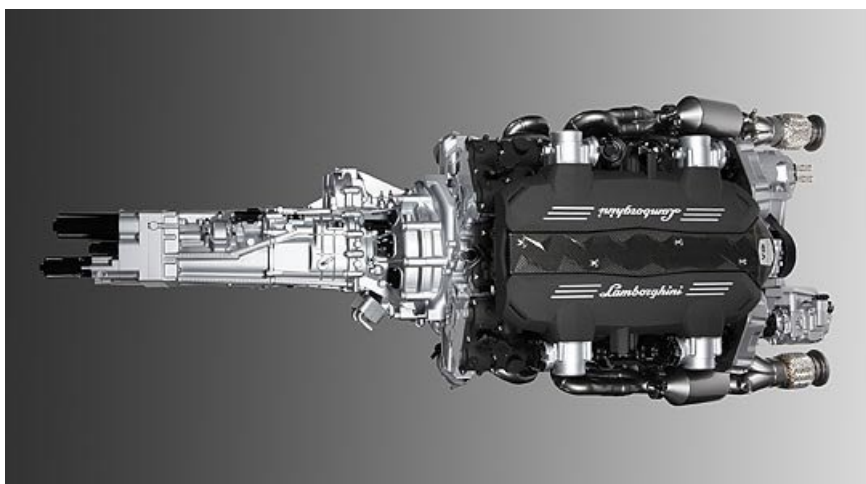


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New V12 from Lamborghini



No sooner had the last ever **Murciélago** left the production line, than news broke of an all-new V12 power plant, developed entirely in-house by Lamborghini from a clean sheet of paper and manufactured from start to finish at the company's headquarters in Sant'Agata Bolognese.

This will come as a relief to **Lamborghini** enthusiasts who might have feared that the end of the **Murciélago** meant the end of V12s from the House of the Bull. But as the final **Murciélago** made a symbolic departure from the factory gate, escorted by other famous V12s from the marque's past – **350GT**, **Miura**, **Countach** and **Diablo** – **President and CEO Stephan Winkelmann** was already promising that "In 2011, we will take a huge step into the future with the successor to the **Murciélago** – with the most innovative technology and, once again, truly stunning design."



The new 6.5-litre V12 engine promises 700HP and 690Nm of torque, and will be mated to a new '**Lamborghini ISR**' automated manual gearbox. This, says **Lamborghini**, will offer minimal shift times and 'everyday usability', along with low weight and a small size.

All they need now is a car to put it in... and judging by the **Sesto Elemento** concept car at the Paris motor show (powered by a V10), we can expect it to be light, dramatically styled and truly exciting.

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