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8C Competizione gets green light for production and will be at Paris



Alfa Romeo have confirmed they will be producing the gorgeous 8C Competizione in limited numbers and to impress likely purchasers will have the V8-powered coupe at the 2006 Paris Motor Show later this month.

The car was launched as a concept in 2003 at the 60th Frankfurt International Motor Show. Powered by a version of the 4.2 litre Maserati V8 (assembled at the Ferrari factory in Maranello), the two-seater coupe is designed to recapture some of the glamour for the company of the pre- and immmediately post-war periods.

It is fitted with the familiar rear-mounted 6-speed sequential transaxle actuated by steering-wheel mounted paddles.



Top speed is likely to be above 300 km/h. Reports in the Italian press suggest a price in the region of 100,000 EURO, that's around £70,000 - or \$130,000 if the decision is made to sell in the USA. Alfa Romeo is now grouped with Maserati in the FIAT empire, leaving Ferrari acting as a completely seperate enterprise but obviously sharing group technology resources.

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