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## **Maserati Updates the Quattroporte**



Maserati has updated its stylish four-door with a new grille, small detailing changes and, in the 'S', the GranTurismo S's 430bhp, 4700cc V8.

The Quattroporte has been a sales success for Maserati, with over 15,000 examples sold since its 2003 debut. The introduction of a 'conventional' ZF 6-speed torque-converter automatic gearbox in 2006 dramatically extended the model's appeal. Now, for late-2008-delivery cars, the company has made several changes inside and out.

The new GranTurismo-type radiator grille is the most obvious; however, there are also updated front and rear light units (featuring LEDs). At the side of the car the under-door moulding is more noticeable, with a line that runs into that of the new bumpers. These now have a wider protective band and more pronounced styling at the rear.



There are revised, more streamlined, door mirrors and, inside, the Modenese manufacturer has installed a new Maserati Multimedia System in a redesigned centre console with more ergonomic placing of the controls.

Two new shades of leather, *Marrone Corniola* (brown) and *Sabbia* (sand), replace the previous model's Beige and are available in both the Quattroporte and Quattroporte S.

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