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## **Abarth 695 Competizione: Revealed in Frankfurt**



Tuned-up little Abarths, don't you just love them? Another debut at this year's Frankfurt motor show was a non-'Ferrari' version of the hottest 500 so far.

With its still-1.4-litre turbocharged engine now producing 180bhp, the two-seat-only (the rears have been removed - a roll-cage now fills the space) rocket has a 140mph capability.

All this power is transferred to the Tarmac via an 'Abarth Competizione' semi-automatic transmission with 'Street' and 'Track' settings, whereby the former is automatic and the latter a super-quick, paddle-operated manual.

Various '695 Competizione' logos inside the car remind you of its potency, and subtle, unique-to-the-car Grigio Competizione Opaco paintwork completes the package.

Brakes (305mm Brembos), 17in alloy wheels and revised suspension come straight from the <u>695 Tributo</u> <u>Ferrari</u>.



And for those that want to mask the sounds of "Yippee!" and "Wow!" coming from the cockpit, there's an optional 'Record Monza' variable back-pressure dual-mode exhaust, designed to improve engine performance and sound over 3000rpm.

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