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Aston Martin V12 Zagato: The first production photos

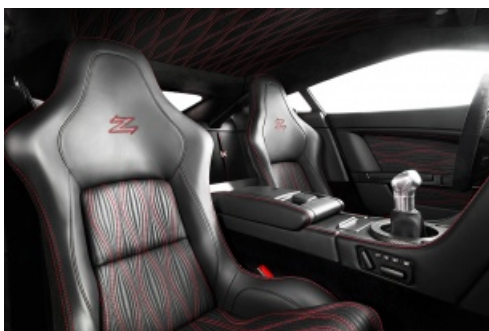
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This is the first road-ready V12 Zagato, the limited-edition model which shares both the Gaydon production facilities and hand-finished ethos of the ultra-exclusive One-77, now nearing 'sold out'.

The car will make its public debut at the forthcoming Kuwait Concours d'Elegance (15-18 February) and will be on centre-stage at the company's Geneva Motor Show stand in March.

The combination of Aston Martin's styling department under Marek Reichman, and Zagato, has produced a typically aggressive design, debuted at Villa d'Este in May 2011 and tested on the race track a few weeks later.

Not only does the new car carry the iconic 'Z' on its flank, the same motif is maintained in the grille, where vertical lines of 'Zs' link to form a visual key.



Inside, much satin-finish carbonfibre, piano black and semi-aniline black leather come together in a sensuous mix of the race-track and the catwalk. Reichman and his team have come up with an original 'wave' stitching pattern for the seats and the headlining where, in this case, red contrasts

with black.

The V12 Zagato's surprisingly hardcore rear wing - seemingly straight from Le Mans - is essential to maintain downforce at the high (circa 190mph maximum) speeds of which it is capable.

The car will be available in four shades unique to the model: Scintilla Silver, Alloro Green, Alba Blue and Diavolo Red. Each car - which will take approximately 2000 man-hours to complete - has its chassis, drivetrain and painted body assembled in the main area at Gaydon before final hand-finished trimming and detailing is carried out in the separate unit devoted, until now, wholly to One-77 production.

The Aston Martin V12 Zagato is priced at £330,000 (plus local taxes), is available to order now, and the first deliveries are scheduled for autumn 2012.

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