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Abarth 695 Tributo Ferrari Comes to the UK



First seen at <u>last year's Frankfurt motor show</u>, the Abarth 695 Tributo Ferrari - a highly exclusive version of the Abarth 500 - is coming to Britain in right-hand drive. Only 152 RHD examples will be for sale over here, so you'd better get your £29,600 to one of Abarth's 17 UK dealers as soon as possible.

The punchy little car's **Ferrari**-inspired exterior features carbon wing mirrors, with **Corsa Grey** wheels and front air intakes. The 1368cc turbocharged engine develops 180bhp at 5500rpm and 250Nm torque at 3000rpm, thrusting the **695 Tributo Ferrari** from 0-62mph in a mere seven seconds and on to a top speed of 140mph – yet fuel consumption is a rather good 43.3mpg on the combined cycle.

As with the **Abarth 500C** we test-drove last month, the **695 Tributo Ferrari** features ESP and TTC, a paddle-operated electro-hydraulic **Abarth** *Competizione* gearbox and a Sport button – plus much of the upgraded equipment that's likely to be included in the *esseesse* version of the **500C**, when it appears, including 17-inch alloys. The main difference, of course, is the 180bhp (even the *esseesse* only boasts 160bhp).

"**Abarth** and **Ferrari** are both iconic names in Italian automotive history," says **Ivan Gibson**, head of Abarth in the UK. "Their passion and dedication helped to create a reputation for sporting excellence in Italian cars around the world, and this new Abarth 695 Tributo Ferrari upholds that tradition with some style."

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