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Alfa Romeo 159 Sportwagon and new Alfa Spider



At the Geneva Salon later this month Alfa Romeo will announce both the Sportwagon version of the acclaimed 159 as well as an all-new Alfa Spider. The Alfa 159 Sportwagon blends Italian style with the performance and handling of a sporting saloon and combines it with the flexibility of use and versatility of space expected from an estate. It has the same overall length (4,660 millimetres) as the saloon.



The Alfa 159 Sportwagon, available in the UK from late spring, will be available in two trim levels, with a wide range of exterior and interior colours. It offers three new JTS engines with continuously variable valve timing, (260 bhp 3.2 V6 24v, 185 bhp 2.2 and 160 bhp 1.9); and two Multijet turbodiesel engines (200 bhp 2.4 JTDM 20v and 150 bhp 1.9 JTDM 16v). All of these are fitted with new six-speed manual gearboxes, and some versions will also offer automatic transmission.



Also making its debut in Geneva is the all-new Alfa Spider. The all-new Spider is a generously sized two-seater - 1,830 millimetres wide, 4,396 long and 1,367 high - characterized by elongated rear lights and four exhaust tail pipes which accentuate its striking appearance. The interior is inviting and luxurious, thanks to the use of high quality materials and additional features (standard or optional, depending on the version) such as: automatic dual-zone climate control, steering wheel mounted audio controls, VDC and cruise control. Available in two versions, customers can choose a Spider powered by Alfa Romeo's 185 bhp 2.2 JTS engine, or the powerful 260 bhp 3.2 JTS.



The all-new Spider will become available in the UK from early summer.

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