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Lamborghini Aventador LP700-4 Roadster: The sky's the limit

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You know those special commissions for significant clients, the ones that car manufacturers state “will not be repeated”? Well, now just ANYONE with 300k euros (plus local taxes) can buy a roadster version of Lamborghini's Aventador, just like the star of the 2012 Geneva Show.

To be fair, the productionised version of the Aventador J is not quite the same, and the undisclosed buyer of the first open Aventador will have had nine months' exclusive use of the only official convertible example of the Sant' Agata Bolognese company's flagship V12.

The new LP700-4 Roadster features a two-piece carbonfibre roof, manually deployed and stowed in the front luggage compartment when not in place. In total, the parts weigh just 6kg. The rear pillars not only provide support for the roof, they also act as a rollover protection system, as well as channelling air to the engine department - which, by the way, now showcases the 6.5-litre, 700hp V12 via two all-new, hexagonal-shaped windows in the rear deck.



A powered rear window allows driver and passenger to govern the amount of engine noise coming into the cabin. This, in conjunction with a wind deflector that attaches to the front windshield, helps reduce wind noise and buffeting at high speeds, roof removed.

And speaking of speed, buyers will be relieved to know that the new car sprints from zero to 100km/h (62mph) in only 3 seconds, topping out at “some 350km/h”, so the company states.



One assumes that the stunning deep red metallic finish of the Geneva car is an option, and potential buyers will also be able to specify Azzuro Thetis, a pearlescent metallic taking its inspiration from that used on the one-off 1968 Lamborghini Miura Roadster. The car you see here has an interior in Sabbia Nefertem leather – specially dyed to match the subtle pale blue paintwork.

The upper parts of the bodywork and the roof, from the windscreen back to the ‘flying buttresses’, are painted black, so that even with the hood in place the car is instantly recognisable as a roadster.

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