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## **Audi TT Clubsport Quattro**



Before you reach for the phone number of your nearest Audi dealer, this is not a production car but a study. It is intended to show how the Audi TT Roadster could be developed "in its most purist form" - as an extreme sports car.

The TT clubsport quattro concept is a pure driving machine with numerous traits borrowed from the world of motorsport. There are no A-pillars and no roof. A flat, slightly tinted strip forms a low, wraparound windscreen and, in place of the convertible roof compartment, there are two race-style 'humps'. Meanwhile, rollover bars derived from the TT Roadster are kept flatter, the same height as the sports bucket-seats.





The front of the car is dominated by the vast, uninterrupted single-frame grille, with the four rings of the Audi logo displaced to the bonnet. There are large air-inlets in the front plus LED daytime running lights and, at the rear, a strikingly visible stainless-steel silencer. You will look in vain for door-handles, since the TT clubsport quattro is opened by remote control: the doors spring open at the press of a button.

The purist theme is continued inside the car, with race-style seats and three-inch-wide, four-point belts. The generous use of aluminium, characteristic of Audi, starts with the steering wheel and extends to the pedals, while the gearlever gate is taken from the Audi R8 supercar, topped with an alumnium gearknob. The instrument cluster is particularly eye-catching, with its vertical needles and colour graphics, while the clock and odometer have been omitted in keeping with the car's purist philosophy.



The Audi engineers have upped the power of the S3's 2.0 TFSI engine to give 300bhp for the TT clubsport concept, and that power is transferred to all four wheels via its quattro permanent four-wheel drive and dual-clutch S tronic direct-shift gearbox. And the best bit of all? Audi is considering, just possibly, a very low-volume production run of this model...

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