged 5.5-liter V8 which delivers a 0-60 mph in just 3.6 seconds.



The Fisker Tramonto will cost you the price of a Mercedes Benz SL 55 AMG (c.\$125,775), plus Fisker Coachbuild's \$128,000 to equal \$253,775. The Performance Plus Package is an extra \$43,000. Like the Latigo, the open car is limited to just 150 pieces worldwide.

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