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## Maserati GranTurismo MC: GT4 Contender for 2010



The latest car to join the ever-growing GT4 racing category comes from Maserati. The GranTurismo MC will be available to competitors in the 2010 GT4 European Cup and will also form the basis of a one-make series model.

The new car was revealed at the 'balance of performance' tests in March organised by SRO at the **Paul Ricard** circuit in southern France. It will compete with cars such as the **Aston Martin Vantage GT4** and **BMW M3 GT4** for overall honours in a series designed for the serious amateur who wants to race a car from *Les Grandes Marques* - yet at the same time keeping some sort of limit on costs.





The 4691cc, V8-engined car is based on the highly acclaimed **GranTurismo S** road version and comes equipped with the 'paddle', electro-actuated gearbox (Maserati announced a conventional torque-converter automatic for the road car at the [2009 Geneva motor show](#)). Developed with the assistance of the **2008 FIA GT** champion, **Vitaphone Racing Team's Michael Bartels**, the Modenese company remains a little shy when quoting power and performance, but you can expect it to be competitive with the **Astons**.

The cars will be sold directly through **Maserati Corse** and have an 'indicative price' of 135,000 euros + VAT. It is likely that one or two cars will be entered by a private team in some **GT4 European Cup** events during the second half of this season.



As far as a one-make series for 2010 is concerned, the Italian company is clearly wishing to reprise the popular **Trofeo** series of a few years ago. Economics will, no doubt, have a bearing on whether the races go ahead.

In previous years the **GranSport**-based **Trofeo** cars proved a popular way of 'arriving and driving' at big race meetings with an all-in price to rent a car for the season.

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